ILSI Europe: 25 years towards public health

ILSI Europe offered a new concept, where scientists from government institutes, universities and food industries from all over Europe could meet, form task forces and expert groups and run projects about food safety and nutrition. This work led to peer reviewed articles in scientific journals and scientific reports with internal control of the scientific quality. Right from the beginning, ILSI Europe made a major contribution to the scientific based promotion of food safety and nutrition in Europe. Over the last 25 years ILSI Europe has produced more than 200 publications within its working fields.

Overall, ILSI Europe has had 25 successful years involving on a yearly basis more than 300 European scientists within the food safety and nutrition sector in its task forces and expert groups plus the annual involvement of an additional several hundred scientists in its workshops and symposia.

ILSI Europe team

EC funded projects

ILSI Europe coordinated the following projects

- FUFOSE (1995-1997): Functional Food Science in Europe
- FOSIE (2000-2003): Food Safety in Europe – Risk Assessment of Chemicals in Food
- PASSCLAIM (2001-2005): Process for the Assessment of Scientific Support for Claims on Foods
- EURRECA (2007-2011): European micronutrient recommendations Aligned **www.eurreca.org**
- BRAFO (2007-2010): Benefit and Risk Analysis for Foods **www.brafo.org**

ILSI Europe is or has been involved in the following projects

- COSMOS: partner
- DIETS2: partner
- DIOGENES: advisory role
- EUROFIR: partner
- EUROPREVALL: advisory role
- HEATOX: external panel
- MONIQA: advisory role
- NEWGENERIS: advisory role
- SAFEFOODNET: partner
- VEG-I Trade: advisory role

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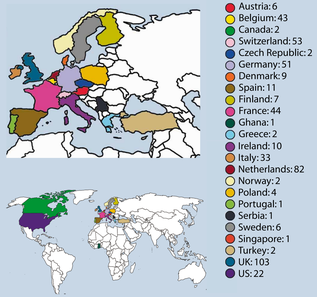
The Future

- Increase the public health impact of ILSI Europe's work
- Strengthen our scientific partnership with European and global public health-related organisations
- Improve the visibility of ILSI Europe and the dissemination of our publications
- Maintain and strengthen our membership base

Geographic repartition of experts and representatives of member companies involved in ILSI Europe activities in 2010



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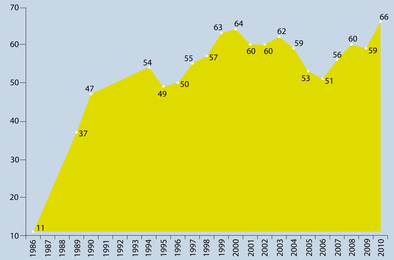

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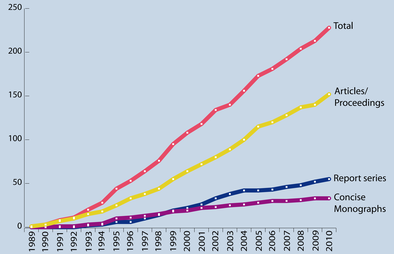

Timeline 1986-2011

1986
ILSI Europe President
Prof. Lars Ernster[1], University of Stockholm, S (1986-1993)

1987
Chairman of the ILSI Europe Board of Directors
Dr. Marc Horisberger, Nestlé, CH (1986-2003)

December 1988
1st ILSI Europe workshop

1988

June 1989
1st ILSI Europe symposium

1989
ILSI Europe Executive Director
Prof. Michel Fondu (1986-1992)

1990

1991
1st ILSI Europe Concise Monograph

1991

1992
ILSI Europe Executive Director
Mr. Paulus Verschuren (1992-1996)

May 1993
1st ILSI Europe Report Series

1993
ILSI Europe President
Prof. Marcel Roberfroid, Université Catholique de Louvain, B (1993-1999)

1994

1995-1998
1st EC Concerted Action FUFOSE

1995

February 1996
ILSI Europe 10th anniversary

1996
ILSI Europe Executive Director
Dr. Berry Danse[1] (1996-2002)

1997

1998

1999
ILSI Europe President
Prof. Robert Kroes[1], University of Utrecht, NL (1999-2005)

2000-2002
2nd EC Concerted Action FOSIE

2000

2001

2002

2000-2005
3rd EC Concerted Action PASSCLAIM

2003
ILSI Europe Executive Director
Dr. Nico van Belzen (2003-)

2004
Chairman of the ILSI Europe Board of Directors
Mr. Paulus Verschuren, Unilever, NL (2003-2007)

2005
Definition of the clusters

2005
ILSI Europe President
Prof. em. Paul Walter, University of Basel, CH (2005-2008)

2006
ILSI Europe 20th anniversary

2006

2007
Start of the Specific Support Action BRAFO

2007
Chairman of the ILSI Europe Board of Directors
Dr. Mike Knowles, Coca-Cola Europe (2007-2009)

2007
Start of the Network of Excellence EURRECA

2008
ILSI Europe President
Dr. Ib Knudsen, Danish Institute for Food and Veterinary Research (2008-2011)

2009
Chairman of the ILSI Europe Board of Directors
Mr. Reg Fletcher, Kellogg Europe (2009-)

2010

2011

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