



## **FROZEN SEEDS IN A FROZEN MOUNTAIN** *Feeding a Warming World*

***Svalbard, February 25th-27th, 2009***

On the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2008, the Svalbard Global Seed Vault opened its doors, and one of the world's most fascinating and ambitious projects to conserve the future of our food supply was underway. To huge media attention, over 100 thousands seeds were placed in the Vault that day, since joined by another 300 thousands.

Crop diversity is the natural biological foundation of every meal eaten every day, everywhere. This first anniversary event will draw leading figures from the many spheres of influence with which crop diversity intersects, to examine how these frozen seeds lie at the heart of our response to the challenges facing our food supply, particularly as our climate changes, and to explore why this unique and irreplaceable resource is still at risk.

### **February 25<sup>th</sup>**

**1730**      **Visit to Svalbard Museum**

**Guided tour**    *-The Svalbard Museum*

**1830**      **Welcome reception and Arctic Buffet Supper**

Hosted by Political Adviser *Ane Hansdatter Kismul*,  
Ministry of Agriculture and Food

*-The University Centre in Svalbard (UNIS) (same  
building as the Svalbard Museum)*

### **February 26<sup>th</sup>**

**0900-0930**      **Welcome Address** *-The University Centre in Svalbard (UNIS)*  
*Lars Peder Brekk, Minister of Agriculture and Food*

**0930-1130**      **Session I**      *-The University Centre in Svalbard (UNIS)*  
Chaired by *Per Harald Grue*

Crop diversity – what is it, why it matters,  
and why it's at risk? *Cary Fowler*  
Climate change – new timelines! *David Battisti*  
Freezing seeds – a humanitarian issue?  
*MS Swaminathan*

- 1200**                    **One Year Anniversary Ceremony Svalbard Global Seed Vault**                    *-Inside the Seed Vault*
- 1500-1800**           **Session III**                    *-Radisson SAS Polar Hotel*  
                               *Chaired by Per Pinstrup Anderson*
- Food and climate - its impacts, our food supply  
*David Lobell*  
 Crop diversity - Where development, environment  
 and agriculture need to meet  
*Alexander Müller*
- Roundtable discussion**  
*Emile Frison, Lawrent Pungulani, Jørgen Randers, Mark  
 Cackler, Ingeborg Gjørsum, Suman Sahai*
- 2000**                    **Dinner**    hosted by Minister Lars Peder Brekk - *Huset*  
                               Dinner talk: Crop diversity and a new political  
                               agenda - Yes We Can!    *Frank Loy*

## **February 27<sup>th</sup>**

- 0900-1130**           **Session III**    *-Conference Room, Radisson SAS Polar Hotel,*  
                               *Chaired by Peter Johan Schei*
- The politics of urgency - the challenges of addressing  
 future crises today  
 A development agency perspective: *Sir Gordon Conway*  
 Private sector/public goods: *Sam Dryden*
- Roundtable discussion**  
*Nina Federoff, Roberto Rodrigues*
- Conclusions**
- Concluding remarks:**  
*Lars Peder Brekk*