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Category	Winner	Citation	Runner-Up	Citation
WORST NATIONAL BEHAVIOR	Australia	For over 118 dubious claims and possible piracies – and for refusing to address its intellectual "meltdown"	United States	For Government claims on human cell lines and its misbegotten International Cooperative Biodiversity Group (ICBG) bioprospecting programme.
WORST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION	Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)	For their arrogant disregard for the Human Rights of marginalized rural innovators	World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)	For manufacturing the myth that the poor can benefit from intellectual property regimes.
WORST ANTI-FOOD SECURITY	Prince Hans Adam II of Liechtenstein	For endangering the livelihoods of millions of Asian farmers. The audacious patent on Basmati rice given to the Prince's company, RiceTec, usurps the Basmati name and involves farmers' varieties from India and Pakistan. The claim extends to Basmati grown anywhere in the Western Hemisphere!	Appropriate Engineering & Manufacturing Ltd.	For patenting the "popping bean," which is part of Andean culture and a staple crop. The claim extends to 33 varieties of the bean, many of which are designated by the FAO as "in trust." The patent covers the popping trait developed in the Andes.
GREEDIEST	POD-NERS LLC.	For suing Mexican bean exporters, claiming that yellow beans grown for generations by Mexican farmers infringe the company's monopoly patent!	University of Wisconsin	For patenting super sweet genes extracted from the berries of a traditional West African plant (brazzian), without recognition or reward for the origin or inspiration. Engineered products could undercut markets for traditional sugar producers.
MOST OFFENSIVE	Loren Miller	For patenting the sacred Ayahuasca medicinal plant from the Amazon.	L'Oreal	For patenting the use of Kava to reduce hair loss, a plant grown and used in many Pacific countries, and the source of a ceremonial beverage.
MOST DANGEROUS	US Government	For patenting the human cell line of a Hagahai man from Papua New Guinea	US Government	For strong-arming the South into accepting the WTO TRIPS chapter and attempting to broaden the scope of this chapter.
WORST CORPORATE OFFENDER	deCode Genetics	For winning exclusive rights to commercially exploit the genetic information of Iceland's 270,000 inhabitants. DeCode has a US\$200 million deal with Hoffman-LaRoche to identify "disease genes" derived from the DNA of Icelanders.	Monsanto	Just because... and for first opposing Agracetus' species-wide patent on all genetically engineered soybeans, and then defending the patent after acquiring Agracetus Co. The patent challenge is still pending in Europe.