



The 18th Biannual Meeting of the
International Neurotoxicology Association
(INA-18)
October 18-22, 2021

Venue: Durham Convention Center
Durham, NC, USA



Call for symposia proposals INA-18

Dear colleagues and friends,

As you all know from the last INA newsletters, INA-18 will be held in Durham NC, USA, October 18-22, 2021. The theme of the meeting is “**Integration of mechanistic research from high throughput screens to complex organisms to protect humans from neurotoxicity.**” Building on the INA meetings of the last decade in Israel (2009), China (2011), The Netherlands (2013), Canada (2015), Brazil (2017) and Germany (2019) we propose in 2021 to meet in Durham, North Carolina, USA which is the home of a great cadre of neurotoxicologists from government, academic and industry centers.

The scientific backbone of all INA meetings is the excellent selection of symposia representing diverse topics in neurotoxicology. Therefore, it is important that we receive as many excellent proposals for symposia as possible to showcase the most exciting neurotoxicology research.

We welcome proposals for symposia addressing a broad range of scientific topics, including but not restricted to:

- The Neurotoxic Effects of COVID-19
- Advances in Bioinformatic Methods to Winnow Critical Mechanistic Understanding from the Sea of High Throughput Data
- Addressing Psychiatric Problems Resulting from Neurotoxic Exposures
- Mitochondrial Mechanisms of Neurotoxicity
- Linking Molecular and Cellular Neurotoxic Mechanisms to Behavioral Dysfunction
- Epigenetic Modification as a Transgenerational Mechanism in Neurotoxicity
- The Role of the Gut-Brain, Lung-Brain and other Inter-Organ Interactions in Neurotoxic Outcomes
- Advancing Neurotoxic Risk Assessment Using New Approach Models Toward a Sustainable Future
- Mechanisms by Which Endocrine Disruption Causes Neurotoxicity
- Epidemiological Approaches for Studying Neurotoxicity
- Neurotoxicity of Cannabinoids
- Alternative Disease Models for Neurodevelopmental Disorders
- *Your concept for an exciting symposium.....*

In your proposal, please indicate whether you prefer a 60 or 90-minute time-slot. A 120-minute time slot may be possible for exceptional proposals. We recommend 3 to 6 talks per session with 20 min or less allotted to each speaker. The most competitive proposals typically are diverse with respect to gender, seniority, and geographic affiliation of the speakers.

Please submit a 2-3 page proposal that consists of a short abstract 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; (4) indication of whether the proposed speaker can cover their travel costs if funding is not available through INA. *Please be sure to inform potential speakers that the organizers cannot guarantee the reimbursement of travel expenses and at best it will be partial compensation only.* In addition, indicate if: (a) you are pursuing funding opportunities for your symposium so organizers can work with you and/or avoid multiple requests to the same potential funding source; and (b) your symposium could readily be adapted to a virtual format in the event that COVID-19 prevents an in-person meeting.

The deadline for submitting your proposal is **September 15, 2020**. The proposals will be judged and ranked by the members of the scientific committee, and the decision about acceptance or rejection will be communicated by September 30, 2020. This timing is essential in order to have a preliminary program for fund raising purposes.

Please do not hesitate to submit for fear of being unable to travel due to COVID-19-related restrictions. Any presenter who has had their abstract accepted but is unable to travel will be able to present their research virtually.

Please send your proposals as PDF-documents to the Chair of the Scientific Committee, Pam Lein (pjlein@ucdavis.edu).

We look forward to receiving your proposals!

Tim Shafer (INA President), Pam Lein (INA President-Elect/Chair Scientific Committee), Anna Price (Member Scientific Committee), Christoph van Thriel (Member Scientific Committee), Ed Levin (Local Organizer/Member Scientific Committee), and Anke Tukker (Postdoctoral Member Scientific Committee)