Key 2017 Highlights:

- GFN Board of Directors expanded by 4 farmers outside the US (Argentina, Canada, India, New Zealand).
- 2017 Kleckner Award recipient Motlatsi Musi from South Africa appears in ‘Food Evolution’ the movie.
- Media Placement Impact – first Chinese source with farmer Hong “Jenny” Cui column at People’s Daily.
- Collaborated with Cornell Alliance for Science on leadership training for farmers from developing nations.
- Mattel’s Barbie Mentorship day at farm event hosted by Canadian GFN Board Member Cherilyn Nagel.
- GFN now 171 farmers from 50+ countries and 6 continents.

Coming in 2018:

- Two global farmers added to the GFN Board of Directors during the first half of 2018.
- Facilitate first Regional Global Farmer Roundtable in India.
- Expand collaboration with International Agri-Food Network, World Economic Forum, FAO and others.
- Implement GFN Portrait Program, creating portrait and video vignettes of members, building a catalogue of images and video to tell the GFN farmer story through social media and other outlets and publications.

Website Activity 2017: visits from 194 countries & territories; growth in SE Asia, India.

Social Media Growth: July 2014 through December 2017:
**Media Activity:** samples that utilized GFN or contain items of interest on Global Farmer Network members.
20 Minutos (Mexico) - [translated] “Authority calls for cattlemen’s unit in the face of commercial challenges in Mexico” Dec 5

2020 Tàŋgítal (New Zealand) - “Technology key to driving NZ Agriculture” Mar 28 quotes Graig Mackenzie (Board, New Zealand).


Aapresid (Argentina) - “Aapresid participo del Global Farmer Network” Nov 1, with the group’s president Pedro Vigneau attending.

ABC News (Australia) - Andrew Weidemann (GFN, Australia) quoted May 31 in “Grain lobby groups push for mandatory stores disclosure in bid to increase wheat price”.

ABC News (Australia) - “Eyre Peninsula wheat town of Kimba, in SA, hopes silo art will turn into tourist drawcard” Sept 21 with Heather Baldock (GFN, Australia).

ABC News (Australia) - 'Glyphosate debates divides grain industry, sparks concern from livestock farmers’ quotes Andrew Weidemann (GFN, Australia) Oct 31.

Africa 24 - interview “My Company - Mali: Amadou Sidibé [GFN, Mali], Promoter of Sidibé Agro techniques” Dec 22.

The African Seed - “Time to move from the brink to tech-powered agriculture” by Dr. Gilbert arap Bor (2011 Kleckner Award, Kenya) in the March 2017 edition.

AFP, Agence France Presse - “Florida fruit growers sour over NAFTA” Nov 17 quotes Hope Pjesky (GFN, US-Oklahoma); the French wire service piece also appeared in other outlets including international editions of Yahoo! News.

AFTP, AgriFood Training Partnership (UK) - Paul Temple (GFN, UK) quoted Nov 7 in “The view over the farm gate, Brexit and beyond - where next for the UK?”.

Ag Alert (California) - “Market and water trends increase cotton acreage” May 24 quotes Ted Sheely (GFN Board, California).

AgriMarketing, Weekly Update - “4 Ways to Effectively Advocate for Farmers” Oct 23.

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AMQueretar (Mexico) - “The livestock sector has the capacity to satisfy demand for animal protein” on speech by Francisco Gurria Trevino (GFN, Mexico).
Anglia Farmer (UK) - “Magical films inspire careers in agriculture” includes Ian Pigott (2014 Kleckner Award, UK).
The Ararat Advertiser (Australia) - “Grain Producers Australia chairman Andrew Weidemann [GFN, Australia] says farming held back by data drought” Mar 20.
ARD TV, Germany - Gilbert arap Bor (2011 Kleckner Award, Kenya) interviewed June 28 on his farm regarding the 'maize problem' as related to food security challenges; part of report on issues facing the nation prior to elections. Scheduled airing July 27.
Arte, 28 Minutes (France) - Sarah Singla (GFN, France) appeared Oct 11 on television debate about glyphosate, topic “Pesticides: the economic imperative stronger than public health?”.

Ashburton Guardian (New Zealand) - “Precision agriculture - farming smarter” on Craig Mackenzie (Board, NZ); also “Prestigious post for high-tech farmer” on his becoming GFM board member Mar 29.
BBC News (UK) - “Does ploughing actually damage soils and crops?” June 6 with Jake Freestome (GFN, UK).
BBC Radio 4 (UK) - Jake Freestone (GFN, UK) interviewed Aug 26 on Farming Today This Week: Harvest 2017.
BBC Radio 4 (UK) - Maria Giraudo (2016 Kleckner Award, Argentina) Nov 9 interview on ‘Argentine farmers tackle climate change’ at no-till conference in UK.

Bloomington Pantagraph - “Argentina’s Macri Seen Spurring Return to Wheat Heights of Past’ Oct 30 quotes David Hughes (GFN, Argentina).
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Bisnarck Tribune, Associated Press - “North Dakota dairy producers hope to save industry” Feb 15 quotes Terry Wanzek (Board, N. Dakota); numerous pickup nationally, example US News & World Report also Feb 15.

Bloomberg - “Dry spell has Canadian wheat harvest headed for six-year low” quotes Levi Wood (GFN, Canada).

Boerderij (Netherlands) - “Britse boer wil Brexit ondanks zorgen” Apr 1 quotes Ian Pigott (2014 Kleckner Award, UK); reprinted from Farmers Weekly (UK).

Boerderij (Netherlands) - “Boeren op 57.000 hectare akkerland” Aug 5 on Lucian Buzdugan (GFN, Romania).

Boston Globe - “Food safety: Italy’s follow-up to farm belt attacks” Oct 31, 2017, quotes Pedro Vigneau (GFN, Argentina) and Jake Leguee (GFN, Canada).

Business Mirror (Philippines) - “DA, NFA ask Congress to allow export of corn” quotes Roger Navarro (GFN, Philippines) Sept 27.

Cambridge News (UK) - Maria Giraudo (2016 Kleckner Award, Argentina) in “Cambridge innovators driving agri-tech revolution” Nov 6.

Cambridge Network (UK) - “Back to the future for sustainable farming at REAP 2017” July 20 includes Maria ‘Pilu’ Giraudo (2016 Kleckner Award, Argentina) who is speaking on no-till at event Nov 7 in the UK.

Campos (Argentina) - “Animal health: recommend to stay alert and continue vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease” June 10 includes Maria Giraudo (2016 Kleckner Award, Argentina) who spoke.

Canal Agrositio (Argentina) - “TV: “The latest innovations in Irrigation Technology and Management from Nebraska”; with M. Pasman” translated interview with Martin Pasman (GFN, Argentina) Sept 8 on a number of events and visits in Nebraska, Oregon and Washington from Aug 18 through Sept 1.

Canal Rural News (Argentina) - Maria Beatriz ‘Pilu’ Giraudo television interview May 7.
Capital Press - Mary Boote (GFN, CEO) quoted in “Carbon tariffs” on farm goods unlikely, experts say” June 5.
Carve, 850 AM Radio (Uruguay) - “Historical” harvest of soy in Uruguay is going to be remembered” May 3 interview with Gabriel Carballal (GFN, Uruguay).
MyChamplainValley (Vermont) - “Dairy Producers Optimistic for Upcoming Year” Feb 21 quotes Joanna Lidback (Board, Vermont).
Clarín (Argentina) - “Agricultural value chains call for new seed law” Mar 3 quotes David Hughes (GFN, Argentina). Also Mar 3 in Agrovoz - “Praises and complaints: what was achieved and what is missing for the entities and chains of the agro” [translated].
Clarín (Argentina) - “Government policies for wheat benefitted the country and the chain” [translated] May 5 interview with David Hughes (GFN, Argentina).

Clarín (Argentina) - “Entregaron los premios a los dirigentes de empresa” Oct 1 includes Pedro Vigneau (GFN, Argentina). Story on award Vigneau received in number of other media outlets including Oct 1 in La Prensa.
Coastweek (Kenya) / Xinhua (China) - Gilbert arap Bor (2012 Kleckner Award, Kenya) quoted May 19 in “Kenyan farmers pray for genetically modified seeds to fight drought”.

Continental (Argentina) - Pedro Vigneau (GFN, Argentina) radio interview Nov 25 “It’s no good to ban glyphosate” [translated].
CONtextogandaero (Colombia) - “Mexico prepares for the growing global demand for animal protein” quotes Francisco Gurria Trevino (GFN, Mexico) Nov 21.
Cornell Alliance for Science - “Italian farmer wages lonely battle against a continental tide of superstition” by Mark Lynas Oct 30 about Giorgio Fidenato (GFN, Italy).
Cornell Alliance for Science - “South African farmer offers ‘living testimony’ to safety of biotech” profile on Tepsy Ntsoane (GFN, South Africa) Dec 7.

Cornell Chronicle - “Course offers global farming skills for success” Oct 3 includes GFN members Gina Gutierrez (Mexico), Tepsy Ntsoane (S. Africa) and Balwinder Singh Kang (India).

Cotidianul Agricol (Romania) - [translated] “The protest message of Romanian farmers, in the voice of Lucian Buzdugan” (GFN, Romania) Dec 23.


The Country (New Zealand) - Mel Poulton (GFN, NZ) in “Connectivity issue leads to new district initiative for Tararua” Oct 16.
The Country (New Zealand) - “Precision practice zones in on savings” Nov 1 with Craige Mackenzie (GFN Board, NZ)
The Country (New Zealand) - “Community champions show enthusiasm for Connect Tararua” quotes Mel Poulton (GFN, New Zealand) Nov 27.

Crookston Times (Minnesota) - Doyle Lentz (GFN, US-N. Dakota) column Dec 14 “Viewpoint - Can’t we focus first on finding barley solutions on Earth?”
Crop Biotech Update, ISAAA - “Farmers Fight to Plant GE Maize MON810 in Italy” includes Giorgio Fidenato (GFN, Italy) June 28. Also see USDA FAS GA In Report.

CTV News Winnipeg (Canada) - “Farmers deary proposed tax changes” Sept 21 quotes Grant Dyck (GFN, Canada).

Daily Monitor (Uganda) - “Brazil felt like Uganda” Apr 30 includes Sergio Bortolozo (GFN, Brazil).
Daily Monitor (Uganda) - ‘Breeding piglets for real wealth’ Oct 22 includes Bruno Matuvo (GFN, Uganda).

Daily Nation (Kenya) - “Paying the price for rejecting scientific answer to food crisis” by Gilbert Arap Bor (2011 Kleckner Award, Kenya) June 26.

Daily Nation (Kenya) - “In GMO, hope is beckoning for farmers” by Gilbert Arap Bor (2011 Kleckner Award, Kenya) Aug 21.

Daily News Egypt - “Agro Food intends to keep sales at EGP 250m in 2017” Apr 20 with Salah Hegazy (GFN, Egypt).

Devex - “Trippling in feeders and substations: Farmers tense as paddy season approaches” Mar 23 quotes PPS Pangli (GFN, India).

The Des Moines Register - Hong “Jenny” Cui (GFN, China) column “U.S., China can grow understanding, food through cooperation” July 19.
The Des Moines Register - “Historic outputs can only continue with nimble investment in cutting-edge ag research” July 14 by Pam Johnson (GFN, US-Iowa).

The Des Moines Register - “Iowa farmer strongly endorses cover crops” by Tim Burrack (GFN Bd, Vice Chair - US, Iowa) Aug 23.
The Des Moines Register - “There’s more than one way to raise pigs successfully” Oct 30 quotes the Global Farmer Roundtable.

Dias de Campo Radio (Argentina) - “We transmit the Argentine pride of our production model” [translated] interview on the July trip of Maria Giraudo (2016 Kleckner Award, Argentina) to New York for the events at the UN and Food & Ag Day (see events below).
DTN / The Progressive Farmer - “Not Liking Current Outlook - A Farmer’s View After the Numbers at USDA’s Outlook Forum” Feb 27 interview with Tim Burrack (Board, Iowa).
Duluth News Tribune (Forum News Service) - “Jamestown’s Terry Wanzek [GFN Board, N. Dakota] balances farming with a side of politics” May 22.
East Anglian Daily Times (UK) - Maria Giraudo (2016 Kleckner Award, Argentina) cited in “AHDB and Agri-Tech East join forces to create new role to help farmers innovate” Nov 8.
The Economic Times (India) - “Will GM mustard be able to survive the challenges ahead after approval?” June 1 quotes Balwinder Singh Kang (GFN, India) and V. Ravichandran (Board, India).
El Economista (Mexico) - Francisco Gurria (GFN, Mexico) ‘Sagarpa shows support to dairy sector in the NAFTA framework’ Oct 21.
El Observador (Uruguay) - “Government must control weeds affecting soybeans” May 1 quotes Marcos Guigou (GFN, Uruguay).
El Observador (Uruguay) - “Focus on new opportunities is route that leads to success” Nov 3 on Marcos Guigou (GFN, Uruguay).
El País (Paraguay) - “Paraguayan production arrives in the United Arab Emirates” Jan 30 has Jorge Heisecke (GFN, Paraguay).
El País (Uruguay) - “Hay empresarios alemanes interesados en colza canola” Feb 28 with Marcos Guigou (GFN, Uruguay).
El País Rurales (Uruguay) - “Impressive Soybean Development Still Not Equal to Big Returns” [translated] Feb 15 quotes Gabriel Carballal (GFN, Uruguay) - includes radio interview.
El País Rurales (Uruguay) - “Guigou: “Seed is the vehicle to carry technology”’ Apr 6 with Marcos Guigou (GFN, Uruguay).
El País Rurales (Uruguay) - “ADP promotes its new data laboratory” interview with Marcos Guigou (GFN, Uruguay) Oct 21.
El País Rurales (Uruguay) - “The Argentines changed agriculture in Uruguay” Nov 11 quotes Marcos Guigou (GFN, Uruguay).
El Sol de Mexico - “In the face of NAFTA renegotiations, dairy farmers go to other markets” quotes Francisco Trevino Gurria (GFN, Mexico) Sept 11.
El Tribuno (Argentina) - “The discussion on glyphosate is key” Dec 5 interview with Pedro Vigneau (GFN, Argentina).
Encuentros en El País (Uruguay) - Marcos Guigou (GFN, Uruguay) was the subject of sit-down interview and dialogue the publication does with prominent figures in the country.
En Perspectiva (Uruguay) - Gabriel Carballal (GFN, Uruguay) appeared on radio show Mar 28.
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dl. EnPerspectiva (Uruguay) - Gabriel Carballal (GFN, Uruguay) regular guest on popular radio talk show, June 27 discussion on drop of diesel prices and effect of robotization on agriculture.
The Environmental Forum - May-June edition of publication from Environmental Law Institute included “GE Crops Make My Farm More Sustainable” by Terry Wanzek (GFN Board, N. Dakota) as a counterpoint to cover story by Margaret Mellon.
Espectador (Uruguay) - “Soybeans: Uruguay with good production expectations” Jan 11 with Gabriel Carballal (GFN, Uruguay).
Espectador (Uruguay) - “ADP steps up in Germany” Feb 8 with Marcos Guigou (GFN, Uruguay).
Espectador (Uruguay) - “Soybeans: maintain expectations, but health protocols impacts producer profitability” Mar 27 quotes Gabriel Carballal (GFN, Uruguay).
Espectador (Uruguay) - Director de ADP fue distinguido por la consultora EY” June 13 on Marco Guigou (GFN, Uruguay) who was amongst the finalists for EY Entrepreneur of the Year award (video).
Espectador Uruguay - Gabriel Carballal (GFN, Uruguay) Oct 31 ‘Wheat and barley: “We are going to have some quality problem”
EurActiv - “EU and GMOs: The case for a knowledge-based society” Sept 20 with Giorgio Fidenato (GFN, Italy). Also, Sept 14 in “GMOs: EU court says states can’t ban them unless risks are proven”.
EurActiv - “Tweets of the Week: Me Too, Glyphosate, and ePrivacy” Oct 26 includes Tweet by Jake Freestone (GFN, UK) on glyphosate debate in the EU.
Farm Bureau News - “American Agriculture Can’t Afford to Lose out on Trade” Nov 9 by Hope Pjesky (GFN, US-Oklahoma) accompanied by YouTube video “Trade is incredibly important to American family beef farmers”.

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Farm Business (UK) - “Strongest-ever line up of speakers at East of England Farming Conf” Oct 4 has Jake Freestone (GFN, UK).
Farm Futures - Pam Johnson (GFN-US, Iowa) in “National Plant Genome Initiative announced 20 years ago” Oct 27.
Farm Journal’s Ag Pro - Biotechnology Advocates Argue Science Vital for Small Farm Livelihood” Oct 24.
Farm & Ranch Guide - “Our regular visit with Doyle Lentz [GFN, N. Dakota] will give us a northern perspective” Apr 30.
Farm Online Guide - “Planting season to soon wrap up for Doyle Lentz [GFN, N. Dakota]” May 29.
Farm Online (Australia) - William Bulu (GFN, Indonesia) in “Hartsuyker: Indonesian farm export opportunities “massive”” Mar 18.
Farm Online (Australia) - “Crop prospects diminish in key production zones” June 21 quotes Andrew Weidemann (GFN, Australia).
Farm Online (Australia) - column by Heather Baldock (GFN, Australia) “SA GM ban nothing to do with health or science - all about politics” Jul 18.
Farm Online (Australia) - “Growers keep GRDC metamorphosis alive” interview with Andrew Weidemann (GFN, Australia) Aug 31.
Farm Online (Australia) - “European Parliament decision to ban glyphosate creates chaos in international grains industry” Nov 1 quotes Andrew Weidemann (GFN, Australia).
Farm Weekly (Australia) - Andrew Weidemann (GFN, Australia) quoted May 24 in “Wheat wars continue”.
Farmers Guardian (UK) - Paul Temple (GFN, UK) quoted in ‘Facing up to Brexit in the arable sector’ Oct 17.
Farmers Guardian (UK) - “Farming and social media: Why we need it” includes Jake Freestone (GFN, UK) Nov 13.
Farmers Weekly (UK) - “Opinion: Footpath law changes could avoid ‘corridors to conflict’” Jan 28 regular column by Ian Pigott (2014 Kleckner Award, UK).
Farmers Weekly (UK) - “Farming joins forces to fight ‘false knowledge’ on glyphosate” Feb 27 quotes Jake Freestone (GFN, UK).
Farmers Weekly (UK) - “Opinion: Fight fear and seize better farming future” Mar 1 by Ian Pigott (2014 Kleckner Award, UK).
Farmers Weekly (UK) - Jake Freestone (GFN, UK) quoted Mar 29 in “50 farmers have their say as PM triggers Article 50”.
Farmers Weekly (UK) - “Opinion: We should twin farms with schools’ Apr 7 column by Ian Pigott (2014 Kleckner Award, UK).
Farmers Weekly (UK) - “Open Farm Sunday - advice for farmers running small events” quotes Jake Freestone (GFN, UK) Apr 11.
Farmers Weekly (UK) - “Farming’s approach to fungicides needs a rethink” May 12 by Ian Pigott (2014 Kleckner Award, UK).
Farmers Weekly (UK) - column by Ian Pigott (2014 Kleckner Award, UK) “Why I’m a convert to conservation agriculture” July 20.
Farmers Weekly (UK) - “Opinion: Don’t ‘talk to yourself’ on social media” Sept 1 column by Ian Pigott (2014 Kleckner Award, UK).
Farmers Weekly (UK) - “European Court backs science-based approach to GM maize growing” Sept 17 with Giorgio Fidenato (GFN, Italy).
Farmers Weekly (UK) - “Education is a vital public good and needs support” Oct 14 by Ian Pigott (2014 Kleckner Award, UK).
Farmers Weekly (UK) - “Video: Cotswold farmer highlights the benefits of glyphosate” on Jake Freestone (GFN, UK) Oct 30.
Farmers Weekly (UK) - column by Ian Pigott (2014 Kleckner Award, UK) “Farm inspection regime in need of an overhaul” Nov 25.

Farming First - Nov 1 profile “Young farm leader sees hope for African agriculture” on Ruramiso Mashumba (GFN, Zimbabwe), Nov 8 profile “Gina Gutierrez: Committed to a Thankless Task” (GFN, Mexico) and Nov 23 profile “My Farm Life: Fish Farming in Nigeria with Chibuike Emmanuel” (GFN, Nigeria).
Farming First - “My Farm Life: Fish Farming in Nigeria with Chibuike Emmanuel (GFN, Nigeria)” Nov 28.
FarmWeekNow - “Consider the Case of Cover Crops” Sept 15 by Tim Burrack (GFN Vice Chair, Iowa).
FarmWeekNow - “American agriculture can’t afford to lose out on trade” Dec 15 by Hope Pjesky (GFN, US-Oklahoma).
Feed Navigator - “GM case: legal expert rejects ‘precautionary principle’ grounds” Mar 31 on legal case brought by Giorgio Fidenato (GFN, Italy).
FG Insight (UK) - “BBC presenter Chris Packham accused of spreading lies on Twitter” Jan 8 includes Jake Freestone (GFN, UK).
FG Insight (UK) - “NFU17: Small scale farmers need help to innovate” Feb 23 quotes Jake Freestone (GFN, UK).
FG Insight (UK) - “New finances to feed appetite for education” Mar 17 includes Ian Pigott (2014 Kleckner Award, UK).
The Finder (Ghana) - Lydia Sasu (2015 Kleckner Award, Ghana) in “Rural women farmers appeal to govt to enforce laws against illegal sand mining” Oct 13.
Food & Beverage News India - “Tech adoption needed to generate required profits in Indian agri sector” Nov 18 includes V.
Ravichandran (GFN Board, India).

Food and Farm Discussion Lab - July 10 “Food Evolution: The FAFDL Interview” includes mention of Motlatsi Musi (GFN, S. Africa) who appeared in the film and includes two video segments that were not included in the final movie cut.

Future Farming - Craig Mackenzie (GFN Board, New Zealand) in “Precision Technology drives profitability on this NZ farm” Oct 6.

Genetic Literacy Project - “Kenyan farmer: We’ve been waiting for too long - government needs to let us grow GMO crops” Feb 14 share of piece in The Standard by Gilbert Bor (2011 Kleckner Award, Kenya).

Ghana News Agency - Lydia Sasu (2015 Kleckner Award, Ghana) quoted Apr 24 in “Fall armyworm invasion could derail govt’s agriculture initiative - Stakeholders”.


The Ghanaian Times - “Yara to provide free sample fertilizers, training for farmers” Mar 1 quotes Lydia Sasu (2015 Kleckner Award, Ghana).

Global News (Canada) - Cherilyn Nagel (GFN Board, Canada) was the host for Mattel’s Barbie mentorship program (info link) winner as featured in “Assiniboia, Sask. girl gets a chance to learn about farm life through a Barbie mentorship program” Aug 29.

- See “You Can Be Anything, Barbie - Link.

Grainews (Canada) - “Measuring soil’s benefits from CTF” July 13 quotes Steve Larocque (GFN, Canada).

Grainews (Canada) - “Romania: One extreme to another” Oct 30 includes Lucian Buzdugan (GFN, Romania).

Hanford Sentinel (California) - “Ag producers nervous about Trump trade policy” Jan 28 quotes Ted Sheely (Board, California).

Herald-Whig (Illinois) - Pam Johnson (GFN, US-Iowa) quoted Dec 3 in “A tipping point for weed control?”

The Herts Advertiser (UK) - Ian Pigott (2014 Kleckner Award, UK) quoted Feb 8 in “St Albans MP Anne Main discusses Brexit farming opportunities in Westminster”.

The Hill - “Farmers need strong trade deals with dependable allies” Feb 1 by Reg Clause (Board, Iowa).


The Hindu (India) - “Buoyed by rain, farmers start prep work” July 13 quotes V. Ravichandran (GFN Bd, ‘13 Kleckner Award, India).

Hoard’s Dairyman - “Mantengamos el TLCAN con vida” in Apr edition (see pic below) by Gina Gutierrez (GFN, Mexico).

Hoard’s Dairyman - “Mis apuntes para celebrar el Día Mundial de la Leche” in June edition by Gina Gutierrez (GFN, Mexico).

Hoard’s Dairyman - Gina Gutierrez (GFN, Mexico) had “If Charles Dickens was a milkman” [translated] in July edition.

Hoard’s Dairyman - “Only Milk is Milk” in Aug edition and “Sembrando vocaciones” in Sept by Gina Gutierrez (GFN, Mexico).

Huffington Post Italy - “The Fidenato case on GMO corn, when the end of the prohibitions?” [translated] Nov 14 on Giorgio Fidenato (GFN, Italy). See also: Fidenato speaks: “Win a battle, but not the war” Sept 14 in Friuli

ICRISAT - Sarah Singla in “Young farmers debate ways to make ag profitable to achieve UN sustainable development goals” Nov 3.


Il Contoterzista (Italy) - event coverage with Giuseppi Elias (GFN, Italy) “I servizi ecosistemici dell’agricoltura conservativa” Feb 15.


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Il Sole 24 Ore (Italy) - Feb 9 editorial "The Court of Justice begins discussion on transgenic corn in Italy" [translated] about case involving Giorgio Fidenato (GFN, Italy).

International Agri-Food Network (IFAN) - "Agricultural Research Needs to Get Out of the Lab and to the Farmers’ Fields" Dec 15 by Ruramiso Mashumba (GFN, Zimbabwe) following the FAO Regional Biotech Conference for Africa in Ethiopia.

International News and Views - "Experts call for aggressive policy change to make agriculture profitable and increase farmers income" May 12 quotes PPS Pangle (GFN, India).

Iowa Agribusiness Radio Network - "Canadian farmers need NAFTA too" Oct 20 with Jake Leguee (GFN, Canada).

Iowa Agribusiness Radio Network - "Combating consumer distrust, one farmer at a time" Oct 23.

Iowa Farm Bureau Spokesman - "Very fishy reasons why glyphosate would up on a cancer list" by Tim Burack (GFN Board, Iowa) in Aug 2 print and July 31 online.

Iowa Farm Bureau Spokesman - "Very fishy reasons why glyphosate would up on a cancer list" by Tim Burack (GFN Board, Iowa) in Aug 2 print and July 31 online.

Iowa Farm Bureau Spokesman - "Self-driving technology, the hot thing in cars, is old hat in ag" Nov 20 (online, Nov 22 print) by Bill Horan (GFN Board, US-Iowa).

Iowa Farmer Today - "Corn competitors join forces to boost trade" Mar 16 quotes Pam Johnson (GFN, Iowa).

Iowa Farmer Today - "Panel brings global perspective to ag trade issues" Nov 4.

KBC, Kenyan Broadcasting Corporation, General Service Radio - Gilbert Bor (2011 Kleckner Award, Kenya) appeared Feb 2 to discuss the urgent need for the government to approve Bt maize.

Kenya News Agency - Gilbert arap Bor (2011 Kleckner Award, Kenya) pictured in “NACONEK” to spend Sh50 million on Nomadic Kenya News Agency

La Capital (Argentina) - "Coverage crops to curb resistance" Aug 19 on Sarah Singla (GFN, France) who spoke in Argentina.

La Jornada (Mexico) - "US remains the main destination of Mexican livestock products" Apr 13 quotes Francisco Gurria Trevino (GFN, Mexico).

La Jornada (Mexico) - "Dairy farmers demand equal floor in renegotiation of NAFTA" quotes Francisco Gurria Trevino (GFN, Mexico) Aug 14. - He is General Coordinator of Livestock in the Ministry of Ag, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries & Food (SAGARPA).

La Jornada (Mexico) - "There is an opportunity for growth in livestock: Gurria Trevino" (GFN, Mexico) Dec 9.

La Nacion (Argentina) - David Hughes (GFN, Argentina) quoted Mar 8 "Destacan el incremento de la produccion agricola".

La Nacion (Argentina) - Maria Giraudo (2016 Kleckner Award, Arg) "Africa: Maizall promotes sustainable development" Aug 5.

La Nacion (Argentina) - "Calcular en US$ 16.800 millones el impacto negativo para la Argentina si Europa no renueva el glifosato" Nov 13 quotes Pierre Munyura (GFN, Rwanda).

La Nacion Campo (Argentina) - [translated] "For the first time, FAO awarded Aapresid" on Pedro Vigneau (GFN, Argentina) as president of the Argentine Association of Producers in Direct Sowing being presented the Glinka World Soil Prize by the United Nations Organization for food and Agriculture (FAO) in Rome, Italy on Dec 5.

La Nueva (Argentina) - "Reclamo desde la cadena de valor por una ley de semillas" Mar 11 has David Hughes (GFN, Argentina).

La Nuova Bussola Quotidiana (Italy) - "The EU fulfills GMOs, the state continues to ban" Apr 12 w/ Giorgio Fidenato (GFN, Italy).

La Prensa (Mexico) - Francisco Gurria (GFN, Mexico) in “SAGARPA supports research & development in livestock science” Apr 17.

La Stampa (Italy) - [translated] "From panettone to hams: GMO is there but not seen" Dec 18 quotes Giorgio Fidenato (GFN, Italy).

La Tribuna (Honduras) - Isidro Matamoros (GFN, Honduras) mentioned Feb 3 in “Repotenciarán sector ganadero del país”.

La Capital (Argentina) - Sarah Singla (GFN, France) and Arte 28 Minutes show referenced in “Pesticides: the economic imperative stronger than public health?” Oct 12 on glyphosate debate in EU.

LaDepeche (France) - "Le couvert végétal, alternative méconnue" Oct 23 on Sarah Singla (GFN, France).
Linkedin - Jennie Schmidt (GFN, US-MD) & Jake Freestone (GFN, UK) listed Dec 15 in “Who are the top #Agvocates of 2017?”
Lumeat Satului (Romania) - “Food Evolution” also generates reactions in Bucharest’ Nov 21 quotes Lucian Buzdugan (GFN, Romania).
Malawi 24 - V. Ravichandran (GFN Board, India) invited to share Bt cotton experience with stakeholders in Malawi and quoted in “Cotton Stakeholders Look to Increase Production” June 20.
The Manila Times - “PH may start corn exports this yr - DA” Jan 21 quotes Roger Navarro (GFN, Philippines).
Manitoba Co-Operator (Canada) - Levi Wood (GFN, Canada) quoted in “MacAulay not saying if he’ll fix U.S. wheat-grading irritant” May 23.
Meteo / GMO Answers - “Why The GM Papaya Story Is Personal For This Hawaii Local” by Joni Kamiya (GFN, Hawaii) May 18.
Messaggero (Italy) - Ogmi, i politici “disertano” il convegno con la Cattaneo” Apr 2 with Giorgio Fidenato (GFN, Italy).
Mileno / Laguna (Mexico) - “Exportaciones crecen mas del 4% en 2017” Mar 3 with Francisco Gurria Trevino (GFN, Mexico).
Modern Ghana - DAA Holds Annual General Meeting” Jan 24 on organization of Lydia Sasu (2015 Kleckner Award, Ghana).
Mondiaal Nieuws (Belgium) - “Waarom droogteresistente mais als je een waterleiding kunt aanleggen?” Feb 2 quotes Gilbert Bor (2011 Kleckner Award, Kenya).
News-PRESS (Missouri) - “Fordyce confident in Missouri ag” on Richard Fordyce (GFN, US Missouri).
New Europe - Pedro Vigneau (GFN, Argentina) authored “The paradox of banning glyphosate and battling climate change” Nov 24.
Nieuwe Oogst (Netherlands) - “Ten Have builds Bartelstal with innovative credit” Nov 6 on family farm of Annechien Ten Have Mellema (GFN, Netherlands).
Noroeste (Mexico) - “‘Cultivan’ eficacia del campo en Sinaloa con foro agrícola 2017” Oct 19 with Maria Giraudo (2016 Kleckner Award, Argentina) who spoke at event.
Notigram (Mexico) - “Repunta precio del ganado mexicano, también subirá en Durango: Gurria” interview with Francisco Gurria Trevino (GFN, Mexico) Oct 26.
No-Till Farmer - Steve Larocque (GFN, Canada) quoted Mar 8 in “Wheel Traffic Pinching Profits?”
NZ Farmer - “Ironing out angus sire selection wrinkles” Apr 26 includes Jane Smith (GFN, New Zealand).
Ottawa Daily Times (New Zealand) - “Farmer groups set out to improve water quality” July 8.
People’s Daily (China) - “China can grow understanding, food through cooperation” column by Hong “Jenny” Cui (GFN, China) Aug 26 - reprinted from The Des Moines Register July 19.
Philippine Star - Roger Navarro (GFN, Philippines) quoted Oct 6 in “Com producers doubtful on 8-M MT output target.”
Pig Business (Netherlands) - “Technasium leerlingen ontwerpen varkensspeelgoed” Jan 19 with Annechien ten Have Mellema (GFN, Netherlands); also interviewed on Radio Noord (Netherlands) on Jan 19.
Politico Pro - “The Trade War Comes to the Prairie” Feb 15 includes Doyle Lentz (GFN, N. Dakota).
Precision Ag - “New Zealand Study Tour to Demonstrate Recent Advances in Precision Agriculture” Aug 10 - visiting Craige Mackenzie (GFN Board, New Zealand).
The Press and Journal (UK) - “Behind the scenes at Europe’s biggest arable farm” July 8 with Lucian Buzdugan (GFN, Romania).
Progress Malawi - V. Ravichandran (GFN Board, India) invited to share Bt cotton experience with stakeholders in Malawi and quoted in “Boltech Systems Adoption Takes Shape in Cotton” June 19.
QConline / Dispatch Argus (Illinois) - “In some countries, people die when crop fails” Sept 22 quotes GFN members who participated in the Cornell Alliance for Science Leadership Course for Farmers.
Queensland Country Life (Australia) - Jeff Bidstrup (2008 Kleckner Award, Australia) in “Food Heroes go with the grain to Toobeah” June 27.

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Queensland Country Life (Australia) - Jeff Bidstrup (2008 Kleckner Award, Australia) quoted July 13 in “Grain gains at Coorangy”; also pictures of event July 14 “See who was at the Toobeah Food Heroes event”.

Queensland Country Life (Australia) - “UK’s next gen farmers embrace Brexit” July 15 quotes Paul Temple (GFN, UK).

Radio Live, New Zealand - Craig Mackenzie (GFN Bd, NZ) interviewed in “Avoid being in the ‘red’ to be ‘green’ with Ballance Farm Environment Award Winner” Sept 2.

Radio Live, New Zealand - Craig Mackenzie (GFN Board, NZ) interview Oct 21 “World’s biggest agricultural conference in NZ”.

Radio New Zealand - Craig Mackenzie (GFN Board, NZ) in “Huge benefits from precision agriculture- farmers” Oct 19.


RealClearScience - “European Activist Farmer Is Fighting for the Right to Plant GM Crops” Nov 6 on Giorgio Fidenato (GFN, Italy).

Reussir, Anjou Agricole (France) - Sarah Singla (GFN, France) interview “Glyphosate: “The solution would be to think about how to reduce its use” Sept 20, stating a ban “will put this farming [conservation] in danger”.

Reuters - “Argentina central bank buys dollars, checks strengthening peso” May 10 quotes David Hughes (GFN, Argentina).

Revista Chacra TV (Argentina) - Mar 14 interview with Maria Beatriz Giraudo (2016 Kleckner Award, Argentina).

RFI - Sarah Singla (GFN, France) interviewed in podcast “The Rooster Sings - Soil Conservation Agriculture” Mar 5.

Rosario3 - “We must demystify direct sowing” Jan 16 with Maria Giraudo (2016 Kleckner Award, Argentina).

Rural Radio Network - MID-DAY Oct 18 “At this year’s Global Farmer Roundtable, many participants echo many of the same concerns including trade…” [Audio Link]

SACAU, Southern Africa Confederation of Agricultural Unions - “Two young farmers participate in seed harmonisation learning-visit in Lusaka” June 14 has picture of Ruramiso Mashumba (GFN, Zimbabwe).


The Scottish Farmer - “No agreement on eGrain passports” quotes Paul Temple (GFN, UK) Mar 24.

The Scottish Farmer - “EU’s biggest farmer slams GM policy” July 19 on Lucian Buzdugan (GFN, Romania).

The Seattle Times - “Founding Fathers knew ‘trade with all parts of the world’ is good” July 7 by Mark Wagoner (GFN Board, Washington).

The Sentinel (California) - “Farmers scratching their heads over announcement” Mar 2 quotes Ted Sheely (Board, Calif) over water allotment limbo for farmers.

SmartCompany (Australia) - “Three business lessons from off the beaten track” June 30 includes Sarah Sammon (GFN, Australia).

Sorot Purworejo (Indonesia) - “Seringin Rice Testing of New Variety” Dec 13 on training done by Arie Sulistyani (GFN, Indonesia).

The Standard (Kenya) - “Opinion: Agricultural technology can’t be ignored” Feb 19 by Gilbert Bor (2011 Kleckner Award, Kenya).

Stock & Land (Australia) - “More diversity required in insecticide” Jan 2 with Andrew Weidemann (GFN, Australia).

The Straits Times (Singapore) - V. Ravichandran (GFN Board, India) quoted in “Drought grips southern India, set to worsen in summer” Mar 6.

Stuff, Business Day (New Zealand) - Craig Mackenzie (GFN Board, New Zealand) quoted June 25 in “Taking the guesswork out of efficient farming”.


Successful Farming - “4 Ways to Effectively Advocate for Farmers” Oct 18.

Taarifa (Rwanda) - “Business Community Meets Minagri to Discuss Policy” June 2 quotes Pierre Munyura (GFN, Rwanda).

Tecpan de Galeana (Mexico) - Francisco Gurría Treviño (GFN, Mexico) in Entregan apoyos a productores del campo Feb 23.

Temanewsline (Ghana) - “Yara provides free sample fertilizers, training to rural women farmers in Ghana” Feb 27 quotes Lydia Susu (2015 Kleckner Award, Ghana).

The Times (UK) - columnist Matt Ridley included quote from Gilbert Arap Bor (2011 Kleckner Award, Kenya) column in “Like it or not, Africa’s future likes in GM crops” Nov 20.

The Times of India - PPS Pangli (GFN, India) in “Punjab Agricultural University holds training camps for tree growers and seed producers” June 13.

The Toronto Star (Canada) - Cherilyn Nagel (GFN Bd, Canada) in “Checking Canada’s pulse for lentils: The New Farm” July 10.

Toronto Sun (Canada) - “Farmers are already cutting emissions, why punish them with carbon taxes?” Sept 18 quotes Levi Wood (GFN, Canada).
The Tribune (India) - "Rain a boon to rabi crops; dry weather predicted" Jan 28 quotes Gurjeet Singh Mann (GFN, India).

The Tribune (India) - Gurjeet Singh Mann (GFN, India) quoted Mar 28 in “Rise in temperature has wheat growers worried”.

The Tribune (India) - PPS Pangli (GFN, India) in “Ways to tackle spurious pesticide menace discussed” June 2.

The Tribune (India) - Gurjeet Singh Mann (GFN, India) quoted June 7 in “85% fall in area under indigenous cotton” with regards to preference of Bt cotton over desi, or indigenous seeds.

The Tribune (India) - Farmers upbeat over good Pusa basmati prices’ Oct 4 quotes Gurjeet Singh Mann (GFN, India).

The Tribune (India) - quotes Vijay Kapoor (GFN, India) Oct 15 ‘It’s time to celebrate in rice bowl Karnal’.

TVNZ - “Innovative Methven farmer proving you can be green without going into the red” Mar 22 on Craige Mackenzie (GFN Board, New Zealand).

TVNZ (New Zealand) - Craige & Roz Mackenzie (GFN Board, NZ) in episode 2 of “What Next?” June 12; part of a five part series of what New Zealand could look like in 2037.

Udine Today (Italy) - “Europe says yes to GMO maize, the historic victory of Giorgio Fidenato [GFN, Italy]” Sept 13.

Uprawa Kukurydzy (Poland) - Roman Warzecha (GFN, Poland) quoted Feb 6 edition page 2 article.

USA Today - “Your new self-driving car will be pioneered by a farmer” Oct 4 by Bill Horan (GFN Board, US-Iowa) had nationwide and regional coverage in the USA Today Network of newspapers.

VOV, Voice of Vietnam - “Dole names U&I as Vietnam banana distributor” July 7; Liem Quoc Pham (GFN, Vietnam) and Trang Nha Le (GFN, Vietnam) associated with the ag production firm.

VT Farm to Plate - “Female Farmers Play a Critical Role in Vermont’s Ag Economy” Mar 22 includes Joanna Lidback (Board, Vtt).

Wallaces Farmer - “Deep roots growing strong” Mar 8 on Pam Johnson (GFN, Iowa) and husband Maurice named Iowa Master Farmers for 2017.

The Washington Post - “European court sides with Italian farmer pushing GM crops” Sept 13 on Giorgio Fidenato (GFN, Italy); via Associated Press and also reported on by Reuters as “EU rules ban on GMO crop unlawful” Sept 13. Both services picked up in numerous major publications as were services in Europe. Including, DW, Deutsch Welle (Germany) - “European court backs Italian farmer who planted GM crops against national laws” Sept 13 on Giorgio Fidenato (GFN, Italy) and Daily Sabah (Turkey) via German Press Agency - “No ban on GMOs without proof of risk, EU court rules” Sept 13 on Giorgio Fidenato (GFN, Italy).


WAWK Radio (NE Indiana) - “Global Farmers Share Similar Concerns” Oct 17 (Brownfield Ag News)

This Week in Agribusiness - Mar 11 television episode includes interview with Richard Fordyce (GFN, Missouri).

The Weekly Times (Australia) - Louise Staley (GFN, Australia) referenced as elected official in “Wind farm construction powering along in Victoria” Sept 5.

The Weekly Times (Australia) - “Ewe composition: Size matters in flock” Oct 25 with Jane Smith (GFN, New Zealand).

Welt (Germany) - Pedro Vigneau (GFN, Argentina) quoted in “The Glyphosate Rebellion in Argentina” [translated] Nov 28.

The West Australian - “Big names at beef event” Oct 10 includes William Bulo (GFN, Indonesia) speaking Oct 25-27 at Kimberley Pilbara Cattlemen’s Association annual conference.

Western Farm Press - Ted Sheely (GFN Board, US-California) in “Pistachio leaders tap sterile insect technology to reduce NOW
damage” July 19.
The Western Producer - “Can barley hit a constant 180 bu per acre?” Jan 19 on Steve Larocque (GFN, Canada).
The Western Producer (Canada) - “Cargill’s GMO segregation plan angers producers” quotes Cherilyn Nagel (Bd, Canada) Apr 6.
The Western Producer (Canada) - Cherilyn Nagel (GFN Bd, Canada) in “Sask. girl gets taste of farming in Mattel mentorship program” Sept 7 - she was host for Mattel’s Barbie mentorship program (info link) and see “You Can Be Anything, Barbie - Link.
The Western Producer (Canada) - “Europe’s biggest farm: 57,000 hectares, $14.8 million in subsidies” includes Lucian Buzdugan (GFN, Romania) Oct 19.
The Western Producer (Canada) - Grant Dyck (GFN, Canada) quoted Dec 14 in “Don’t let your farm get stuck in a rut”.
Weyburn Review (Canada) - “Agriculture needs to be higher priority for governments - Fillmore farmer part of Global Farmer Roundtable” on Jake Leguee (GFN, Canada) Nov 2.
WHO Radio, The Big Show - Andrew Osmond (GFN, UK) and Jennie Schmidt (GFN, US-Maryland) appeared live Oct 19 on widely heard station in Des Moines.

Winnipeg Free Press - “Western wheat growers ask Ottawa for refund, lower fees, launch petition” Jan 4 quotes Levi Wood (GFN, Canada).
WNAX Radio (S. Dakota) - Mary Boote (GFN, CEO) interview June 20 “Farm Groups Support Doud as Chief Ag Negotiator”.
Xinhua (China) - Gilbert arap Bor (2012 Kleckner Award, Kenya) quoted May 19 in “Kenyan farmers pray for genetically modified seeds to fight drought”.
Xinhua Spanish (China) - “Mexico in the process of conquering food security level recommended by FAO, says senior official” quotes Francisco Gurria Trevino (GFN, Mexico) Nov 12.
YouTube, Barbie - “#YouCanBeAnything - Oilseed Farmer Cherilyn Nagel Mentorship” Oct 25 - see also on Facebook
Zycierolinika / New Farm Magazine (Poland) - “How to choose maize varieties” by Dr. Roman Warzecha (GFN, Poland) Mar 23.

Other links, blogs, Tweets, posts, etc: samples that utilized GFN or items of interest on GFN members.

Aapresid - We must demystify direct sowing (Maria Giraudo)
Aapresid (Argentina) - The new Aapresid Board of Directors was formed (Maria Giraudo-2016 Kleckner Award, Argentina)
AATF, African Agricultural Technology Foundation - Burkina Faso farmers still yearn for Bt cotton (Francois Traore)
ABARES Outlook Conference 2017 - Accounting for Nature - Measuring the Condition of Australia’s Landscapes (Heather Baldock)
The Advertiser (Australia) - 30m-high silo artwork at Kimba… (Heather Baldock-GFN, Australia)
The Advertiser (Australia) - Kimba’s silo art is more than tourism dollars, it’s inspiration for rural kids (Heather Baldock)
Ag Daily - Farm Babe: The internet’s biggest culprits of fake news in agriculture (GFN meme included)
AGAninKansas - AGAm in Kansas interview with Knud Bay Smidt (GFN, Denmark)
Agri24 (Poland) - COBORU: recorded 24 new maize varieties [translated] (Roman Warzecha-GFN, Poland)
Agricolology - Cover Crops in a No-Tillage System, Farmer Experience 7 (Jake Freestone - GFN, UK)
Agriculture (Italy) - Conference in San Dona di Piave on “The crisis of maize in Italy” (Marco Pasti-GFN, Italy)
Agriculturers (Chile) - La agricultura necesita ser la prioridad mas alta para los gobiernos (Jake Leguee-GFN, Canada)
Agrilind (France) - “The solution to soil degradation problems? Soil conservation agriculture!” (Sarah Singla-GFN, France)
Agri-Pulse Daily Harvest 8/24/2017 E-letter - The Des Moines Register: Iowa farmer strongly endorses… (Tim Burrack column)
Agri-Pulse - FFAR officials cautiously optimistic about their farm bill funding chances (Pam Johnson-GFN, US-Iowa)
Agrokultur (Romania) - GMO soju smijemo jesti, ali ne i proizvoditi?! (Lucian Buzdugan-GFN, Romania)
Agri-Marketing - Osborn Barr Form Agricultural Advisory Council (Richard Fordyce-GFN, Missouri)
AgriOrbit - SA farmer receives Kleckner award (Mtotatsi Musi-2017 Kleckner Award, S Africa)
AgroAdvances - USDA aprueba la producción de camelina con gen-editado para producir más aceite… (Cap Press, Boote)
Agrosite (Africa) - Maizall promotes sustainable development (Maria Giraudo-2016 Kleckner Award, Argentina)
AGROStandard (Romania) - Can Romania become European leader in corn? (Lucian Buzdugan)
AgroStandard (Romania) - Lucian Buzdugan [GFN]: Noi avem pamant, sauditi au bani. Sa vina sa investeasca si le dam mancare
Agro Teca (Romania) - Farmer: “Do not make the mistake to destroy large farms” (Lucian Buzdugan-GFN, Romania)
Organizational & Other Activity: events, panels, speaking engagements, and more of GFN members.

2017 Kleckner Award, Motlatsi Musi - the South African farmer was honored Oct 17 as the 11th recipient of the Kleckner Award.

2017 Global Farmer Roundtable - fourteen new members met Oct 16-18, the week of the World Food Prize in Des Moines, Iowa.

Innovations to Improve Smallholder Livelihoods - Devex and CropLife International hosted Oct 18 event during World Food Prize that included Motlatsi Musi (2017 Kleckner Award, S. Africa).

XXV Aapresid’s Congress in conjunction with 7th World Congress on Conservation Agriculture (7WCCA) - several GFN members involved including Roberto Peiretti (GFN Board, Argentina), Maria Giraudo (2016 Kleckner Award, Argentina) and Sarah Singla (GFN, France) who was a speaker Aug 1-4 in Rosario, Argentina (also see video).

Advancing Women in Agriculture - Cherilyn Nagel (GFN, Canada) spoke Mar 7 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

African Green Revolution Forum 2017 - Lydia Sasu (2015 Kleckner Award, Ghana) and Ruramiso Mashumba (GFN, Zimbabwe) spoke at Sept 4-8 in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. Sasu was a panelist “Enabling, Empowering and Investing in Women in Agriculture, and Agribusiness and Research” and Mashumba on “Creating Opportunities for Youth to Leverage Family owned Land…” [Program]

African Orphan Crops Consortium (AACC) - Gilbert arap Bor (2011 Kleckner Award, Kenya) invited to the plant breeding academy May 23 at the World Agroforestry Centre in Nairobi, Kenya.

Agricultural Study Tour to Ukraine - Dutch tour May 20-24 included visit to farm of Kees Huizinga (GFN, Ukraine).

Agri-Tech East - REAP Conference 2017 (UK) - Maria Beatriz Giraudo (2016 Kleckner Award, Argentina) keynote speaker Nov 7 and David Hill (GFN, UK) participated at event in Cambridge, UK.

Agritech 2017 (Germany) - Craig Mackenzie (GFN Board, New Zealand) participated Nov 12-18 in Hanover, Germany.

Agro 2030: Innovation for Development Seminar - Maria Giraudo (2016 Kleckner Award, Argentina) on panel held Dec 7 in Buenos Aires.
AHDB, Agronomist’ Conference - Lindsey Hargreaves (GFN, UK) speaker Dec 5-6 at East of England Showground, UK.
Alberta Canola Powering Your Profits Events - Cherilyn Nagel (GFN Bd, Canada) spoke multiple locations Nov 14-16 and 21-23.
APAD (France) - Sarah Singla (GFN, France) spoke at “Reinventing and practicing the agriculture of tomorrow” June 8 in Mountlouis Sur Loire, France (video).

The “grains” have never tried to grow a green plant on an impoverished continent that struggles to feed itself. https://ly75iMz+h =GlobalFarmer

ASEAN, Plant Science Primer - Rosalie Ellasus (2007 Kleckner Award, Philippines) and Roger Navarro (GFN, Philippines) both on panels during CropLife Asia event for Southeast Asian stakeholders and journalists Nov 14-15 in Manila Philippines.
The 2017 Australian Agriculture Roundtable Conference - Dr. Kelly Manton-Pearce (GFN, Australia) spoke Nov 9-10 in Sydney.
Australian Farm Visit - Bishnu Poudyal (GFN, Nepal) while working on his advanced education degree in Australia took time in July to visit the Scott and Ainsley Smith 5th generation family farm in Queensland, Australia (picture below).
Beef & Lamb Ag Innovation Conference (New Zealand) - Craige Mackenzie (GFN Board, New Zealand) presentation May 3 “Precision Agriculture and its Benefits (PDF).

Beef+Lamb New Zealand - Jane Smith (GFN, New Zealand) and husband Blair opening their farm up for project ‘Farming in a Challenging Environment’ and hosting field day.

Biotechnology Seminar - Gabriela Cruz (2010 Kleckner Award, Portugal) a speaker at the US Embassy in Switzerland June 13.
Boot Camp for Public Trust in Modern Ag Technology - Mary Boote (GFN, CEO) panelist June 6-8 in Guelph, Ontario, Canada.
2017 Canada’s Farmers Grow Communities - Joas Van Oord (GFN, Canada) and his wife Lisa were nominators for one of the rural-based charity or non-profit recipients of the program sponsored by the Monsanto Fund.
Canadian Assoc. of Farm Advisors - Les Kletke (GFN, Canada) spoke at Manitoba Farm Management Update Nov 2 in Niverville.
Canadian Assoc of Professional Speakers 2017 Convention (CAPS) - Les Kletke (GFN, Canada) speaker Dec 9-11 in Ottawa.
Canterbury AgTech Showcase - Craige Mackenzie (Board, New Zealand) a keynote speaker at May 10 event in Lincoln, NZ.
CIB, Biotechnology Information Center - Maria Gabriela Cruz (2010 Kleckner Award, Portugal) spoke at “VI Meeting Biotechnology and Agriculture: The Future is Now” July 13 at the Portuguese Catholic University.
Climate Change Briefing, New Zealand Foreign Affairs & Trade - Craige Mackenzie (GFN Board, New Zealand) involved with Dec 15 briefing in Wellington, NZ following COP23 and the Bonn Climate Meeting.

CompactionSmart - Steve Larocque (GFN, Canada) spoke Jan 20 in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.

Confederation of Indian Industry, Innovative Farmers’ Meet - PPS Pangli (GFN, India) spoke at event May 11 in Bathinda.

XIV Congress Association Luca Coscioni (Italy) - Giorgio Fidenato (GFN, Italy) presented Sept 30 (video).

6° Congreso Nacional de Entes y Fundaciones de Lucha Sanitaria Animal - Maria Giraudo (2016 Kleckner Award, Argentina) spoke June 1 in Junín, Argentina.

COP 23, UN Climate Change Conference - Craige Mackenzie (GFN Board, New Zealand) part of roundtable Nov 15; Pedro Vigneau (GFN, Argentina) and Maria Giraudo (2016 Kleckner Award, Argentina) participated at event Nov 6-17 in Bonn, Germany.

Cornell Alliance for Science Leadership Course for Farmers - in collaboration with the Global Farmer Network the course was Sept 18-23 in Moline, Illinois. 21 Global Farmer Network members invited to attend in the class of 50 farmers. See: “Asking the farmers what they need” Sept 19 and “Course offers global farming skills to succeed” Sept 26.

CropLife International - six GFN members profiled in ‘Meet The Crop Protectors’.


CROPsphere - Steve Larocque (GFN, Canada) spoke Jan 9-11 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Dairy Farming Field Day - Willy Kirwa (GFN, Kenya) hosts dairy training at his farm in Kapsere, including a recent event organized by Eldoret Dairy Farmers Association attended by over 300 farmers - video uploaded Mar 5.


Echoing Green - Ruramiso Mashumba (GFN, Zimbabwe), as founder of Mnandi, was named a 2017 Global Fellow by the organization. Congratulations!

Echoing Green, The Summit - Ruramiso Mashumba (GFN, Zimbabwe) panelist Oct 9 in San Francisco, California

EY World Entrepreneur Of The Year Forum 2017 - Marcos Guigou (GFN, Uruguay) was a finalist for event in Monaco. Congrats!

European Maize Production Confederation - Roman Warzecha (GFN, Poland) attended June 27-29 in Paris, France.

FAO Biotech Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting on Agricultural Biotechnologies in Sustainable Food Systems and Nutrition - GFN members Rosalie Ellasus (2007 Kleckner Award, Philippines), PPS Pangli (GFN, India), Le Thi Trang Nha (GFN, Vietnam) participated at event Sept 11-13 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

FAO-IPCC Expert Meeting - Maria Giraudo (2016 Kleckner Award, Argentina) took part in the January meeting in Rome on climate change, land use and food security.

FAO Regional Meeting on Agricultural Biotechnologies in Sustainable Food Systems and Nutrition in Sub-Saharan Africa - second regional follow-up to Rome event held Nov 21-24 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Multiple GFN members invited to take part including Gilbert Bor (2011 Kleckner Award, Kenya) and Ruramiso Mashumba (GFN, Zimbabwe).

The Farming Conference Scotland - Ian Pigott (2014 Kleckner Award, UK) spoke on “Farming for tomorrow - the link between zero tillage and school visits” at event Feb 2 in Carnoustie, Scotland.

Farmer Roundtable with US Environmental Protection Agency - Mary Boote (GFN, CEO) invited to attend event with EPA Secretary Pruitt in Iowa Dec 1 at Couser Cattle Company in Nevada, Iowa.

Farming System for Nutrition - V. Ravichandran (GFN Board and 2013 Kleckner Award, India) panelist at event Aug 9 in Chennai.

Food Evolution, The Film - Motlatsi Musi (GFN, S. Africa) appears in the film that debuted June 23.

Food Heroes - Queensland Country Life publication co-hosting event July 13 in Toobeah, Jeff Bidstrup (2008 Kleckner Award, Australia) on panel explaining role, importance and effectiveness of bio-insecticides.

Food and Mouth Training Course - Kelly Manton-Pearce (GFN, Australia) was in Nepal mid-May for a FMD training course with the FAO and EU FMD Commission.


Global Farmer Network Board Becomes International - in March the board of directors grew with the addition of Roberto Peiretti (Argentina), Cherilyn Nagel (Canada), V. Ravichandran (India) and Craige Mackenzie (New Zealand).

Global Farmer Network - Board of Directors meeting held July 25-26 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Gloucestershire Root, Fruit and Grain Society (UK) - Jake Freestone (GFN, UK) spoke Feb 9 at “What it means to be a Nuffield Scholar”.

Gold Cross of Merit Award (Poland) - Roman Warzecha (GFN, Poland) was awarded the Gold Cross of Merit by Andrzej Duda, President of Poland. The award was honoured for all the achievements in research on plant breeding and seed production. The occasion was 65th anniversary of the Institute of Plant Breeding and Acclimatization.

Grain & Milling Expo - Andrew Osmond (GFN, UK) presented at event Oct 4-5 in Casablanca, Morocco.

Growers and Brewers 2017 - Andrew Weidemann (GFN, Australia) on panel May 18 for during Good Beer Week in Melbourne.

2017 Growing Expectations - Dr. Kelly Manton-Pearce (GFN, Australia) as Grower Group Alliance chairperson gave the opening for the event Aug 17-18 in Perth, Western Australia.

Hay Festival (Wales, UK) - Jake Freestone (GFN, UK) on panel May 25 “Green-Tech Tinted Glasses: How Smarter Agriculture Can Reduce Farming’s Footprint”.

14th Holstein of the Americas & 8th National Holstein Forum - Gina Gutierrez (GFN, Mexico) emcee of event July 12-15 in Queretaro, Mexico.

How to Achieve Transition to Direct Sowing - Sept 14 in Le Vigan, France, led by Sarah Singla (GFN, France).

How to Save Agriculture in 2017 - Lucian Buzdugan (GFN, Romania) spoke at conference May 4 in Bucharest, Romania.

IAgrM, Institute for Agricultural Management Educational Event/Autumn National Farm Walk - Oct 11 at Overbury Farms, Gloucestershire, farm managed by Jake Freestone (GFN, UK).

2018 Class of Illinois Ag Leadership Foundation - Mary Boote (GFN, CEO) presented to group and Dan Kelley attended July 20 in Chicago, Illinois.

India, Education Seminar - PPS Pangli (GFN, India) was event organizer for the ‘Lucky Draw' ceremony for the Punjab and Haryana states.

Innovative Farmers 2017 Conference - Steve Larocque (GFN, Canada) spoke Feb 21-22 in Ontario, Canada.

Insight from Indonesia - presentation recently given by William Bulo (GFN, Indonesia) to Kimberley Pilbara Cattlemen’s Association in Australia.

17th International Datagro Conference on Sugar and Ethanol - Sergio Bortolozzo (GFN, Brazil) moderated panel ‘Potential of corn ethanol & second generation ethanol’ at event Nov 6-7 in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

International Triticale Conference - Roman Warzecha (GFN, Poland) with host institution, Plant Breeding & Acclimatization Institute for event July 3-5 near Warsaw, Poland.

Intombie YWIB Awards - Huramiso Mashumba (GFN, Zimbabwe) a finalist for a Young Women in Business award for Farming.

Iowa Farm Bureau Market Study Tour in Poland - Roman Warzecha (GFN, Poland) met with the group July 5 in Warsaw.

The New Italian Conservation Agriculture - Giuseppe Elias (GFN, Italy) president of host group AIGACoS of Jan 20 event.

KALRO Kitale Research Farm (Kenya) - Gilbert arap Bor (2011 Kleckner Award, Kenya) participated at planting of confined field testing of Bt maize at research facility May 11 and interviewed by media.

KALRO, Kenya Agricultural & Livestock Research Organization - Gilbert arap Bor (2011 Kleckner Award, Kenya) invited to a high-level technical and stakeholder visit to the stacked maize experiments at the contained field trials in Kitale, Kenya Aug 1. Bor also reported that July 24 an informal announcement was made by the Deputy President the government will soon allow commercialization of Bt cotton. Note: with new elections slated decisions may remain pending.

Kimberley Pilbara Cattlemen’s Association Annual Conference (Australia) - William Bulo (GFN, Indonesia) spoke Oct 25-27.

Mali International Investment Forum - Amadou Sidibe (GFN, Mali) involved with event Dec 7-8 in Bamako, Mali.

Manitoba Potato Production Days Conf and Trade Show - Cherilyn Nagel-GFN, Canada) spoke Jan 24-26 in Brandon, Canada.

II Meeting of Entrepreneurial Coffee Growers - Luiz Roberto Saldanha Rodrigues spoke Nov 6 in Franca, Brazil.

Michigan State University - Nyasha Mudukuti (GFN, Zimbabwe) was accepted to the school as a MasterCard Foundation Scholar and will be pursuing a Masters in plant breeding, genetics and biotechnology. Congratulations!

14 Muestra Nacional Pyme Agroindustrial - Maria Giraudo (2016 Kleckner Award, Argentina) spoke Nov 17-19 in Las Parejas..
The 2017 NFU Conference (UK) - “Brexit: Ingredients for Success”; Jake Freestone (GFN, UK) spoke Feb 21 (see “NFU17; ‘Produce’ workshop embraces innovation”).
NZV, Nederlandse Zootechnische Vereniging - Annechien ten Have-Mellema (GFN, Netherlands) spoke at “Sustainable chain: opportunity or obstacle?” Apr 13 in Wageningen, Netherlands.
Old Tractors and Engines Association (Netherlands) - Annechien Ten Have-Mellema (GFN, Netherlands) hosted team antique tractor competition at family’s farm Mar 29.
2017 Open Farm Day, New Brunswick (Canada) - Joas van Oord (GFN, Canada) with Double Oord Farm, took part Sept 17.
Our Land and Water Symposium 2017 (New Zealand) - Craige Mackenzie (Board, New Zealand) presentation “Precision Agriculture and its Benefits” at event Apr 11-12 (PDF).

Philippines Agri Biotechnology Forum - Roger Navarro (GFN, Philippines) took part May 16 in “Agribiotechnology 101 - The Landscape of Agricultural Biotechnology in The Philippines” dialogue with key officials (see picture below).
Politico Agriculture & Food Summit 2017 - Sarah Singla (GFN, France) was a speaker Nov 30 in Paris, France.
The Pop-Up Farm (UK) - Ian Pigott (2014 Kleckner Award, UK) new for 2017 created to use the pumpkin patch as learning venue.
Romanian Super-Farm Trophies Gala and Super-Food of Romania - Lucian Buzdugan (GFN, Romania) received the “Career in the Service of National Agriculture” [translated] Award on Dec 12. Congratulations on the well-deserved recognition!
Southwest Agricultural Conf - Steve Larocque (GFN, Canada) spoke Jan 4-5 Univ. of Guelph Ridgetown - Ontario, Canada.
Soil Health Partnership - Jim Zimmerman (GFN-US, Wisconsin) farm joined the Soil Health Partnership (November newsletter).

St. Christophe Institute Lecture (France) - Sarah Singla (GFN, France) presented to the agro classes Mar 28.
Territorial Reordering Towards Regional Development [translated] - Maria Giraudo (2016 Kleckner Award, Argentina) spoke at public event in Sante Fe region on June 2.
Townhall Meeting with US Secretary of Agriculture Perdue - Mary Boote (GFN CEO) attended May 5 in Nevada, Iowa at farm of Bill & Nancy Couser (note - Couser’s have hosted and will host this coming year’s Global Farmer Roundtable visit).
Trade and Sustainable Development Symposium - Pam Johnson (GFN, US-Iowa) speaker at Dec 11 event organized by the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) and held alongside the WTO ministerial in Buenos Aires.
Transforming India by 2022 - V. Ravichandran (GFN Board & 2013 Kleckner Award, India) took part in meeting by the NITI Aayog Vice Chair Oct 10 in New Delhi.
Tuttofood 2017 - Giorgio Fidenato (GFN, Italy) took part in panel May 9 in Milan, “Made in Italy? Does Not Exist”.
United Nations, SDG Business Forum - Maria Giraudo (2016 Kleckner Award, Argentina) spoke at session July 18 at the UN in New York at the ‘High-Level Political Forum’ on Sustainable Development Goals. She also spoke at the Yale Club in New York on July 13 as part of the UN FAO Food and Agriculture Day.
UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS 44) - Georgina Gutierrez (GFN, Mexico), Sarah Singla (GFN, France) and Rajesh Kumar (2012 Kleckner Award, India) participated Oct 9-13 in Rome, Italy.
- CFS Takeaways from a Young Mexican Dairy Farmer - Gina Gutiérrez, Member of the Global Farmer Network and La Vida Láctea (Oct 30)


West Africa Trade & Investment Hub - Bomarts Farms, founded by Anthony Botchway (GFN, Ghana), participated at Apr 24 workshop in Accra.

WhatsApp - V. Ravichandran (GFN Board, India) has a growing Pro Agri Science’ group of farmers, scientists and others that uses WhatsApp, the cross-platform messaging service, to communicate in India.

Women in Ag Farm & Food Care Speaker Training - Cherilyn Nagel (GFN, Canada) spoke Feb 27 in Tisdale, SK, Canada.

World Climate Summit - Craig Mackenzie (GFN Board, New Zealand) on panel Nov 16 “From Farm to Fork: Fighting Climate Change with Innovations in Food Technology and Food Production” in Bonn, Germany.

World Economic Forum - V. Ravichandran (GFN Bd, India) at event Oct 4 in New Delhi, India.

World Economic Forum on Latin America - Isidro Matamoros (GFN, Honduras) and Gina Gutierrez (GFN, Mexico) took part in forums on the New Vision for Agriculture initiative Apr 5-7 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

World Economic Forum Seminar - Rosalie Ellasus (2007 Kleckner Award, Philippines) and V. Ravichandran (GFN Board, India) participated at event “Inclusive Bio-Innovation on Food and Agriculture: The Impact of Technology Democratization” in San Francisco, California July 18. Mary Boote (GFN, CEO) was also discussion leader for a breakout session.

World Food Day - PPS Pangli (GFN, India) participated at major event with 19 countries involved Nov 3-5 in New Delhi, India.

World Soil Day 2017 Celebration - Pedro Vigneau (GFN, Argentina) as president of AAPRESID (Asociación Argentina de Productores en Siembra Directa) was presented the Glinka World Soil Prize by the DG of the FAO in Rome, Italy on Dec 5. Several GFN members from Argentina are involved with AAPRESID - congratulations to everyone!