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JURISDICTIONAL NEWS



USA: New \$2 billion deal for Bayer to get out of future pesticide litigation

Following the avalanche of lawsuits from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL) patients due to their use of Roundup herbicide, and the recognition in the first 3 cases of the liability and malice of Monsanto, the company producing these glyphosate-based herbicides, Bayer, has proposed a \$11 billion settlement to resolve pending lawsuits (except for the three already tried, for which Bayer has appealed).

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PHYTOPHAR against Walloon Region: Banning pesticides is forbidden!

On January 21, 2021, Belgium's Council of State cancelled the Walloon Region's March 2017 order banning the use of glyphosate-based herbicides in the region. According to the Council of State, the ban on glyphosate-based herbicides ordered by the Walloon Region is too general and set for too long a period, which makes the order illegal.

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France: the Council of State wants to end the legal drama of the anti-pesticide orders

In two decisions handed down on December 31, 2020, the Council of State responded to the anti-pesticide orders issued by various mayors in France and thus established its position on the competence of municipalities to set and restrict the conditions of use of these products.

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France: Anti-Pesticide Activist Convicted in a SLAPP

The professionals of Bordeaux wines fear for their brand image and did not hesitate to drag Valérie Murat, spokeswoman of the NGO Alerte aux Toxiques, into a Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation (SLAPP).

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India: Pesticide poisoning in Yavatmal. Complaint to the OECD

Following the poisoning in 2017 of 51 Indian cotton farmers in the Yavatmal region (Maharashtra) by the pesticide Polo, manufactured and marketed by the Swiss company Syngenta...

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The controversial return of neonicotinoids in France

Banned since 2018, the use of neonicotinoids in French agriculture is again authorized in sugar beet fields. Following the decision of the Constitutional Council on December 10, 2020...

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Rollback of farm worker protection against pesticides challenged in court

The U.S. Department of the Environment (EPA) has made a number of legislative rollbacks and exemptions on pesticides under President Donald Trump. It has refused to ban chlorpyrifos, a pesticide suspected of damaging children's brains, allowed the herbicide dicamba to be used on GMO crops despite damage to surrounding crops due to its drift, renewed the approval of glyphosate-based herbicides despite thousands of complaints from users with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, etc.

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LEGISLATIVE NEWS



Mexico bans glyphosate and GMO corn

Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, President of Mexico, has ordered a phase-out of glyphosate-based herbicides and a ban on the cultivation of genetically modified corn. This decision is pioneering in Latin America and beyond.

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France: New framework for the use of non-agricultural pesticides

On January 15, 2021, a new order limiting the use of pesticides by local authorities was adopted by the government.

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CIVIL SOCIETY ACTIVITIES



Neonicotinoids in courts!

Justice Pesticides has produced, with the financial support of the Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament, a summary of court cases involving neonicotinoid pesticides in Europe and around the world.

Widely used since the 1980s and 1990s, neonicotinoids are extremely toxic insecticides in infinitesimal doses. In spite of their danger to the environment and living species, documented as soon as they were put on the market, it took two decades before the first prohibition measures appeared, particularly in the European Union, and they continue to be used massively on all continents, generating legal action, both by environmental associations and beekeepers to prevent their use, and by agrochemical companies to challenge their prohibition or the limits on their use.

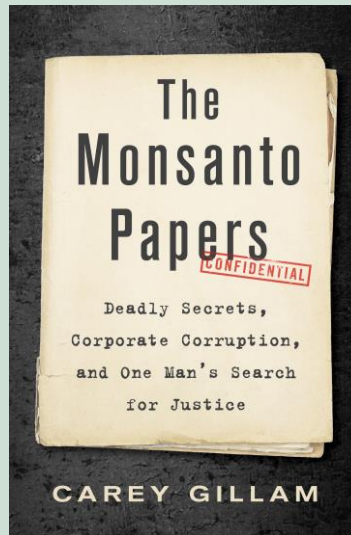
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Number of pesticide poisonings in the world revised upwards

A comprehensive study published Dec. 9, 2020, in the peer-reviewed journal BMC Public Health shows that pesticide poisonings on farms around the world have increased dramatically since the last global assessment 30 years ago.

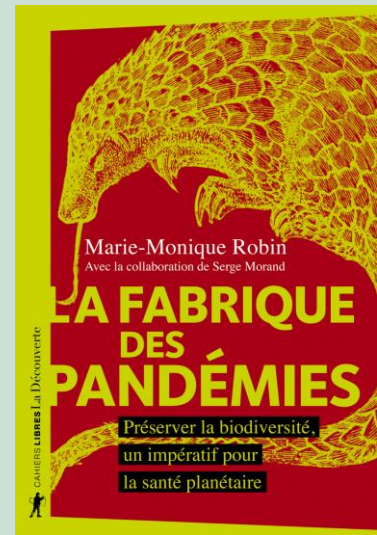
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The Monsanto Papers by Carey Gillam

American journalist and Justice Pesticides' board member Carey Gillam has just released her latest book: The Monsanto Papers - Deadly Secrets, Corporate Corruption and One Man's Search for Justice.

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La fabrique des pandémies by Marie Monique Robin

Marie-Monique Robin, French journalist, author of The World according to Monsanto and Roundup facing its judges, and Justice Pesticides' Board Member, has just published "La fabrique des pandémies".

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You can help us!

Justice Pesticides needs your help to develop its database of legal proceedings concerning pesticides around the world. This database, which is unique in the world, is a valuable source of information to help pesticide victims to claim justice that is due to them, and NGOs to appeal against the authorisations of these toxic products.

Making a donation to Justice Pesticides means also helping to define legal strategies to put an end to the poisoning of the planet and strengthening current and increasing future litigation.

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