

International Life Sciences Institute Suspends ILSI Mexico's Charter



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The International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI) suspends its affiliation with ILSI Mexico for violating ILSI's Code of Ethics and Standards of Organizational Conduct

ILSI has suspended its affiliation with ILSI Mexico for engaging in activities that can be construed to be policy advocacy and/or public relations efforts to influence policy. ILSI Mexico has been directed to cease all activities until further notice, including the use of "ILSI," "International Life Sciences Institute," and all translations or variations on those names, and to stop using ILSI's logo.

For 37 years, ILSI has been a leader in forging global, public-private partnerships on science with the express purpose of making the world a safer, healthier place. ILSI assembles leading academic and government researchers who partner with their industry counterparts to anticipate questions, summarize what we know, and describe gaps in our understanding of the scientific evidence. We use the funding our industry members grant us to create a neutral forum where all parties can work together on science that ultimately helps improve human and environmental health.

ILSI actively seeks input from academia, government, industry, and other sectors of society in the belief that differing perspectives enrich the scientific process. Out of respect for all partners involved in our work and in the true spirit of public-private partnerships, ILSI has maintained,

since its inception, a strict policy precluding any activities related to lobbying or advocacy for/or against specific legislation or regulatory decisions. We make no exceptions to this rule, and all ILSI affiliates worldwide must adhere to it.

ILSI also has high standards of conduct relating to transparency. We require researchers, speakers, and authors with whom we work to declare conflicts of financial interest and other bias. We require all financial support for all activities to be declared.

One of ILSI's greatest strengths is our international network of affiliated branches, in which experts in a variety of disciplines can collaborate on science and health topics at the local, regional, and global level. We are proud of this network's reputation for being able to mobilize human and financial resources to study and resolve health and science concerns of common interest to all members of society in a neutral and transparent manner.

We've taken the unprecedented step of suspending our affiliation with ILSI Mexico to reassure all of our supporting member companies, public trustees and scientific advisors, research partners, and the scientific community at large that this reputation is deserved.

Over the course of the next couple of months, ILSI will be working with ILSI Mexico's leadership to implement a series of steps designed to ensure ILSI Mexico's future activities conform to the principles set by ILSI Code of Ethics and embrace spirit in which they were written. The ILSI Board of Trustees will reconsider ILSI Mexico's status after monitoring progress to achieve the high standards ILSI demands.

ILSI believes researchers from the public and private sectors can and should work together on science in an open and transparent manner. For this reason, ILSI maintains and enforces strict standards of conduct to ensure trust and foster collaboration.

RESOURCES

ILSI website

www.ilsi.org/Pages/Mission.aspx

Code of Ethics

www.ilsi.org/Documents/ILSICodeofEthicsSofC2009.pdf

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