



ISEE Announces Important Membership Updates and Reminders!

ISEE has exciting news to share with you about activities during the past quarter that have a direct impact on our field and for all ISEE members. Your membership makes these activities possible. It is an exciting time to be involved with the ISEE and we welcome your input and participation. We hope to see many of you in São Paulo Brazil, August 30-September 3 where we will share more news at the membership meeting being held there on August 31.

Response to NIH Request for Information (RFI) on new funding program: Environmental influences on Child Health Outcomes (ECHO).

In July, the United States National Institutes of Health (NIH) issued a request for information on the new ECHO program. The overarching goal of ECHO is to “investigate the longitudinal impact of prenatal, perinatal, and postnatal environmental exposures on pediatric health outcomes with high public health impact by leveraging and expanding extant cohorts.” In response, ISEE submitted a statement that encouraged the NIH to give high priority to focusing on development of new methods and technologies for environmental exposure assessment, using extant birth cohorts to study the effects of environment on older children and adolescents, and developing a common core protocol and using it to initiate new birth cohorts that would begin recruitment and data collection during the prenatal period. The statement was developed by an ad hoc committee convened by the ISEE officers, which included several senior ISEE members who have conducted birth cohort studies. For reference, the RFI can be found here: (<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-117.html>); the committee’s statement is attached.

ISEE Contributes to the WHO’s 68th General Assembly and Resolution Process

In May, ISEE Member and WHO Focal Point, **Rémy Slama**, presented statements regarding several environmental health issues at WHO’s 68th General Assembly. ISEE was one among only a few of the WHO’s 200 NGOs to make an appearance and provide a voice regarding our members’ environmental health research. ISEE’s scientific input is critical towards WHO formulating resolutions and the WHO Assembly is a significant place for ISEE to address environmental health issues. The WHO’s media release, resolutions, and ISEE’s statements may be found at:

<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2015/wha-26-may-2015/en/>

http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA68/A68_ACONF2Rev1-en.pdf

<https://apps.who.int/ngostatements/meetingoutline/6>

Call for Action for Global Control of Lead Exposure to Eliminate Lead Poisoning. ISEE’s Policy Committee, formed to provide policy makers and the public with expert opinion on scientific questions related to environmental health policy and the professional practice of environmental epidemiology, in collaboration with the ISEE Ethics and Philosophy Committee, has issued the following statement: **“Lead poisoning is one of the most pervasive, well-established and preventable environmental hazards worldwide. The International Society for Environmental Epidemiology (ISEE) adds its**

voice to the call for a concerted global effort to eliminate lead poisoning. See full text of the Call, together with its rationale, published in EPIDEMIOLOGY - http://journals.lww.com/epidem/Citation/2015/09000/Commentary_ISEECall_for_Action_for_Global.22.aspx"

Conflict of Interest (COI) Conflict of Interest (COI) The ISEE Ethics and Philosophy Committee has developed, followed by ISEE Council approval, the Conflict of Interest Statement required for presentations at every ISEE conference starting with São Paulo Brazil. Click "[ISEE Financial COI Statement](#)," as well as a [Statement Regarding Institutional Conflicts of Interest](#). The committee also drafted guidelines on dealing with conflict of interest among ISEE members, approved by the council, which will be finalized at the committee's lunch time meeting on Thursday, September 3, in São Paulo. All members are invited to join this discussion. _

REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS!

Please remember to access and update your membership information in the new membership system. Click [here](#) to access the member login page. **If you are a current member, remember to choose "forgot password" if you do not have your login information.**