

NEWS RELEASE -- FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Druker Speaks on GMO Risk and Illegality Sept 2

Special introduction by David Schubert, PhD, Molecular biologist and Head of Cellular Neurobiology, Salk Institute for Biological Studies

MEDIA ADVISORY -- Steven Druker Available for Interviews

In person: Sept 2, 2015, noon to 4pm, Sept 3 6:00am to 2pm or before and after the event

SAN DIEGO (Sept 1, 2015) -- Steven Druker, attorney and author of “Altered Genes, Twisted Truth” will speak at the La Mesa Community Center on Wednesday Sept. 2, with doors opening at 6:30pm and the event starting at 7pm. His talk, entitled “Why Genetically Engineered Foods Are Unacceptably Risky and Unequivocally Illegal – and Why Most People Are Utterly Unaware of It” is open to the public.

David Schubert, PhD, Molecular biologist and Head of Cellular Neurobiology, Salk Institute for Biological Studies, will provide introductory remarks. “This incisive and insightful book is truly outstanding,” Schubert said. “Not only is it well-reasoned and scientifically solid, it's a pleasure to read - and a must-read. Through its masterful marshalling of facts, it dispels the cloud of disinformation that has misled people into believing that GE foods have been adequately tested and don't entail abnormal risk.”

Druker's book is an eye-opening exposé of how genetic engineering entails human health risks that are not posed by natural plant breeding and how a large number of eminent scientists and scientific institutions have systematically misrepresented those risks. The FDA became an accomplice to the deception and enabled GE foods to come to market by covering up the warnings of its own scientists, lying about the facts, and deliberately violating federal food safety law.

Druker filed a federal case against the FDA against their policy of accepting all Genetically Modified foods as "Generally Recognized as Safe" (GRAS) and uncovered the truth behind our modified foods.

JANE GOODALL SAYS:

Druker describes how amazingly successful the biotech lobby has been -- and the extent to which the general public and government decision-makers have been hoodwinked by the clever and methodical twisting of the facts and the propagation of many myths. Moreover, it appears that a number of respected scientific institutions, as well as many eminent scientists, were complicit in this relentless spreading of disinformation.

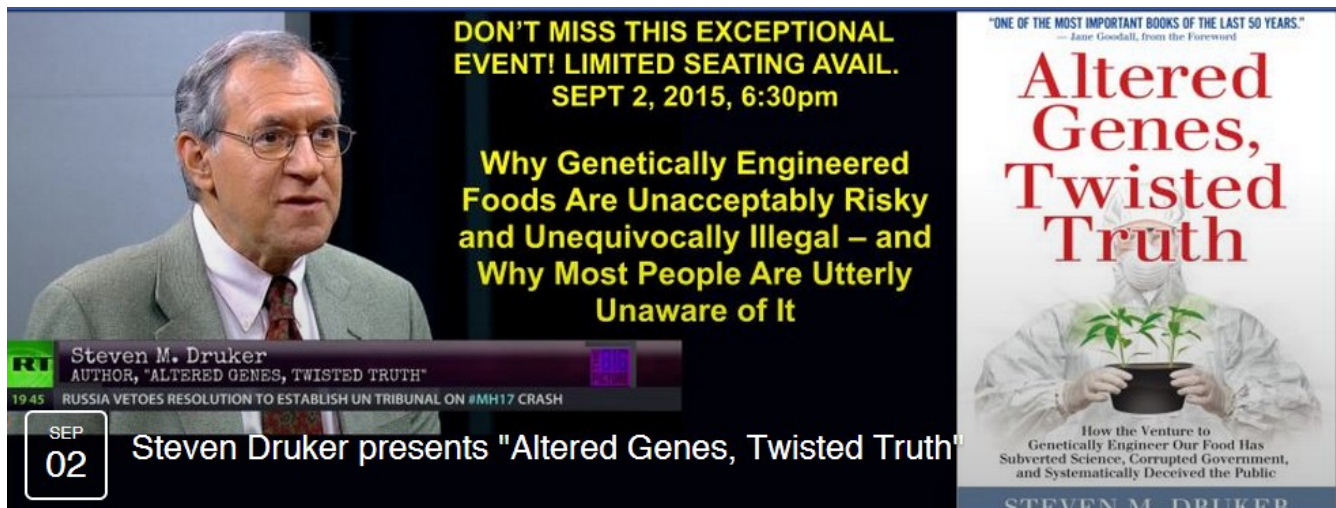
-- Jane Goodall, from the foreword of Steven Druker's book "Altered Genes, Twisted Truth"

The event is co-sponsored by Citizens Oversight, the La Mesa Foothills Democratic Club, and the March Against Monsanto San Diego (MAMSD). A march earlier this year in Balboa Park held by MAMSD had more than 1500 people protesting which also highlighted lawsuits by the City of San Diego and the Port District against Monsanto for polluting the bay. We are particularly appreciative of the La Mesa Foothills Democratic Club in providing the venue for the event.

Event organizer Ray Lutz of Citizens Oversight said, “I had heard that there was a scientific consensus

that GMO foods are safe. But when I really started to investigate, I found that these foods have no mandatory testing regimens. The FDA relies on Monsanto and other seed producers to guarantee their safety. Unfortunately, no long-term animal feeding studies are included. They rely on a 1992 policy pushed into fruition by then Vice President Dan Quayle which says that all GMO foods are inherently safe unless proven otherwise. It took us 100 years to realize that trans-fats are bad for your health. Let's not make that mistake again with GMO food. We must have mandatory robust testing for each transgenic variety.”

Attendees can RSVP at this Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1644677895801710/> or by searching for “Steven Druker presents” in Facebook. Just Click "GOING" on that event page to RSVP, but please note, this does not reserve your seat. You must arrive promptly to get a seat and to purchase your own signed copy of his excellent book!



The image is a promotional poster for an event. On the left, there is a photograph of Steven M. Druker, a man with glasses wearing a suit and tie. Below the photo is a small graphic with 'RT' and a date '19 45'. A banner at the bottom left shows 'SEP 02'. To the right of the photo, yellow text on a black background reads: 'DON'T MISS THIS EXCEPTIONAL EVENT! LIMITED SEATING AVAIL. SEPT 2, 2015, 6:30pm' and 'Why Genetically Engineered Foods Are Unacceptably Risky and Unequivocally Illegal – and Why Most People Are Utterly Unaware of It'. On the far right is the book cover for 'Altered Genes, Twisted Truth' by Steven M. Druker. The cover features a person in a white lab coat holding a small green plant in a black pot. Text on the cover includes a quote from Jane Goodall, the title in large red letters, and a subtitle: 'How the Venture to Genetically Engineer Our Food Has Subverted Science, Corrupted Government, and Systematically Deceived the Public'. The author's name 'STEVEN M. DRUKER' is at the bottom.

WHERE: 4975 Memorial Dr, La Mesa, CA 91942
WHEN: Sept 2, 2015; Gather at 6:30pm. Event starts at 7pm. Please arrive early to get a seat.
COST: \$5 donation requested; Book cost is \$25 (Incl. tax) Cash, check or Credit accepted.

PARKING

There is plenty of free parking at the Community Center. Please park in the lower lot and walk up if possible as the upper lots fill quickly.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Use the Green or Orange Trolley, Grossmont Center station. From there the #1 bus goes right to the La Mesa Community Center, in about 15 minutes; it looks shorter than that, but quick.

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EXCERPTS FROM THE BOOK COVER

This book uncovers the biggest scientific fraud of our age. It tells the fascinating and frequently astounding story of how the massive enterprise to restructure the genetic core of the world's food supply came into being, how it advanced by consistently violating the protocols of science, and how for more than three decades, hundreds of eminent biologists and esteemed institutions have systematically

contorted the truth in order to conceal the unique risks of its products and get them onto our dinner plates.

Altered Genes, Twisted Truth provides a graphic account of how this elaborate fraud was crafted and how it not only deceived the general public, but Bill Clinton, Bill Gates, Barack Obama and a host of other astute and influential individuals as well. The book also exposes how the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) was induced to become a key accomplice--and how it has broken the law and repeatedly lied in order to usher genetically engineered foods onto the market without the safety testing that's required by federal statute. As a result, for almost twenty years America's families have been regularly ingesting a group of novel products that the FDA's own scientific staff had previously determined to be unduly hazardous to human health.

By the time this gripping story comes to a close, it will be clear that the degradation of science it documents has not only been unsavory but unprecedented--and that in no other instance have so many scientists so seriously subverted the standards they were trained to uphold, misled so many people, and imposed such magnitude of risk on both human health and the health of the environment.

PRAISE FOR ALTERED GENES, TWISTED TRUTH

"A fascinating book: highly informative, eminently readable, and most enjoyable. It's a real page-turner and an eye-opener."

— Richard C. Jennings, PhD,

Dept of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge, UK

"*Altered Genes, Twisted Truth* is lucid, illuminating, and alarming. As a former New York City prosecutor, I was shocked to discover how the FDA illegally exempted GE foods from the rigorous testing mandated by federal statute. And as the mother of three young kids, I was outraged to learn how America's children are being callously exposed to experimental foods that were deemed abnormally risky by the FDA's own experts."

— Tara-Cook Littman, JD

"A great book. The evidence is comprehensive and irrefutable; the reasoning is clear and compelling. No one has documented other cases of irresponsible behavior by government regulators and the scientific establishment nearly as well as Druker documents this one."

— John Ikerd, PhD Professor Emeritus of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Missouri - Columbia

"Steven Druker's meticulously documented, well-crafted, and spellbinding narrative should serve as a clarion call to all of us."

— Stephen Naylor, PhD CEO and Chairman of MaiHealth Inc.

Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, & Pharmacology
Mayo Clinic (1991-2001)

ABOUT THE BOOK

ALTERED GENES, TWISTED TRUTH -- How the Venture to Genetically Engineer Our Food Has Subverted Science, Corrupted Government, and Systematically Deceived the Public

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STEVEN DRUKER -- BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY

Steven Druker is a public interest attorney who, as executive director of the Alliance for Bio-Integrity, initiated a lawsuit that forced the FDA to divulge its files on genetically engineered foods. This revealed that politically appointed administrators had covered up the extensive warnings of their own scientists about the unusual risks of these foods, misrepresented the facts, and then ushered these novel products onto the market in violation of explicit mandates of federal food safety law.

He is recognized as an expert on issues regarding the risks and the regulation of GE foods and has served on the food safety panels at conferences conducted by the National Research Council and the FDA. He has also lectured at numerous universities (including the Biological Laboratories at Harvard, Tel Aviv University, and the University of Copenhagen) and met with government officials world-wide, including the UK's Environmental Minister and the heads of food safety for the UK, France, Ireland, and Australia. He was also invited to confer at the White House Executive Offices with an interagency task force of President Clinton's Council on Environmental Quality.

His articles on GE food have appeared in several respected publications, including *The Congressional Quarterly Researcher*, *The Parliament Magazine*, and *The Financial Times*.

He majored in philosophy at the University of California, Berkeley, received a special award for "Outstanding Accomplishment" in that field, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in his junior year, and graduated with "Great Distinction in General Scholarship." He also attended UC Berkeley's law school, where he was elected to both the California Law Review and the Order of the Coif (the legal honor society).

His new book, *Altered Genes Twisted Truth: How the Venture to Genetically Engineer Our Food Has Subverted Science, Corrupted Government, and Systematically Deceived the Public*, was released in March with a foreword by Jane Goodall hailing it as "without doubt one of the most important books of the last 50 years." Among the other scientists who have also praised it highly are David Schubert, a professor and laboratory director at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, who has called it "incisive, insightful, and truly outstanding"; and Joseph Cummins, Professor of Genetics at Western University, London, Ontario, who has lauded it as "a landmark" that should be "required reading" in every university biology course.

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ABOUT CITIZENS OVERSIGHT

Citizens' Oversight is a 501(c)3 nonpartisan nonprofit Delaware corporation with primary offices in California. The mission of Citizens' Oversight is civic engagement. Recent projects include San Onofre Nuclear plant shutdown and related settlement and decommissioning, blocking Blackwater from setting up a 824-acre mercenary training camp in San Diego, review and oversight of elections, including the implementation of the "Snapshot Protocol" in many of the 58 counties in California.

ABOUT LA MESA FOOTHILLS DEMOCRATIC CLUB

The La Mesa-Foothills Democratic Club of the San Diego County Democratic Party has served the La Mesa, Del Cerro, San Carlos, Santee, Spring Valley, Mt. Helix and College areas for over 30 years. Meetings are held at the La Mesa Community Center, 4975 Memorial Dr., on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. With more than 250 members, the La Mesa-Foothills Democratic Club is one of the largest clubs in San Diego County.

ABOUT MARCH AGAINST MONSANTO SAN DIEGO

MAMSD has held a number of very successful marches in San Diego against Monsanto, genetically modified food (GMO) and ecologically harmful farming practices. In 2015, we had over 1500 people take part in a rally and march starting at the fountain at the Space Theater in Balboa Park. With the City of San Diego and the San Diego Port District now suing Monsanto for pollution of San Diego Bay with PCB's, the event this year garnered significant media coverage.