



## About Us

ILSI North America advances the understanding and application of science related to the nutritional quality and safety of the food supply. The organization carries out its mission by sponsoring relevant research programs, professional education programs and workshops, seminars, and publications, as well as providing a neutral forum for government, academic, and industry scientists to discuss and resolve scientific issues of common concern for the well-being of the general public. ILSI North America's programs are supported primarily by its industry membership.

## How We Work

ILSI North America promotes science through the development of:

- 1) research programs to improve the current state of scientific knowledge;
- 2) publications (articles, monographs, and conference proceedings) to educate scientists, health professionals, and the public; and
- 3) meetings, workshops, symposia, seminars, webinars and conferences that identify data gaps and generate new ideas and effective courses of action.

Members are asked each year to identify scientific questions they feel should be considered for some action on the part of the organization.

The results are used to form the basis of a general discussion of emerging or re-emerging topics at the ILSI North America annual meeting. Members are also encouraged to bring forward new issues as they arise at any time during the year.

In the exploration stage, ILSI North America has several avenues by which it addresses a topic: inviting a speaker or panel of speakers to an upcoming meeting; obtaining an expert evaluation of the state-of- the-science; organizing a scientific session on the topic; referral of the topic to an existing committee; or forming a new subcommittee or project committee.

## Food, Nutrition & Safety Program

The Food, Nutrition & Safety Program (FNSP) is the primary vehicle by which ILSI North America identifies and initially addresses emerging or re-emerging scientific issues. The FNSP is responsible for the Annual Scientific Program and the selection of Future Leaders.

### Basic Nutrition and Beyond

ILSI North America undertakes a variety of initiatives designed to enhance our knowledge of the nutritional quality of the food supply and generate scientific information for dietary guidance. Current ILSI North America nutritional science has a broadened focus on the role of nutrients at risk for chronic diseases, the value of components within foods beyond basic nutrition, and the combined influence of dietary and other lifestyle choices on health and performance.

### Food Safety

Topics related to food microbiology and food toxicology have been the pillars of ILSI North America's food safety initiatives. Newer efforts have been designed to address a variety of issues; examples include caffeine and reproductive health, Salmonella in low-moisture foods, nanotechnology, and uses of epidemiological data.

### Scientific Committees (by topic)

- Working Group on Caffeine
- Carbohydrates
- Working Group on Conflict of Interest
- Dietary Lipids
- Early Nutrition
- Energy
- Energy Balance and Active Lifestyle
- Flavonoids
- Food & Chemical Safety
- Food Microbiology
- Fortification
- Gut Microbes & Health
- Hydration
- Low-Calorie Sweeteners
- Sodium

### ILSI North America Staff

**Eric Hentges, PhD**  
Executive Director joined ILSI North America in 2007. Eric works with members, trustees, science advisors, and staff to extend the organization's contribution to and impact within diverse scientific and health communities.

**Jackie Bessette, BS**  
Executive Assistant joined ILSI North America in 2009. She supports the Executive Director, the Board of Trustees and Taylor Wallace regarding communications and select committee activities. Jackie also leads the organization's membership development and project management initiatives.

**Darinka Djordjevic, PhD**  
Scientific Program Manager joined ILSI North America in January 2008. Having a background in food science, Darinka manages the Committees on Caffeine, Food and Chemical Safety, and Food Microbiology.

**Courtney Kelly, BA**  
Executive Assistant joined the organization in 2007. She supports Sharon Weiss and Marie Latulippe and works closely with Food, Nutrition and Safety Program, Future Leaders Award Program, and the nutrition-related committees.

**Marie Latulippe, MS, RD**  
Senior Science Program Manager joined ILSI North America in 2006. Marie's background is a valuable asset to her work with the organization's nutrition-related Committees on Carbohydrates, Lipids, Flavonoids, and Early Nutrition.

**Pauline Rosen, BA**  
Scientific Program Assistant joined ILSI North America in 2001. She currently supports Darinka Djordjevic, Heather Steele, and their committees.

**Heather Steele, MPhil**  
Senior Project Manager joined ILSI North America in 1993. She currently works part-time, managing the Board Program Committee and Scientific Committees on Sodium, Hydration, and Conflict of Interest and Scientific Integrity.

**Taylor Wallace, PhD**  
Scientific Communications Program Manager joined ILSI North America in March 2010. Having a background in food science, Taylor manages the Committee on Gut Microbes and Health as well as the Committee on Energy Balance and Active Lifestyle in addition to leading the organization's many communications initiatives.

**Sharon Weiss, MS, CAE**  
Deputy Executive Director oversees the activities of the Food, Nutrition & Safety Program and is responsible for ILSI North America's portion of the Annual Meeting. She also works closely with the Board of Trustees and the Board Finance Committee.



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