



Newsletter Spring 2018

International Neurotoxicology Association



Message from the President

Dear INA members,

2017 was a successful year! Some examples, we had a successful INA meeting in Florianopolis, Brazil. INA finally increased its membership to over 100 active full members that paid their dues. INA officially affiliated with NeuroToxicology (Elsevier), and many INA members have received awards and prizes. Hopefully, 2018 will be at least as successful as 2017. So, time to look forward to 2018!

The days are already slowly increasing in length and Spring is coming! This also means the annual SOT meeting is approaching and I am looking forward to see many of you at the 57th SOT meeting in sunny San Antonio! The SOT will not only bring a lot of good science, of course including neurotoxicology, but will also be the opportunity to meet again at the INA business meeting.

2018 will also be a year of preparations; preparation for the 17th INA meeting, to be held in Dusseldorf 2019, but also already deciding on the location for our INA-18 meeting in 2021. Proposals for INA-18 are still welcome!

In addition, 2018 will be the year of the first INA-NeuroToxicology best paper award; perhaps this will be one of your successes! If you published in 2017 in NeuroToxicology, you will have a good chance as this award is exclusively for INA members! One of the many benefits of being an INA member 😊

You will read all about it in this newsletter, so wishing you a happy reading and look forward to meeting you (again) in 2018!

Remco Westerink,
President (2017-2019) International Neurotoxicology Association

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A short message from the Treasurer's office

Dear colleagues,

In this first newsletter of 2018, it is my duty to report how INA is doing, financially speaking. Well, we are doing great. INA's financial reserves have increased over the last couple of years and kept on doing so in 2017. One reason for this is the fact that we have 105 paying members, a number that has never been this high before. Also, sponsors have been found who, in return for a link on the INA website donate money to INA dedicated for the new fund for student travel award. Thanks to these people (please check the website to see who supports INA) we were able to hand out two student travel awards in Brazil.

With the start of the 2018, we start a new membership period (2018-2019), which means dues have to be paid. Although it may seem pretty recent that you paid your dues, membership dues are paid biannually and the sooner you pay your dues, the longer it will take before I ask for money again. Starting this membership period, I will start sending invoices via PayPal shortly. This invoice can of course be paid via a personal PayPal account but also via other routes including credit cards. I put this system to the test by sending invoices to the INA board and they were able to pay quickly and hassle-free so hopefully, this will make our lives easier! Remember that if things are unclear or you do not manage to pay your dues through this system you can contact me at: treasurerinternationalneurotox@gmail.com.



With financial greetings,

Harm Heusinkveld, Treasurer

Call for Proposals for the INA-18 Meeting in 2021!

We are well along in planning our INA-17 meeting in Dusseldorf (2019, Germany). Now, we really need to start thinking about our INA-18 meeting in 2021!

As is our tradition, we ask for proposals from INA members for the location and plan for our meeting. Please provide a proposal, five pages maximum, with a description of the location and theme for the meeting, including information about hotel and meeting spaces, cost estimates, proposed financial support and people on the local organizing committee.

Submit these to INA President Remco Westerink r.westerink@uu.nl by **February 28, 2018**. Then the completed proposals will be sent out to INA members for a vote for our 2021 location for INA-18.

We look forward to receiving your proposals!

57th SOT meeting in San Antonio, USA

The annual SOT meeting will be held in San Antonio, TX, USA from March 11-15. Every year, the SOT meeting offers a huge amount of neurotoxicology data that may be of interest to you. In 2018, there will be at least six sessions that are endorsed by the Neurotoxicology Specialty Section (NTSS):

The Use of Advanced Imaging and Microscopy Techniques to Detect, Determine and Treat Disease and Retinotoxicity in Man and Experimental Models
Toxicological Implication of Copper in Neurodegenerative Diseases
Decoding Oxidative Stress from Inflammation: Implications for Exposure, Toxicity, and Disease
Mechanisms of Autophagic Function and Dysfunction in Neurotoxicity and Neurodegeneration
Reaching Hazard Conclusions for Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals: Adapting Systematic Review Methods to Critically Assess the Evidence
A Search for Biomarkers of Neurotoxicity: A Practical Approach

If you plan on visiting the SOT in 2018, remember that there are still open award opportunities!

Toshio Narahashi Neurotoxicology SS Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Fellow/Associate Poster Award	Phase 1: February 12, 2018 Phase 2: March 2, 2018	Graduate students and postdoctoral research fellows/associates who are NTSS members or show evidence of application for membership, and must be in attendance at the 2018 annual meeting, www.toxicology.org/groups/ss/NTSS/awards.asp . See the SOT website or NTSS newsletter for further details.
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Next to these scientific sessions and award opportunities, there is of course the **INA business meeting!** Mark your agenda: the INA business meeting will be on Monday, March 12, 12:30-1:30 PM.

Hopefully we will meet in San Antonio!

INA - NeuroToxicology Best Paper award

Dear INA-members,

Due to the recent affiliation of INA and NeuroToxicology (Elsevier) we proudly present the *INA-NeuroToxicology best paper award!* This award will be exclusively for INA members that published in NeuroToxicology (Elsevier) in 2017. The award is open for nominations till **February 28, 2018**.

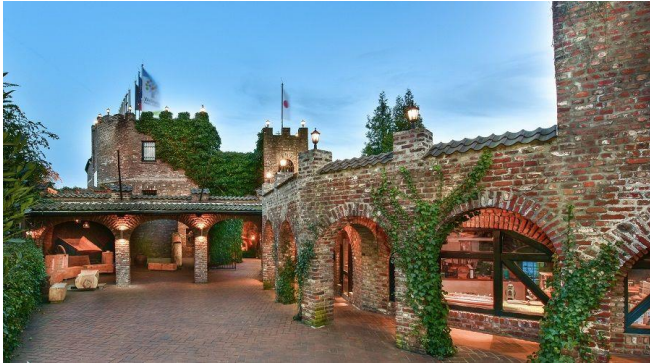
For further details please see the announcement at:

<https://www.journals.elsevier.com/neurotoxicology/news/call-for-nominations-neurotoxicology-ina-best-paper-award>

No worries if you did not publish your results in NeuroToxicology, or if you are not an INA member yet. It is an annual award, so you can try again next year!

INA-17, Düsseldorf, Germany in 2019

The 17th biannual meeting of the International Neurotoxicology Association (INA-17) will be held from September 29th until October 3rd 2019 in Düsseldorf, Germany. The congress venue (Land Gut Hoehne; <http://www.guthoehne.de/en/about-land-gut-hoehne>) is close to the Neander Valley. An excursion to the Neander Valley Museum will be part of the recreational activity. With respect to science: We are honored to announce that Prof. Deborah Cory-Slechta (University of Rochester) will be giving the 2019 Hooisma lecture. The meeting format will be “traditional”, avoiding parallel sessions, having time for discussion, providing platforms for students and young researchers.



The call for symposia proposals will be launched soon and The Scientific Committee will select only the best proposals! Please discuss with your PhD student that there will be the David Ray Student Symposium during INA-17. We hope to get your input to cover the “hot topics” that are relevant for our society and we are looking forward seeing you in Düsseldorf, Germany.

Kind regards,
Ellen and Christoph

Call for special issues - NeuroToxicology

Given the recent affiliation of INA with the journal *NeuroToxicology*, you are invited to organize a Special Issues for this journal. Special Issues can be focused on:

- A specific topic of broad interest to the field of neurotoxicology,
- ‘Integrated neurotoxicology’ like neuro-immune, neuro-endocrine and other topics that integrates multiple organ systems including the CNS/PNS, or on
- Convergent mechanisms of neurotoxicity, like neuroinflammation, oxidative stress, brain-gut axis, peripheral nervous system, etc.

For details on *NeuroToxicology* see <http://www.journals.elsevier.com/neurotoxicology>.

For specific questions or sending your proposal for a Special Issues, please contact Pam Lein (pjlein@ucdavis.edu) or Remco Westerink (r.westerink@uu.nl).

Membership application

If you are not a member yet, please join us to get a discounted rate for attending our biannual INA meetings, and the possibility to win the annual INA-NeuroToxicology Best Paper Award! Our dues are very low: only €50 or \$60 for two years, while a student membership is even without charge! So, fill out the application form at: <http://www.neurotoxicology.org/membership/>