On behalf of the organizing committee, we are delighted to invite you to the 19th International Workshop on (Q)SAR in Environmental and Health Sciences (QSAR2020). The conference will take place from June 8-11, 2020, at the Durham Convention Center in Durham, North Carolina (NC) in the United States.

QSAR2020 will focus on exploiting mechanistically-based approaches to underpin data-driven decision-making frameworks using (Q)SAR, read-across and other New Approach Methodology (NAM) data. Bringing together scientists, developers and model users from around the world, the conference will foster discussion and debate around the practical implementation of these mechanistic-based approaches. Experts in these fields will play critical roles as session chairs, speakers, and poster presenters. Additionally, to maximize the time of attendees, the conference will provide varied opportunities both on and off-site to network with friends, students, and colleagues.

Located near Research Triangle Park, Durham is home to Duke University and neighbors two additional major research universities, NC State University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, all of which house highly esteemed graduate and post-doctoral programs for computational biology, chemistry, and toxicology. Durham is also home to countless biotech, agrochemical, and pharmaceutical industries, as well as government agencies such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the National Toxicology Program, and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

The Durham Convention Center is the ideal venue for QSAR2020 due to its easy access to Research Triangle Park, close proximity to the Raleigh-Durham International Airport and can comfortably accommodate all conference participants, sponsors, and exhibitors.

We are confident QSAR2020 will generate cutting-edge ideas, lively discussions, and training opportunities to learn about emerging technologies.

We look forward to seeing you in Durham in 2020.

Gina Hilton, PhD
Kristie Sullivan, MPH

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General Information

About the Conference

Since the first conference in 1983, the workshop has been an important international gathering in the field of Environmental and Health Sciences, bringing together scientists from all sectors to foster discussions on the development and application of (Q)SARs. There has been a growing shift toward exploiting mechanistically based approaches to underpin data-driven decision-making frameworks. With this shift, (Q)SARs, read-across, in vitro tests, including high throughput and high content (HT/HC) screening methods, transcriptomic data, coupled with the application of a range of computational methods for data analysis and predictive modelling are more relevant than ever. The QSAR2020 Workshop marks a significant opportunity, as we transition from traditional QSARs underpinned by classical (eco) toxicity data towards New Approach Methodologies (NAM). To that end, US EPA, ICCA LRI, and ASCCT have come together as hosts to not only broaden the scope of the conference but to ensure its impact and outreach to interested stakeholders.

This conference will draw attendance from the following sectors:

- Graduate students and post-doctoral fellows from top-rated research universities
- Industry (agrochemical, industrial, and pharmaceutical)
- Biotech industry
- Government

Given the location of the conference in Durham NC, high attendance is likely from each of the sectors listed above which will facilitate diverse presentations and thought-provoking discussions.

Things to do: https://www.ascctox.org/qsar2020/qsar-2020-venue

Info At-a-Glance:

**Dates:** June 8-11, 2020  
**City:** Durham, North Carolina (Research Triangle Park)  
**Venue:** Durham Convention Center, 301 W Morgan St, Durham, NC  
**Website:** https://www.ascctox.org/qsar2020  
**Keynote Speakers:** Prof. Mark Cronin, Liverpool John Moores University & Dr. Rusty Thomas, US Environmental Protection Agency
Organizing Committee Members

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Ann Richard, Environmental Protection Agency
Patricia Ruiz, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

Key Deadlines

Abstract submission: December 15, 2019

Attendee Registration:

   Early Bird: April 1, 2020
   Regular: May 15, 2020

Exhibitor reservation: March 1, 2020

Exhibitor-sponsored session proposals: March 1, 2020
**Registration Costs**

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*Registration includes access to all scientific sessions, coffee breaks, lunches, and welcome reception.

**Sponsors & Exhibitors**

- **Platinum:** >$7,500
- **Gold:** $5,000 - $7,500
- **Silver:** $2,000 - $5,000
- **Bronze:** up to $2,000

Exhibit space: $1,500  
Includes: 8' vendor table & one full registration.  
See next page for sponsor benefits. Silver level sponsors and above may exhibit but exhibit spaces are limited and you must reserve separately by indicating your interest in exhibiting.

**Special Event Sponsorships**

- Welcome reception: $15,000 (1 opportunity)
- Daily lunch: $8,000 (2 opportunities)
- Awards luncheon: $12,000 (1 opportunity)
- Poster sessions: $2,500 (2 opportunities)
- Coffee breaks: $2,500 (4 opportunities)
- Awards for best abstracts (oral/poster) by a student $1,000 (4 opportunities)
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**Marketing Opportunities**

- Badge lanyards: $2,000 (1 opportunity)
- Attendee tote bags: $1,000 (1 opportunity)
- Note pads: $1,000 (1 opportunity)
## Sponsor Benefits

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