ILSI Europe’s Annual Symposium 2017: Welcome

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What is ILSI

• ILSI is a multi-branch non-profit, worldwide organization whose mission is to provide science that improves human health and well-being and safeguards the environment
• ILSI Europe is a branch of ILSI
• We build multi-stakeholder science-based solutions for a sustainable and healthier world
  • We foster collaboration between relevant stakeholders;
  • We identify existing and emerging challenges in food, nutrition and health and facilitate proactive practical solutions;
  • We communicate and disseminate our scientific output widely;
  • Our way of working is designed to deliver science of the highest quality and integrity.
ILSI Europe in numbers

Partner in 4 EU-funded projects

Dissemination to a network of 7,300 stakeholders

428 publications, almost 22,000 citations, hirsch-index of 80

20 task forces, 47 expert groups and 4 activity proposals under review

Portfolio organised around 6 overarching fundamental themes

More than 800 scientists in our expert groups and EU projects

57 member companies in 2016

18 Staff
Structure of ILSI Europe

- General Assembly
  - All member companies equally represented
- Nomination Committee
  - 6 members
  - ≥ 50% academic members
- Board of Directors
  - 20 members
  - ≥ 50% academic members
- Scientific Advisory Committee
  - 20 members
  - > 50% academic members
- Task Forces
  - Expert Groups
  - 20
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  - 47
- Task Forces
  - Expert Groups
- ILSI Europe Staff
The Scientific Advisory Committee

• Reviews and endorses the overall scientific programme of ILSI Europe, including the new activities with respect to their scientific validity, coherence within ILSI Europe’s programme, feasibility and urgency of the issues;

• Monitors the composition of expert groups and task forces, including the appointment of Co-Chairs and scientific advisors, to ensure scientific integrity;

• Reviews and provides scientific guidance to the task forces and expert groups;

• Identifies emerging issues to be dealt with by ILSI Europe;

• Advises the Board of Directors on scientific matters.
Emerging issues process

- Survey of over 1100 stakeholders in public and private sectors
- Prioritise and short-list based on:
  - Is the issue consistent with ILSI Europe’s mission/remit and can ILSI Europe make a difference?
  - Potential of collaboration within One ILSI?
  - New issue covering gaps in ILSI Europe programme, i.e. issue not already covered by ILSI Europe activities?
  - Topic actionable?
  - Topic having potential for high impact?
Identification of emerging issues

- Consumer Behaviour Determinants
  - New Activity on Nudging and Sustainable Changes Towards Healthier Food Choices launched in Dec 2016
- Big Data Analysis
- Food Waste
Identification on portfolio gaps by SAC

• Establishment of a Task Force on New Approaches to Chemical Risk Assessment for Food & Food Ingredients
  • Expert Group on Exploitation of ToxCast Data on Food Chemicals for Safety Assessment
Meeting the needs of a wider stakeholder group

• 6th International Symposium on Food Packaging, 16-18 November 2016, Barcelona, Spain
  • Attended by 320 participants
• Task Force on Alternatives to Animal Testing in Food Safety, Nutrition & Efficacy Studies
  • Through an holistic approach, identify existing approaches that can be applied to the current regulatory frameworks, that continue to address the scientific question at hand, whilst avoiding the use of animals
  • Develop case studies across the fields of food safety, nutrition and efficacy studies to illustrate the approach
Also upcoming

• Ageing Brain and Nutrition
  • An ongoing multi-branch collaboration, in which ISLI Europe plays a pivotal role
• Potential new activity on “Food authenticity/Food fraud”
• New inter-branch activity on “Nutrient Density” led by ILSI Europe
• Two workshops:
  • Dietary sweetness – Is it an issue? (3-4 April, 2017)
  • Identifying preferred approaches for quantifying the health and economic impact of modifying nutrient intakes (6-7 April, 2017)
• IAFP European Symposium on Food Safety (29-31 March, 2017)
  • How to exploit omics data on pathogen behaviour in microbiological risk assessment: An update on the current research
  • Foodborne viruses: Detection, risk assessment, and control options in food processing