



## ILSI Health and Environmental Sciences Institute (HESI)

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*HESI, a non-profit charitable organization, provides the framework for scientists from the public and private sectors to meaningfully collaborate in developing science for a safer, more sustainable world.*

### **MISSION:**

Engage scientists from academia, government, industry, research institutes, and NGOs to identify and resolve global health and environmental issues.

### **VISION:**

Create science-based solutions for a sustainable, healthier world.

### **PHILOSOPHY:**

HESI's technical programs bring together scientists from around the world from academia, government, industry, research institutes, and NGOs to address and reach consensus on scientific questions that have the potential to be resolved through creative application of intellectual and financial resources. This **tripartite approach** forms the core of every HESI scientific endeavor. As a non-profit organization, HESI provides a unique, objective forum for initiating dialogue among scientists with different perspectives and expertise. Industry sponsors provide primary financial support for HESI programs, but HESI also receives financial and in-kind support from a variety of US and international government agencies.

HESI improves public health by generating quality science to support the following:

- Safe and effective medicines
- Environmental quality and sustainability
- Accurate and resource-efficient risk assessment
- Food safety

### **HISTORY:**

HESI was established in 1989 as a global branch of the International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI) ([www.ilsa.org](http://www.ilsa.org)) to provide an international forum to advance the understanding of scientific issues related to human health, toxicology, risk assessment, and the environment. In 2002, HESI was recognized by the United States government as a publicly supported, tax-exempt organization, independently chartered from ILSI.

### **PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:**

Over 200 academic institutions, medical centers, foundations and NGOs, government agencies, and private sector companies provide intellectual contributions to HESI's scientific programs. This diverse partner base allows for identification of high priority cross-cutting issues, ensures balance, drives effective solutions, and establishes critical networks to facilitate the uptake of new science.

Insights from participating researchers in Asia, Europe, South America, and North America help make HESI's scientific programs and outputs meaningful across borders and cultures and applicable at regional, national, and international levels.

In addition to our core scientific committees, HESI has also developed formal partnerships with key governmental and non-governmental bodies in shared support for quality safety science.