

Created in May 2010 for the first conference about was organized. The President of WSO is Prof. Gerd Birkenmeier (Germany).

We were looking for new strategies to prevent chronic diseases like obesity or diabetes. One of these was Stevia application in food and beverages. Our scientific and steering committee push to link together all people involved in Stevia at all levels: the WSO was born.

The aims of WSO are to:

- **Advance the practical applications** of Stevia and **low calories natural sweeteners**.
- [Analysis and provide recommendations to WSO's members](#), health decision makers and institutions about the latest Stevia and all natural sweeteners trends, uses and problems.
- Transfer the basic researches and data into a **real clinical and pharmaceutical applications**
- Transfer the basic researches and data into a **real nutritional and nutraceutical applications**
- Bridge Stevia and all natural sweeteners related users and manufacturers
- **Bring together the countries involved in Stevia** and all natural sweeteners and pool their knowledge
- [Highlight the knowledge on Stevia](#)
- **Grow and help emerging countries** in their development
- **Inform about the scientific research** and the worldwide regulatory evolution
- **Give keys to companies to succeed** in Stevia Formulation
- **Encourage communication and interaction** among researchers, physicians, nutritionists, industrials, food technology and strategic marketing managers through **Network Sessions**
- **Promote the nutritional and health benefits of Stevia**
- **Exchange** ideas, information, education and coordination of [International Meetings on Stevia](#)

- **Offer a forum for discussions** on the late-breaking discoveries in all fields of Stevia through international publications and internet diffusion

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