

Victory for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma Patients Suing Monsanto Over Weed Killer

Plans to replicate Britain's Science Media Centre in the United States are fraught with danger ¹

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"The London SMC was set up because UK scientific leaders were upset that environmentalists had successfully fought the introduction of genetically modified food; they felt that the UK media were too susceptible to environmental scare stories about new technologies.

Despite the fears of the SMC founders, the British press — led by the BBC, which treats the Confederation of British Industry with the deference the Vatican gets in Rome — is overwhelmingly conservative and pro-business in its outlook. It is quite unperturbed by the fact that SMC sponsors include AstraZeneca, BP, Coca-Cola, L'Oreal, Monsanto, Syngenta (as well as Nature Publishing Group) but not a single environmental non-governmental organization (NGO) or trade union."

Fiona Fox, the SMC's director, says that the centre operates independently of its sponsors and points out that none (except its host, the Wellcome Trust) accounts individually for more than 5% of its income. (However, examination of the Funding for 2014, the total funding from industry and trade bodies (27% from 29 Organizations) exceeds any other source of funding apart from the Government & the Wellcome Trust). She adds that no NGOs are involved because it was their public-relations skills that the founders of the SMC sought to match. But the perception that the environmental group Friends of the Earth constitutes a bigger threat to scientific truth-telling than some of the corporate names on the SMC's sponsorship list is not one the US media would accept."

The UK Science Media Centre reported on extended HPV vaccination²

'Expert reaction to JCVI statement on whether to extend the HPV vaccination programme to adolescent boys in the UK' The so called 'experts' were enthusiastic apart from a real expert on immunology, Prof Peter Openshaw, President of the British Society for Immunology, who said: *"Today's statement from the Government's Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) on HPV vaccination for boys is complex and requires careful consideration."*

Was Sarah Boseley commissioned to write an article by the SMC that was fraudulent?

How disgraced anti-vaxxer Andrew Wakefield was embraced by Trump's America³

"Twenty years after his discredited paper linked autism to the MMR jab, the doctor — who was struck off the medical register in the UK — has become a leading light in the US and frighteningly influential worldwide"

Not all of Trump's pronouncements are 'fake news'.

¹ <https://www.nature.com/news/two-nations-divided-by-a-common-purpose-1.10224?nc=1376335775294>

² <http://www.sciencemediacentre.org/expert-reaction-to-jcvi-statement-on-whether-to-extend-the-hpv-vaccination-programme-to-adolescent-boys-in-the-uk/>

³ <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2018/jul/18/how-disgraced-anti-vaxxer-andrew-wakefield-was-embraced-by-trumps-america>

Was Matthew d’Ancona commissioned to do the same?⁴

Neither reported that the GMC determination had been overturned in the British Courts.

“GMC determination cannot stand”; exoneration of scientists by Justice John Mitting⁵

The British Press and the pharmaceutical industry were in haste to brand Andrew Wakefield’s work fraudulent but never printed the exoneration by Justice John Mitting in 2012. *“In a stunning reversal, world renowned pediatric gastroenterologist Prof. John Walker-Smith won his appeal against the United Kingdom’s General Medical Council regulatory board that had ruled against both him and Andrew Wakefield for their roles in the 1998 Lancet MMR paper, which raised questions about a link to autism. The complete victory means that Walker-Smith has been returned to the status of a fully licensed physician in the UK, although he had already retired in 2001 — six years before the GMC trial even began.*

Justice John Mitting ruled on the appeal by Walker-Smith, saying that the GMC *“panel’s determination cannot stand. I therefore quash it.”* He said that its conclusions were based on *“inadequate and superficial reasoning and, in a number of instances, a wrong conclusion.”* The verdict restores Walker-Smith’s name to the medical register and his reputation to the medical community. Andrew Wakefield had gone to America.

Who wrote the *Observer* Editorial on 22 July 2018: HPV Vaccine: Life-saving jabs? It was based on incomplete information.

A review by the International Medical Council on Vaccination

by Buttram & Frompovich:⁶

Vaccines and Brain Inflammation: the effects of vaccinations on children’s brains.

In particular there was a prospective study of premature infants vaccinated and followed for three days; abnormal elevation of C-Reactive Protein (CRP)⁷ level occurred in 85% of infants administered multiple vaccines and up to 70% of those given a single vaccine. Overall, 16% of infants had vaccine-associated cardiorespiratory events within 48 hours post-immunization. Furthermore, the Pourcyrus Study noted that the DTaP vaccine⁸ was associated with the highest incidence of cardio-respiratory events in those infants given a single vaccine.⁹ They found that the adjuvants aluminium, oils (such as peanut oil) and bacterial products could be responsible for inflammation. During the Congressional Hearings on Vaccine Safety (1999-Dec. 2004) an FDA panel was repeatedly asked, *“Where are your (safety) studies?”* The panel could only reply with unsatisfactory answers such as, *“They would be very expensive.”*

⁴ <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/jul/22/snake-oil-medicine-politics-andrew-wakefield>

⁵ <http://healthimpactnews.com/2012/british-court-throws-out-conviction-of-autismvaccine-md-andrew-wakefields-co-author-completely-exonerated/>

⁶ <http://www.vaccinationcouncil.org/2011/06/01/vaccines-and-brain-inflammation/>

⁷ C-reactive protein (CRP) is produced by the liver. The level of CRP rises when there is inflammation throughout the body. It is one of a group of proteins called "acute phase reactants" that go up in response to inflammation.

⁸ DTaP: A vaccine against diphtheria, tetanus, and whooping cough (pertussis)

⁹ [http://www.ipeds.com/article/S0022-3476\(07\)00185-0/abstract](http://www.ipeds.com/article/S0022-3476(07)00185-0/abstract)

The FDA actually admits that vaccines can be linked to autism

In an interesting article about women being punished for not having their children vaccinated, Mike Adams gives a link to an article in which the FDA admits that vaccinations can be linked to autism.¹⁰ *“Adverse events reported during post-approval use of Tripedia vaccine include idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura, SIDS, anaphylactic reaction, cellulitis, autism, convulsion/grand mal convulsion, encephalopathy, hypotonia, neuropathy, somnolence and apnea. Events were included in this list because of the seriousness or frequency of reporting. Because these events are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate their frequencies or to establish a causal relationship to components of Tripedia vaccine.”*¹¹ Adams says: if it is removed from the Natural News website, the document can be found here.¹²

Adams claims that: *“Vaccines exist today not to prevent disease, but to sell more [vaccines](#). And they accomplish that by making sure their vaccines don't work. Because they know that the more their vaccines don't work, the more disease they will spread, the more panic there will be in the media, and the more parents will blindly, obediently rush out to vaccinate their children. And the cycle repeats. Vaccine 'science' is actually a marketing scheme and nothing more. It has nothing to do with real science.”*

In 2010 GSK Pandemrix vaccine was recommended for swine flu: narcolepsy was a rare complication: why did the Government underwrite it so the taxpayer has to pay the bill?

*“Reports indicate that dozens of Pandemrix victims from the UK will be awarded about \$1.5 million each in British pounds for permanent health damage caused by GSK's Pandemrix vaccine.”*¹³ *One in 16,000 people who took the vaccine, it turns out, are said to have developed narcolepsy and/or cataplexy, two neurological diseases that disrupt normal sleep patterns and muscle function.*

But rather than be held responsible, GSK is actually billing the UK government the equivalent of about \$92 million to pay for damages, which means taxpayers are footing the bill. The Work and Pensions Department (WPD) would only pay out for 60% disability.” The WPD refused to pay until a [major study](#) of four- to 18-year-olds by the Health Protection Agency found that around one in every 55,000 vaccinations was associated with narcolepsy.¹⁴

British Medical Journal questions the independence of the decision to market the Bexero vaccine

Big food, big pharma: is science for sale¹⁵

Editor's Choice: Elizabeth Loder, acting head of research *The BMJ*. *“We have grown accustomed to allegations of conflicts of interest, biased research, and manipulative marketing on the part of the drug industry. Sadly, this is not the only area where there is reason to be concerned about corporate influences on public policy. Crowcroft and colleagues examine the controversy over the UK government decision on public funding for a*

¹⁰ http://www.naturalnews.com/053469_vaccines_autism_FDA_documents.html

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http://www.naturalnews.com/053469_vaccines_autism_FDA_documents.htmlwww.fda.gov/downloads/BiologicsBloodVaccines/Vaccines/ApprovedProducts/UCM101580.pdf

¹² <https://www.naturalnews.com/files/FDA-Tripedia.pdf>

¹³ http://www.naturalnews.com/050767_swine_flu_vaccine_GlaxoSmithKline_Pandemrix.html

¹⁴ <http://www.bmj.com/content/346/bmj.f794#aff-3>

¹⁵ <http://www.bmj.com/content/350/bmj.h795>

new vaccine (Bexsero) for meningococcal disease.¹⁶ The problems they outline are all too familiar: “lobbying may have influenced the alteration” of the original decision. Links between some “vocal clinicians” and the drug industry were not disclosed. The lack of transparency makes it unsurprising that “conspiracy theories emerged, including the idea of undue influence of industry.” Crowcroft *et al* had said: “Controversy about the evidence, economics, ethics, lobbying, and decision making surrounding a new vaccine for serogroup B meningococcal disease should trigger change in the way we develop recommendations for new vaccine.”

Merck and GlaxoSmithKline (GSF) donated vaccines Gardasil and Cevaxir to prevent cervical cancer through the Gates Foundation in India that have caused illnesses and seven deaths; the trial was done without valid consent forms

Narayana Kumar, Times of India 31 August 2014: ‘Controversial vaccine studies: Why is Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation under fire from critics in India?’ “Several months after the vaccines were administered, many girls started falling ill and by 2010 five of them died in Andhra Pradesh and two died in Gujarat.¹⁷

A standing committee on health and family welfare that investigated the irregularities pertaining to the observation studies in India tabled its report a year ago, on August 30. The committee said it was “deeply shocked to find that in Andhra Pradesh out of the 9,543 [consent] forms, 1,948 forms have thumb impressions while hostel wardens have signed 2,763 forms. In Gujarat, out of the 6,217 forms 3,944 have thumb impressions and 5,454 either signed or carried thumb impressions of guardians. The data revealed that a very large number of parents or guardians are illiterate and could not even write in their local languages, Telugu or Gujarati.”

Earlier this month, taking a serious view of the death of seven tribal girls in the context of the observation studies, the Supreme Court asked the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) to explain how permissions were given.”

British Government appoints GlaxoSmithKline president as its Scientific Advisor

Patrick Vallance, president of research and development at the pharmaceutical giant GlaxoSmithKline, has been appointed as the Government’s chief scientific advisor. “GSK has suffered some high-profile setbacks in clinical trials during Dr Vallance’s tenure but leading figures in the medical world welcomed his appointment to the new public role.” “At a time when UK science needs to come together to weather the post-Brexit landscape, Patrick Vallance’s appointment recognises the opportunity we have to here in the UK to connect world leading science with cutting edge innovation from global businesses.”¹⁸

In 2016, GlaxoSmithKline was fined £37.6m by the UK competition watchdog for paying drug makers in return for delaying cheaper generic versions of Seroxat.¹⁹

¹⁶ <http://www.bmj.com/content/350/bmj.h308>

¹⁷ http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2014-08-31/news/53413161_1_hpv-vaccine-cervarix-human-papilloma-virus

¹⁸ <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/business/news/government-appoints-glaxosmithkline-executive-as-top-science-advisor-a8044621.html>

¹⁹ <http://www.theguardian.com/business/2016/feb/12/glaxosmithkline-fined-anti-competitive-behaviour-seroxat>

In 2014 China fined the British pharmaceuticals giant [GlaxoSmithKline](#) (GSK) \$488.8 million (3 billion Yuan) for a "massive bribery network" to get doctors and hospitals to use its products.²⁰

High levels of aluminium in the brain tissue in autism and familial Alzheimer's Disease: Aluminium load in babies on CDC immunization schedule

The paper Aluminium in the central nervous system (CNS): toxicity in humans and animals, vaccine adjuvants, and autoimmunity was published in 2013.²¹

In a conference in Canada in 2014, Neil Z. Miller comes up with a disturbing figure for the aluminium load in babies: *"Thus, babies who follow the CDC immunization schedule are injected with nearly 5,000 micrograms (5 milligrams) of aluminium by 18 months of age,"*²² *"Depending on their vaccine schedule, some babies may receive up to 1,475 micrograms of aluminium at their 12 or 15 month visit, which happens to be right around the age that most parents and doctors first notice the onset of autism symptoms."*

Prof Exley's team from Keele University published two papers in 2017 about aluminium. Aluminium in brain tissue in autism in which samples from 5 donors from the Oxford Brain Bank had aluminium levels measured.²³ *"We have made the first measurements of aluminium in brain tissue in Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). We have shown that the brain aluminium content is extraordinarily high. We have identified aluminium in brain tissue as both extracellular and intracellular with the latter involving both neurones and non-neuronal cells. The presence of aluminium in inflammatory cells in the meninges, vasculature, grey and white matter is a standout observation and could implicate aluminium in the aetiology of ASD."*

Aluminium in brain tissue in familial Alzheimer's disease²⁴ *"The brain is a highly compartmentalized organ exceptionally susceptible to accumulation of metabolic errors. Alzheimer's disease (AD) is the most prevalent neurodegenerative disease of the elderly and is characterized by regional specificity of neural aberrations associated with higher cognitive functions. Aluminium (Al) is the most abundant neurotoxic metal on earth, widely bioavailable to humans and repeatedly shown to accumulate in AD-susceptible neuronal foci. Misconceptions about Al bioavailability may have misled scientists regarding the significance of Al in the pathogenesis of AD. The hypothesis that Al significantly contributes to AD is built upon very solid experimental evidence and should not be dismissed. Immediate steps should be taken to lessen human exposure to Al, which may be the single most aggravating and avoidable factor related to AD."*

"The Guardian is editorially independent. This is important because it enables us to challenge the powerful, and hold them to account – free from the influence of billionaire owners, politicians or shareholders." But not from the influence of corporations.

²⁰ <https://abcnews.go.com/International/glaxosmithkline-gsk-fined-4888-million-massive-bribery-network/story?id=25624684>

²¹ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23609067>

²² http://www.whale.to/vaccine/Aluminum_in_Vaccines.pdf

²³ <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0946672X17308763>

²⁴ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21157018>

Victory for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma Patients Suing Monsanto Over Weed Killer²⁵

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Our team at Milestone is cheering for our friend and [Women En Mass](#) founder Aimee Wagstaff, who serves as co-lead counsel of the national Monsanto Roundup litigation. On July 10, The Honorable Vince Chhabria ruled that the plaintiffs in the case offered reliable scientific evidence that exposure to Monsanto's Roundup weedkiller can cause cancer. In effect, Judge Chhabria denied Monsanto's requests to dismiss the case. This is a huge victory nationwide for people harmed by Roundup exposure.

Thousands of people have filed lawsuits against Monsanto with complaints that Roundup exposure caused Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a blood borne cancer. The lawsuits filed in Federal Courts were consolidated before Judge Chhabria in the U.S. District Court of Northern California. The pre-trial proceedings involved the Court's obligation to act as a gatekeeper to ensure that expert testimony offered at trial is founded upon sound scientific methodology. In his ruling, Judge Chhabria declared that the testimony meets these requirements, and certain testimony that Roundup can cause Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma would be allowed to go to the jury in future trials.

"Today's ruling marks a significant victory in the fight for justice on behalf of our clients who were injured by exposure to Roundup," Wagstaff said in a [press release](#). "We look forward to our day in court and the opportunity to hold Monsanto accountable."

The Monsanto Roundup litigation is formally titled *In re: Roundup Products Liability Litigation* (MDL 2741). Lead counsel for the plaintiffs include Aimee Wagstaff of Andrus Wagstaff, Robin Greenwald of Weitz and Luxenberg, and Mike Miller of the Miller Law Firm. Additional lawsuits filed in State Courts are following independent tracks to trial.

Victories like these exemplify how our civil justice system provides Americans with an effective means to seek justice from negligent corporations that might otherwise be too powerful for one person to fight alone.

In the UK there were 13,605 new cases of Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma in 2015 (and 4,920 deaths in 2016).²⁶

There were 46,388 new cases of lung cancer in 2015 (and 35,620 deaths in 2016); 41,804 new cases of bowel cancer in 2015 (and 16,384 deaths in 2016); 12,547 new cases of kidney cancer in 2015 (and 4,619 deaths in 2016); 5,736 new cases of liver cancer in 2015 (5,417 deaths in 2016); 15,906 new cases of melanoma in 2015 (2,285 deaths in 2016); 3,528 new cases of thyroid cancer in 2015 (382 deaths in 2016); 10,171 new cases of bladder cancer in 2015 (5,383 deaths in 2016); 8,984 new cases of uterine cancer in 2015 (2,360 deaths in 2016); 7,270 cases of ovarian cancer in 2015 (4,227 deaths in 2016); 9,900 new cases of leukaemia in 2015 (4,712 deaths in 2016); 55,122 new cases of invasive breast cancer in 2015 (11,563 deaths in 2016); 47,151 new cases of prostate cancer in 2015 (11,631 deaths in 2016); 9,211 new cases of oesophageal cancer in 2015 (8,004 deaths in 2016) and 5,540 new cases of myeloma in 2015 (3,079 deaths in 2016); 2,288 new cases of testicular cancer in 2015 (57 deaths in 2016); 9,921 new cases of pancreatic cancer in 2015 (9,263 deaths in 2016); 11,432 new cases of brain cancer in 2015 (5,250 deaths in 2016). In the US in 2014 there were 24,050 new cases of myeloma.

²⁵ <https://milestone.legalexaminer.com/legal/defective-dangerous-products/victory-for-non-hodgkins-lymphoma-patients-suing-monsanto-over-weed-killer/>

²⁶ <https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/health-professional/cancer-statistics/statistics-by-cancer-type/non-hodgkin-lymphoma>

Each year there are steady increases in the numbers of new cancers, and increases in deaths from the same cancers, with no treatments making any difference to the numbers.

Cancer Research UK: former Chairman of Cancer Research UK worked for the Agrochemical Industry²⁷

Michael Pragnell (CBE, awarded in 2016 for services to cancer) former Chairman of Cancer Research UK was founder of Syngenta and former Chairman of CropLife International. It was formed in 2001 from BASF, Bayer, Dow, DuPont, FMC Corp, Monsanto, Sumitomo and Syngenta. The CRUK website says that there is no convincing evidence that pesticides cause cancer. Instead CRUK, the CMO and PHE link cancer to 'lifestyle choices' alcohol, obesity and smoking. They blame the public, but corporations are responsible.

Cancer Research UK figures for 2014 (that don't seem to have been published by the Corporate Media) shows the huge numbers of cancers that are killing people in the UK.

On December 12 2017 the Commission renewed the licence for glyphosate for 5 years

Franziska Achterberg Greenpeace EU food policy director said: *"The Commission is trying to ram through a new glyphosate licence despite massive scandals surrounding its main maker and the EU's own risk assessment. A new licence is a new licence, regardless of its length. If the Commission continues to allow this toxic chemical to contaminate our soils, water, food and bodies, it is simply rewarding Monsanto for obscuring the dangers linked to its weedkiller. The EU needs to ban it now, not in three, five or ten more years.*

Since early 2016, the Commission has backed an unrestricted EU licence for glyphosate. On six occasions it failed to garner sufficient support for its proposal from European governments (on 8 March 2016, 19 May 2016, 6 June 2016, 24 June 2016 and 25 October 2017)".²⁸

ECHA's harmonised classification for glyphosate: the EU Commission renewed the licence on the basis that ECHA said glyphosate wasn't a carcinogen, but omitted the other classifications

"ECHA's Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) agrees to maintain the current harmonised classification of glyphosate as a substance causing serious eye damage and being toxic to aquatic life with long-lasting effects. RAC concluded that the available scientific evidence did not meet the criteria to classify glyphosate as a carcinogen, as a mutagen or as toxic for reproduction."

The Final version of the commission proposal²⁹ states: *"In its opinion, the Committee for Risk Assessment of the Agency (European Chemicals Agency) concluded by consensus that on the basis of the information currently available, no hazard classification for carcinogenicity is justified for glyphosate."* The omission of the full classification would appear to be intentionally fraudulent.³⁰

²⁷ https://www.vinci.com/vinci.nsf/en/management-board-directors/pages/michael_pragnell.htm

²⁸ <http://www.greenpeace.org/eu-unit/en/News/2017/EU-governments-reject-Commission-push-for-glyphosate/>

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https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/plant/docs/pesticides_glyphosate_commission_proposal_final_version.pdf

³⁰ <https://echa.europa.eu/-/glyphosate-not-classified-as-a-carcinogen-by-echa>

Monsanto scientists, EFSA and the UK SMC rallied to dismiss the Séralini study as fraudulent and it went largely unreported by the British Media

In September 2012 Prof Gilles-Eric Séralini and his team (France) published a 2-year rat feeding study with GMO Roundup®-tolerant maize and Roundup®. This diet provoked chronic hormone and sex dependent pathologies in rats; males developed tumours at 4 months and females at 7 months.

Highlights: *“A Roundup®-tolerant maize and Roundup® provoked chronic hormone and sex dependent pathologies. Female mortality was 2–3 times increased mostly due to large mammary tumours and disabled pituitary. Males had liver congestion, necrosis, severe kidney nephropathies and large palpable tumours. This may be due to an endocrine disruption linked to Roundup® and a new metabolism due to the transgene. GMOs and formulated pesticides must be evaluated by long term studies to measure toxic effects.”*

The Industry-financed UK Science Media Centre and EFSA pronounced the Séralini study as fraudulent.³¹

Professor Gilles-Eric Séralini won an award for his rat feeding studies on GMOs, glyphosate and tumours. He was a driving force behind the International Monsanto Tribunal (see page 9)

On 16 October 2015 Prof Gilles-Eric Séralini was awarded Whistleblower of the Year by German Scientists for his work on GMOs and Glyphosate.³² Citation: *“He was the first to publish animal test results demonstrating the toxic and carcinogenic properties of the most commonly used herbicide worldwide, the glyphosate-based “Roundup” by carrying out a two-year feeding test on rats. After the research was published, Prof Séralini was attacked by a vehement campaign by ‘interested circles’ from the chemical industry as well as the industry-financed British Science Media Centre.*

A new Report by the Human Rights Council on the Right to Food³³

The Report presented to the UN human rights council on 08/03/2017 is severely critical of the global corporations that manufacture pesticides, accusing them of the “*systematic denial of harms*”, “*aggressive, unethical marketing tactics*” and heavy lobbying of governments which has “*obstructed reforms and paralysed global pesticide restrictions*”. The Report says: “*excessive use of pesticides is very dangerous to human health, to the environment and it is misleading to claim they are vital to ensuring food security.*” ***Chronic exposure to pesticides has been linked to cancer, Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s diseases, hormone disruption, developmental disorders and sterility. The experts say the use of neonicotinoid pesticides is particularly worrying because they are accused of being responsible for a systematic collapse in the number of bees around the world. For example, heavy use of these insecticides has been blamed for the 50 per cent decline over 25 years in honeybee populations in both the United States and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Such a collapse, they say, threatens the very basis of agriculture as 71% of crop species are bee-pollinated.***

The UN expert on Toxics Baskut Tuncak wrote in the *Guardian* on 06/11/2017: The EU and glyphosate: it's time to put children's health before pesticides³⁴

“Our children are growing up exposed to a toxic cocktail of weedkillers, insecticides, and fungicides. It’s on their food and in their water, and it’s even doused over their parks and

³¹ http://www.sciencemediacentre.org/pages/press_releases/12-09-19_gm_maize_rats_tumours.htm

³² https://neu.vdw-ev.de/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Presseinformation-Whistleblower-Preisverleihung-2015_150917_eng.pdf

³³ <http://www.refworld.org/docid/58ad94584.html>

³⁴ <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2017/nov/06/the-eu-and-glyphosate-its-time-to-put-childrens-health-before-pesticides>

playgrounds. *The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the most ratified international human rights treaty in the world (only the US is not a party), makes it clear that states have an explicit obligation to protect children from exposure to toxic chemicals, from contaminated food and polluted water, and to ensure that every child can realise their right to the highest attainable standard of health. These and many other rights of the child are abused by the current pesticide regime. These chemicals are everywhere and they are invisible. The only way to protect citizens, especially those disproportionately at risk from exposure, is for governments to regulate them effectively, in large part by adhering to the highest standards of scientific integrity.*

Summary of the advisory opinion of the International Monsanto Tribunal ³⁵

Delivered on the 18th of April 2017 in The Hague, Netherlands

The International Monsanto Tribunal is a unique "Opinion Tribunal" convened by civil society to clarify the legal obligations and consequences of some of the activities of the Monsanto Company. In brief: the five judges of the Monsanto Tribunal agree that:

- **Monsanto has violated human rights to food, health, a healthy environment and the freedom indispensable for independent scientific research.**
- **'ecocide' should be recognized as a crime in international law.**
- **human rights and environmental laws are undermined by corporate-friendly trade and investment regulation.**

Rosemary Mason 23 July 2018

³⁵ http://www.monsanto-tribunal.org/upload/asset_cache/1016160509.pdf