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Parma, Italy

Open letter, sent via email

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Dear Dr. Url

### **EFSA expert – sponsored by Monsanto? - Updated information**

concerning our letter from 18 August, we now provide some updated informations on our website ([www.testbiotech.org/en/node/2053](http://www.testbiotech.org/en/node/2053)). Our request for further detailed informations from EFSA remains valid, although it seems that it was not Mr Tarazona who attended the conference but another senior EFSA scientist, Daniele Court-Marques. The question of who funded the presentation remains highly relevant and the sponsoring noted in the original conference program still requires urgent clarification. We adopt our questions accordingly:

- Who sent the official invitation to attend the conference and who received it?
- Was Mr Tarazona offered funding as a private person?
- Why was Mr Tarazona not giving the presentation at the conference?
- Who exactly attended the conference for EFSA?
- Was Ms Court-Marques offered some funding as well?
- Who exactly was offering funding to whom?
- For what purpose was the funding offered and / or paid? And what was the amount of money offered and or paid?
- Was EFSA informed about the offer of sponsoring?
- Is private sponsorship in accordance with EFSA's policy of independence?
- Are there any consequences EFSA is ready to take?

Please let us know your answers to the above questions. We would also appreciate any additional comments and explanations that you may have to provide sufficient clarity and transparency in this matter.

With kind regards



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