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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

The SINER-GI project supported by the European Commission under the FP6 and by Switzerland is coming to end. Main scientific project on geographical indications and their role in rural development in recent years in Europe, it has been carried out by 11 research teams from several universities and R&D institutes and it has involved an international network of researchers to deepen knowledge about the opportunities and difficulties of establishing GI systems in countries without this tradition. It has also helped to develop a number of partnerships with GI stakeholders, including the drafting of a strategic guide for GI initiatives designed with FAO.

The SINER-GI project organizes its final conference in Geneva, where the international fora of negotiations on GIs are located, in order to share the results and perspectives with a public dealing with GIs in the political field. The final conference is also an opportunity to demonstrate the vitality of research on the GI, which will be presented at a scientific session on the June 24 morning. The two events are open to public.

We are pleased to invite you to attend the presentation of SINERGI project results and to exchange views with researchers and stakeholders on issues of GI development and role..

Please find attached the detailed program of the final conference and scientific meeting and the registration form. Please return your registration before June 17.

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