



**The 20th Biannual Meeting of the
International Neurotoxicology Association
Pont-à-Mousson, France
September 19-24, 2027**

INA'20: CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Dear colleagues and friends,

With great pleasure we invite you to the **20th Meeting of the International Neurotoxicology Association (INA'20)** in Pont-à-Mousson, France from **Sunday Sept 19 to Friday Sept 24, 2027**.

Held every two years, the INA meeting serves as a place for exchange between biology, neuroscience, and clinical practice in the field of neurotoxicology, allowing participants to address current issues in toxicology and their implications for brain and mental health, as well as new scientific approaches specific to our field.



The theme of the INA'20 meeting is:

“Clinical & Occupational Neurotoxicology: Bridging Neurology with Environmental and Mechanistic Neuroscience”.

All INA conferences are organized around numerous high-level scientific sessions (including symposia, workshops, oral and poster sessions) covering a wide range of topics in neurotoxicology. We therefore invite you to submit high scientific quality proposals for **symposium, or workshop**. The INA'20 Scientific Committee aims to facilitate sessions of various formats to enable the presentation of both basic and applied scientific research in neurotoxicology.

Proposed scientific topics include, but are not limited to:

- Environmental health and public health related to neurotoxicology
- Occupational and industrial neurotoxicology
- Integrating New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) in the future for neurotoxicology
- Contributions of mechanistic studies in neurotoxicology
- Data modeling or function-based modeling in neurotoxicology
- Exposome and impacts on the nervous system health
- Animal models of neurotoxicology & their translational to human neurotoxicity
- Regulations of neurotoxins: what data is need for quantitative risk assessment

Instructions for submitting a proposal.

Please start by specifying the type of event (symposium or workshop) you would like to organize and its duration.

Symposium. The objectives of a symposium focus around a specific topic and the speakers will address that topic in an integrated and coordinated manner. We recommend 3 to 6 talks per session with 20 min or less dedicated to each speaker. The recommended duration of a scientific session or symposium is 60 or 90 minutes. The most appreciate proposals should include a wide range of speakers in terms of gender, experience, and geographic affiliation.

A symposium proposal will consist of a short abstract (<1page) summarizing the overall topic and goals of the different talks, as well as a short abstract of each presentation. Also include a list of the proposed speakers and provide the following information for each speaker: (1) position title and affiliation, including country; (2) INA member status; (3) confirmation that the proposed speaker has agreed to attend the meeting if the symposium is selected

Workshop. This type of proposal is designed to address practical aspects of a specific scientific issue, methodology, or risk assessment approach in the field of neurotoxicology. The objectives of the workshop will depend on the topic to be addressed and the participants' goals. A workshop will aim to facilitate the acquisition of new knowledge, development of specific skills, share issues related to pitfalls and best practices, promote knowledge sharing, or stimulate collective problem-solving. The recommended duration for a workshop is 60 to 90 minutes. Workshops may consider limiting the number of audience participants, which will be decided subsequently during scheduling, depending on the number of workshops to be held.

The workshop proposal will provide a brief summary (max. 1 page) of the overall topic and objectives of the workshop, the proposed session schedule, the optimal range of audience member participants involved based on the objectives, and any specific needs for holding the workshop. Please also attach a list of the proposed speakers, including the same information for each speaker as required for symposia.

Limits for presentation. Speakers are limited to one presentation across the meeting (i.e. symposia, platform talk, or poster presentation) with the exception that participation in a workshop does not prevent a presentation in one other session type.

Funding of the proposal (symposium and workshop). Travel expenses are not provided by INA. We encourage all session chairs and speakers to solicit sponsorship support to cover expenses for the session. Please inform the program chair of any efforts to solicit sponsorship funding to coordinate requests and/or avoid multiple requests to the same funding source.

The deadline for proposal submissions is July 30, 2026. Send proposals to the chair of the INA'20 Scientific Committee, Henri Schroeder, henri.schroeder@univ-lorraine.fr. The proposals will be evaluated by the members of the scientific organizing committee, and decisions regarding acceptance are scheduled to be announced September 1, 2026.

We look forward to receiving to your proposals

INA'20 Scientific Organizing Committee

- Henri Schroeder, Ph.D., Pharm.D., INSERM & Université de Lorraine, France (chair)
- Aaron Bowman, Ph.D., Purdue University, USA (INA president)
- Christoph van Thriel, Ph.D., IfDAo - Leibniz Research Centre for Working Environment and Human Factors, Germany
- Gaylia Jean Harry, Ph.D., National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, USA
- Katharina Koch, Ph.D., IUF - Leibniz Research Institute for Environmental Medicine, Germany
- Olivier Joubert, Ph.D., CNRS & Université de Lorraine, France (chair of the Organizing Committee)
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