

Children's Health and the Environment

Mechanisms and Consequences of Developmental Neurotoxicology

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Dear Colleague:

I am writing to invite you to participate in the *Seventeenth International Neurotoxicology Conference* (NTX XVII) to be held October 17-20, 1999 in Little Rock, Arkansas. The theme this year is **Children's Health and the Environment**. The program will focus on *mechanisms* and *consequences* of developmental neurotoxicity in children and experimental animals from exposure to different classes of chemicals (metals, pesticides, endocrine disrupters, therapeutics) during development (i.e., as an embryo, fetus, neonate, infant, child and/or adolescent).

The purpose of NTX XVII is to convene experts to present, evaluate, discuss and debate the most recent basic and clinical research advances, risk-assessment approaches, pediatric cognitive/neurobehavioral test batteries and related information concerning children's health and the environment. Efforts have been made to include participation from academia, government, industry and other organizations to insure a broad and balanced perspective.

The program is organized to facilitate communication between clinical and basic scientists and to foster new multidisciplinary research approaches to advance the science related to the theme. There will be tutorials, invited plenaries, free presentations from poster, open discussion/debate on the issues, on-hands demonstrations and interactions to facilitate communication of the state-of-the-science. Each session will end by identifying specific research needs and approaches to fill in data gaps.

You are invited to submit an abstract for presentation in the Poster Session. This informal session is a highlight of the Conference Series and the best way to personally exchange information with other scientists. Award plaques and \$1000 in cash prizes will be presented for the first, second and third best paper presented from poster by a graduate or medical student.

As has been done for the 16 previous conferences, the peer-reviewed proceedings of the conference will be published rapidly in the international journal *NeuroToxicology*. All presenters from platform and poster are invited to submit their paper for publication in the proceedings.

I hope you will be able to participate in this timely international conference in October.

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Sincerely,

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