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HESI Board of Trustees set the tone for a productive and strategic new year in sessions held in conjunction with the ILSI Annual Meeting (January 22-24, 2012 Phoenix, Arizona). Draft minutes here

<http://www.hesiglobal.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3586>. ILSI is a vibrant global organization - this meeting allows the HESI Board and staff to network with other ILSI branches, members, and thought-leaders from around the world. The meeting also yielded some important changes for HESI:

- **New HESI Strategic Plan and Mission/ Vision Statement Approved!** The language developed by the Assembly in June 2011 is now final. Check it out under What's New at www.hesiglobal.org
- **Revised HESI by-laws to more fully codify our commitment to public-private leadership and program execution.** These changes further reinforce the organization's commitment to balance and scientific integrity. Contact spettit@hesiglobal.org for more details.

Look For Us: HESI science to be featured at SOT (March 2012), EuroTox (June 2012), Japan SOT (July 2012)...and that's just a start.

New in Print: HESI's 2011 Annual Report now available! <http://www.hesiglobal.org/>. Also, kudos to the **HESI Bioaccumulation Committee on SIX new papers** on Lab-Field Bioaccumulation available in the January 2012 issue of Integrated Environmental Assessment and Management (IEAM). Available as free downloads for the next year - <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/ieam.v8.1/issuetoc>

Other News: Congratulations to Dr. Sam Cohen, U. Nebraska Medical Center, HESI Board member, on his election as Chair of the ILSI Board of Trustees as of January 2012. The ILSI BOT includes representatives from all the ILSI branches and oversees the organization's global portfolio of diverse scientific programs.

Save the Date – HESI will hold its first Annual Meeting in Europe from June 12-14, 2012 in Prague, Czech Republic. Details on registration and the agenda will be available on the HESI website by mid-February. The meeting is open to all –we look forward to seeing you there. Important reasons to be part of this meeting include:

- Scientific session on the RISK21 program;
- Keynote lecture from the Executive Director of the Innovative Medicines Initiative;
- Presentation of new Emerging Issues Proposals;
- Discussions of new strategic directions for HESI;
- A mini-symposium on drug safety assessment - *still in the works, stay tuned*;
- HESI Board, Assembly, and Emerging Issues Committee meetings; and
- **A great opportunity to help shape HESI's robust scientific programs and network with outstanding scientists from around the world.**

Have a science issue in need of HESI's collaborative approach and program expertise? We are always seeking new areas of science to address and have many mechanisms to help get projects off the ground. Contact the Executive Director for more information!

From the Executive Director: *As I begin my first full year in this role, I am energized to work with all of you and to build on our organization's strengths. Don't hesitate to contact me with your ideas, challenges, and questions. spettit@hesiglobal.org*