

SYNGENTA AG  
Form 6-K  
March 03, 2005

---

---

**FORM 6-K**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Report of Foreign Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16**  
**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of March 2005

Commission File Number: 001-15152

**SYNGENTA AG**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**Schwarzwaldallee 215**  
**4058 Basel**  
**Switzerland**

(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

Form 20-F X                      Form 40-F   

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(1):

Yes                                         No X

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(7):

Yes                                         No X

Indicate by check mark whether by furnishing the information contained in this Form, the Registrant is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934:

Yes                                         No X

If    Yes is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): N/A

Re: SYNGENTA AG

Press Release: Syngenta receives intellectual property protection for corn herbicide in China

Filed herewith is a press release related to Syngenta AG. The full text of the press release follows:

# # #

---

Item 1

**Syngenta International AG**

Media Office

CH-4002 Basel

Switzerland

Telephone: +41 61 323 23 23

Fax: +41 61 323 24 24

[www.syngenta.com](http://www.syngenta.com)

**Media Release**

## **Syngenta receives intellectual property protection for corn herbicide in China**

**Basel, Switzerland, 3 March 2005**

Syngenta announced today that it has received Administrative Protection for its chemical compound *mesotrione* from the Chinese National Development and Reform Commission. The protection gives Syngenta exclusive rights to manufacture and sell *mesotrione* in China. *Mesotrione* is the active ingredient in the fast growing CALLISTO® range, a market leader in corn herbicides, launched in 2001.

Administrative Protection is a transitional intellectual property right granted consistent with China's obligations under the World Trade Organization's agreement on intellectual property (TRIPS). It was introduced in China in 1992 and enables protection of agrochemical compounds which were previously unpatentable. Syngenta currently has nine compounds under Administrative Protection in China.

"The protection for *mesotrione* is a significant achievement and will enhance the development of CALLISTO® products particularly in important Asian markets," said John Atkin, Chief Operating Officer of Syngenta Crop Protection. "It underpins the support for patent and intellectual property protection of chemical compounds in China."

The CALLISTO® range of selective herbicides provides unprecedented broadleaf weed control, an outstanding environmental profile and excellent crop safety.

Syngenta is a world-leading agribusiness committed to sustainable agriculture through innovative research and technology. The company is a leader in crop protection, and ranks third in the

## Edgar Filing: SYNGENTA AG - Form 6-K

high-value commercial seeds market. Sales in 2004 were approximately \$7.3 billion. Syngenta employs some 19,000 people in over 90 countries. Syngenta is listed on the Swiss stock exchange (SYNN) and in New York (SYT). Further information is available at [www.syngenta.com](http://www.syngenta.com).

Media Enquiries:     Switzerland: Markus Payer     Tel: +41 (61) 323 2323  
                                  USA: Sarah Hull             Tel: +1 (202) 347 8348

Analysts/Investors:   Switzerland: Jonathan Seabrook   Tel: +41 (61) 323 7502  
  Jennifer Gough     Tel: +41 (61) 323 5059  
                                  USA: Rhonda Chiger     Tel: +1 (917) 322 2569

### **Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

---

This document contains forward-looking statements, which can be identified by terminology such as "expect", "would", "will", "potential", "plans", "prospects", "estimated", "aiming", "on track" and similar expressions. Such statements may be subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause the actual results to differ materially from these statements. We refer you to Syngenta's publicly available filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for information about these and other risks and uncertainties. Syngenta assumes no obligation to update forward-looking statements to reflect actual results, changed assumptions or other factors. This document does not constitute, or form part of, any offer or invitation to sell or issue, or any solicitation of any offer, to purchase or subscribe for any ordinary shares in Syngenta AG, or Syngenta ADSs, nor shall it form the basis of, or be relied on in connection with, any contract therefor.

Syngenta □ 3 March 2005 / Page 1 of 1

---

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

SYNGENTA AG

Date: March 3, 2005

By: /s/ Christoph Mäder

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Christoph Mäder  
Title: General Counsel

By: /s/ Daniel Michaelis

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Daniel Michaelis  
Title: Senior Corporate Counsel