Southampton, Bermuda. From January 19 to 23, 2018, ILSI Global held its annual meeting, a very special event since the organization is celebrating its 40th anniversary. ILSI Mesoamerica had the opportunity to participate in the following work sessions:

• Meeting of the Management Team conformed by all the Executive Directors of the subsidiaries of ILSI. In this meeting, our Executive Director Dr. Hannia León was appointed as Vice Chair of the group.
• ILSI Staff Sessions.
• Meeting of Latin American subsidiaries.
• Session of organization of projects within the framework of One ILSI Strategy.
• General Assembly of the Board of Trustees of ILSI Global.
• Poster session.
• Science Serving Society session, which was chaired by Professor Carmela Velázquez of CITA - UCR, Costa Rica.

During this session, ILSI Mesoamerica did present two projects of key importance:

1. Latin American Nutrition and Health Study (ELANS) by professors Georgina Gómez and Mauro Fisberg, principal investigators of the project.

2. Validation of control measures to reduce pathogens and ensure the safety of three artisan dairy products produced in the Mesoamerican region, by Dr. Jessie Usaga, principal researcher who was also awarded the Malaspina Travel Award, which recognizes the work of young scientists.
San Jose Costa Rica. On February 6, ILSI Mesoamerica held its General Assembly for this 2018. This time it was attended by most of the industrial partners, academic allies, as well as special guests.

As part of the scheduled agenda, reports were presented by the Presidency, Treasury, and the Office of the Prosecutor.

Our Executive Director, Dr. Hannia León presented the Work Plan as well as the general budget for this year 2018.

Later, the process of election of the positions for Board of Directors was carried out. The Assembly unanimously decided to re-elect all the positions that were open for election.

The assembly ended with a scientific session. It included two key projects that are worked by our branch

1- Validation of control measures to reduce pathogens and ensure the safety of three artesian dairy products produced in the Mesoamerican region, by Dr. Jessie Usaga.

2- Latin American Nutrition and Health Study (ELANS) Phase II Costa Rica, by Professor Georgina Gómez.