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Michael K. Hansen Ph.D., a Research Associate with the Consumer Policy Institute, a division of Consumers Union (publisher of *Consumer Reports* magazine), currently works on biotechnology issues. He is the author of *Biotechnology and Milk: Benefit or Threat?*, published in 1990. He has been largely responsible for developing CU positions on safety, testing and labeling of genetically engineered food. Dr. Hansen has testified at hearings in Washington, D.C., many states, and Canada, and has prepared comments on various proposed U.S. governmental rules and regulations on biotechnology issues. He has been quoted widely in national media on safety of genetically engineered foods. He served on a Biotechnology Advisory Committee set up to advise the CGIAR (Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research) on biotechnology issues for the public sector International Agricultural Research Centers (IARCs). Dr. Hansen served as an international expert in 1998 to the FAO/WHO Joint Expert Committee on Food Additives. During 1999 he has traveled extensively in South Asia and the US as an invited expert on potential human health and environmental concerns related to genetically engineered crops.

In addition to the work outlined above, Dr. Hansen has also written reports for the Consumer Policy Institute and Consumers Union on household pest control, alternatives to agricultural pesticides in developing countries, and the pesticide and agriculture policies of the World Bank and the UN Food and Agriculture Organization.

Dr. Hansen received his undergraduate degree with Highest Distinction from Northwestern University and his doctorate in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from the University of Michigan. He did post-graduate study at the University of Kentucky on the impacts of biotechnology on agricultural research.