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Dr. Eric Hentges joined the International Life Science Institute, North America (ILSI N.A.) as the Executive Director in 2007. ILSI N.A. is a nonprofit organization, located in Washington, DC, that provides a forum for academic, government and industry scientists to identify and resolve nutrition and food safety issues important to the health of the public. Prior to this appointment he served as the Executive Director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion. In this position he had oversight of the USDA's involvement in the development of the 2005 *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* and *MyPyramid, Food Guidance System*. Dr. Hentges has over 25 years of experience directing nutrition research, priority planning, and administration of competitive research grant programs for several national organizations. Additionally, he has led the development and implementation of nutrition education programs, and consumer market research programs. Dr. Hentges holds degrees from Iowa State University, Auburn University and Oklahoma State University. He is a member of the American Society for Nutrition, the Canadian Nutrition Society, the International Association for Food Protection, and the Institute of Food Technologists.