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**Subject:** RE: Seralini vs. Fellous Defamation Case

It seems to me we now have a precedent that any accusation that the source of funding may cause an academic to be less than objective is grounds for suit. How do we use it, or get others to use it as a weapon.

There are now several areas where legal precedent in France has headed rapidly downhill for industry- the recent liability law experiences being the other case in point.

Does industry need to convey a message that, lacking ability to have a scientific dialog without fear of libel suits, and lacking a need for reasonable proof of causation as a prerequisite for establishing liability has created an environment that is effectively impossible to operate in? If nothing else, their senior judiciary should recognize that allowing the courts to become simply an instrument for the implementation of social and political prejudice, as opposed to equal treatment under the law, is a recipe for disaster.

Dan

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**Subject:** Re: Seralini vs. Fellous Defamation Case

Eric, thanks for sharing.

Ironically, NGO's can defame EFSA panel members without problem.

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**Subject:** Seralini vs. Fellous Defamation Case

You may find the results of a recent liable case in France interesting.

The message below from Prof Fellous (French scientist) reports that the French courts have declared Prof Fellous guilty of defaming Seralini. Fellous argued that Seralini was not autonomous and impartial because he was partially funded by Greenpeace. The French courts said that such an accusation was defamatory under French law. Interestingly, several other statements made by Fellous against Seralini such as he is a 'militant' and 'selling fear to society' were not in violation of French law.

Eric

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 19, 2011 3:18 AM  
**To:** Klaus Ammann  
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subject: Chatter: trial lost!

Dear colleague

I have lost the trial against Pr Seralini .

1)Not because we claim that his "scientific" data have not been confirm by the majority of our community

2)Not because we claim that he is a militant rather a scientist

3)Not because we claim that he is selling fears in our society

4)but we where condemned because we say that being financed partly by Greenpeace he was not an autonomy scientist.That point is defamatory from the french law!!

Of course we are all disappointed but our struggle for "green biotech " will continue with your precious support

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