



Conflict of Interest (COI) Policy

ISAAH – International Society of Aesthetics, Anti-Aging & Hair Restoration Medicine

At **ISAAH – International Society of Aesthetics, Anti-Aging & Hair Restoration Medicine**, we are committed to maintaining the highest standards of scientific integrity, transparency, and independence in all congresses, workshops, and educational activities.

ISAAH ensures a clear distinction between scientific content and industry-related activities. All lectures and presentations must be grounded in objective interpretation of evidence, balanced scientific discussion, and fair representation of the diverse specialties within aesthetics, anti-aging, dermatology, hair restoration, plastic surgery, regenerative medicine, and related fields.

The integrity of ISAAH scientific programs requires full disclosure of any relationships that may represent potential sources of bias. Transparency allows the audience to independently assess the information presented and make informed judgments.

Accordingly, all speakers are required to openly disclose any potential Conflict of Interest (COI) that may influence - or be perceived to influence - the content of their presentation.

1. What is a Conflict of Interest (COI)?

A Conflict of Interest exists when a speaker (or their spouse/partner or immediate family member) has a personal, academic, or financial relationship with a commercial or non-commercial entity that could potentially bias the content of their presentation.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Consultancy roles
- Advisory board membership
- Board of directors participation

- Research funding or grants
- Speaker honoraria
- Sponsored travel or accommodations
- Equity ownership or stock options
- Intellectual property rights (e.g., patents)
- Industry affiliations related to devices, pharmaceuticals, cosmeceuticals, biologics, or medical technologies

Speakers are encouraged to disclose any relationship that could reasonably be perceived as a conflict — even if they believe it does not affect their objectivity.

2. What is Bias?

Bias refers to a tendency or preference toward a particular perspective, product, company, ideology, or outcome that may compromise impartiality or objectivity.

Bias may relate to:

- A specific product, device, or pharmaceutical agent
- A commercial brand or company
- A scientific, academic, or therapeutic viewpoint
- Financial or non-financial affiliations

ISAAH expects presentations to provide balanced scientific perspectives and avoid promotional content.

3. What Constitutes a “Significant” Interest?

The significance of a relationship cannot be defined by a specific monetary threshold. Any relationship that could reasonably be perceived as influencing the presentation must be disclosed.

Particular attention should be given to:

- Leadership or board roles
- Ongoing consultancy agreements

- Financial compensation
- Ownership interests
- Situations suggesting bias either for or against a product, company, or competing entity

Transparency is always the preferred approach.

4. Declaration of No Conflict of Interest

If no relevant relationships exist, the speaker must explicitly declare:

“The speaker declares no conflict of interest related to this presentation.”

This statement confirms that neither the speaker nor their immediate family has any significant financial arrangement, affiliation, or potential bias concerning products, devices, or companies mentioned in the lecture.

ISAAH reserves the right to review disclosures and may request clarification when necessary to ensure the highest standards of scientific credibility and ethical responsibility.