

## Guidelines on Dealing with Conflicts of Interest (COI) among ISEE members

COI should be declared during ISEE conference presentations based on the new requirements just approved by the council.

- As a result, all ISEE members have become aware of COI (although there are many types of COI we are focused on financial COI) and expect to declare it and thus we are creating an educational and paradigm shift within ISEE members. All active committee and council members already fill a COI as a requirement to be part of the committee or council.

- ISEE members who don't declare a COI in their scientific publications based on the honor system and found to have failed to make such declaration by any ISEE or non-ISEE member can be reported to the Ethics Committee of ISEE or directly to the Officers of ISEE (President or Secretary). The Committee will then form an ad hoc committee by the chair and submit a report to the council about the case for consideration of an action.

- The Council can vote and decide on actions ranging from a letter of enquiry to the member, a reprimand, removal from a committee or office if applicable, or not accepting any subsequent abstracts and submissions for a period to be determined by the council ranging from 1-5 years. All the above steps can be taken or any individual action alone, depending on the situation and the gravity of such undeclared COI. An example of a severe case would be a member intentionally concealing their substantial consulting and financial ties for several years and not declaring them in important policy papers they published or using science to bias critical public health decisions.