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# ILSI Health and Environmental Sciences Institute: HESI

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*Toxicology and Risk Science:  
A ONE-ILSI Initiative*

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## Objective:

Leverage ILSI's **diverse and international** branch structure and expertise-networks to enhance **the quality, efficiency, and scope** of ILSI's contribution to and recognition in the fields of Toxicology and Risk Science.



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# Proposed Opportunity: WHO Chemical Risk Assessment Network

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- ‘NETWORK’ launched by WHO on July 1, 2013
- “...leading risk assessment institutions from around the world, to improve chemical risk assessment globally”
- Activities will include training, capacity building, expertise exchange, and identification of new research needs.  
Seeking partners.



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# Mutually Positive Impacts

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## Benefits to WHO/Network

- ILSI's global network can assist WHO's capacity building activities, issue identification, infrastructure & contacts, etc;
- ILSI brings resources, expertise, management/ coordination strengths.

## Benefits to ILSI

- Direct line of communication with WHO Network leadership & members;
- Awareness of globally identified risk assessment priorities, gaps, and future programs – use these to create 'fit for purpose' ILSI projects;
- Potential for new alliances, partners
- Common ground for cross-branch participation



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# Mechanism for Engagement

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- ILSI joined the Network **as one global entity**, not separate branches
- Point of Contact:
  - HESI Senior Scientific Program Manager Dr. Michelle Embry
  - Designated POC by WHO/IPCS
  - Member of the WHO Network Coordinating Group since 2011
  - Submitted application on behalf of ILSI (accepted Nov 2013)



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# Proposed Mechanism for Cross-branch Coordination

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- **Establish and maintain a dedicated ILSI Extra website**
- **Host ~3x year branch teleconferences**
- **Outreach directly to relevant ILSI branches** if a highly specific request is identified where ILSI's global network might be helpful.
- **Share information/ideas from ILSI branches** with the Network on scheduled Network calls/meetings.
- **Contingent on resource and staffing availability from interested ILSI branches**



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# Next steps

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- Distill feedback from branch staff meeting
- Evaluate resource and staff availability



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# Feedback?

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