

# 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



# Some actions for independent researchers

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- 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

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▶ **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*

