Corporate Influence Threatens the Public’s health

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Session objectives

- To draw attention to the influence of corporate manipulation in undermining scientific integrity by multiple methods with dire consequences for public health*
- By understanding these influences, effective preventive actions have to be taken

* - Undermining of regulatory processes, of the literature and media, including editorial boards of peer-reviewed scientific journals with the consequent publication of “junk science”
- Interfering with the independent role of WHO/IARC
- Constructing roadblocks to the regulation of carcinogenic and immunotoxic agents widely present in the workplace and the environment

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Some actions for independent researchers

• Continuously and sustainably inform the public and policy-makers about population health hazards and the downplaying of them by corporate interests

• Engage in regulatory domains

• Produce and direct joint statements that expose the misuse of our public health sciences
Panelists, followed by general discussion

- **Philippe Grandjean**
  *The 20-year delay in discovery of PFAS exposures and immunotoxicity due to industry secrecy*

- **Jennifer Sass**
  *Toxic substances environmental regulation in the US. Proposed by industry scientists and widely adopted by regulators*

- **Chris Portier**
  *Experiences with glyphosate regulations worldwide: pressures from industry vs human health*

- **Tushar Kant Joshi**
  *Corporate assault on public health campaigners. Examples from India*

- **Daniele Mandrioli**
  *Conflicts of interest and evidence-based practices in environmental health and toxicology*

- **Lisa Bero**
  *Hidden and not so hidden bias in research*

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