

## **Eric Hentges, PhD**

Executive Director

Dr. Eric Hentges joined the International Life Science Institute, North America (ILSI NA) as the Executive Director on September 4, 2007. In this capacity he works closely with ILSI NA members, trustees, science advisors, and staff to enhance the organization's programs and the impact of its scientific output.

Dr. Hentges joined ILSI NA with over 25 years of experience in nutrition research and education. He has directed strategic research priority planning and administration of competitive research grant programs for several organizations. Additionally, he has directed the development and implementation of nutrition education programs and consumer market research programs.

Most recently he served as the Executive Director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion. In this position he had oversight of the USDA's involvement in the development of the 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans and MyPyramid, Food Guidance System. Prior to this, Dr. Hentges served in key positions at the National Pork Board, the National Pork Producers Council, and the National Live Stock and Meat Board.

Dr. Hentges holds degrees from Iowa State University, Auburn University and Oklahoma State University. He is a member of the American Society for Nutrition and the Institute of Food Technologists.