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ILSI Mourns the Passing of Peter Dews

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It is with profound sadness ILSI notes the passing of Peter Dews, PhD, in November 2012. He was 90 years old.

Dr. Dews was a renowned pharmacologist who worked at Harvard University for more than 40 years. He was especially known for his work in behavioral pharmacology, a field he pioneered after meeting and admiring fellow Harvard professor and famed psychologist B.F. Skinner. Dr. Dews used an interdisciplinary approach to conduct some of the earliest and most important work on the behavioral effects of caffeine and low-calorie sweeteners.

Alex Malaspina, The Coca-Cola Company, was of course familiar with Dr. Dews' work. In addition to recognizing the quality of Dr. Dews' science, Dr. Malaspina was also impressed with Dr. Dews' ability to foster collaboration across disciplines.

In the late 70s, Dr. Malaspina discussed with Dr. Dews the concept for an independent scientific body that would build cooperation among scientists from academia, government,

and industry at a time when multi-sectorial working relationships were rare.

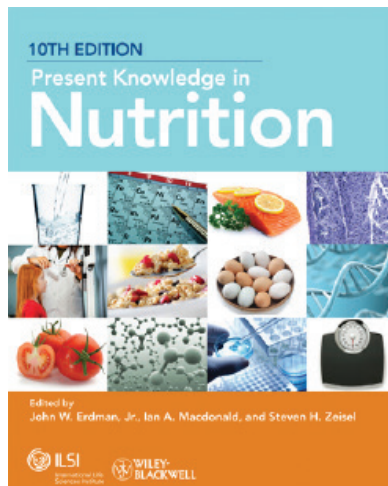
Dr. Dews saw the value of such an organization and quickly became partners with Alex Malaspina in shaping ILSI's core values. In particular, Dr. Dews represented the voice of academia in ILSI's original tripartite model and helped set policy that guide the organization to this day: work is conducted with the goal to improve public health and safety; complete transparency in funding; original research belongs to the individual scientists who conducted the work, not ILSI or its financial supporters; and publication of research findings regardless of outcome.

Dr. Dews went on to serve as Chair of the ILSI Board of Trustees helped ILSI grow from a small, North American-based organization into the global entity it is today.

We are deeply indebted to Dr. Dews' vision and dedication. Please join us in remembering this outstanding scientific leader.

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New Publication from ILSI North America

Defining a Healthy Human Gut Microbiome: Current Concepts, Future Directions, and Clinical Applications

F. Backhed *et al.* *Cell Host & Microbe* (2012; Vol 12:5, 611-622)

This publication explores the role of indigenous microbiota in promoting human health. It discusses the composition and functional characteristics of a healthy microbiome, the relationship of microbial patterns to disease states, and what questions need to be answered to provide dietary interventions and/or microbial modifications that may help sustain and improve health.

The article is available online to journal subscribers or for purchase: [Gut Microbiome](#)



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A Joyous New Year

ILSI is truly thankful for the many individuals who contribute to the organization's success – members; science advisors; partner organizations; dedicated staff; and the many researchers and health professionals who make our work possible.

We wish all of you a safe, happy, and healthy 2013!

ILSI Annual Meeting Still Time to Register

2013 ILSI Annual Meeting
18 - 23 January
InterContinental Hotel
Miami, Florida, USA

The 2013 ILSI Annual Meeting is in the InterContinental Miami, located in the heart of downtown Miami's financial and business district overlooking the Biscayne Bay.

InterContinental Sold Out! But Don't Worry

The InterContinental Miami room block is sold out (and rooms outside the block are hard to get). But ILSI has secured special room rate at the neighboring EPIC Hotel, A Kimpton Hotel. **Make reservations by 4 January to lock in the rate.**

It is going to be a busy and exciting event. There's still time to register, so join us!

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