



ASSOCIATION FOR
THE ADVANCEMENT
OF ALTERNATIVES
ASSESSMENT

A4 Membership Call
January 17th, 2020

Agenda

- 2019 Year in Review: Highlights Since Forming A4
- 2020 A4 Strategic Approach
- 2020 A4 Programmatic Focus
- Upcoming A4 Events/Calendar

A4 2019 Accomplishments

Administrative



- Adopted Bylaws
- Launched A4 website
- Formalized the Executive Council
 - Lauren Heine elected Vice President; Jennifer Tanir elected Secretary/Treasurer
 - Welcome Libby Sommer & Martin Wolf to EC
- Established 3 working Committees
 1. Governance
 2. Program
 3. Membership
- Developed advocacy materials for use by EC
- Voted on co-branding partners (Update later in the meeting)

Programmatic Content Development



- Webinars
 - Oct Webinar: Different Tools for Different Questions? Using Alternatives Assessment, Risk Assessment, and Life Cycle Assessment
 - Jan. Webinar: How to Get to Safer Alternatives Using Non-Animal Testing Methods
- A4 Quarterly Newsletters
- IEAM article on last year's Symposium officially published
 - Lessons from the 2018 International Symposium on Alternatives Assessment: Advances and Reflections on Practice and Ongoing Needs to Build the Field in Integrated Environmental Assessment and Management

Incorporating A4 into Other Events



- Significant outreach at major conferences - SOT, SETAC (Europe and US), SRA, GC&E, BizNGO, GC3
- A4 breakfast session at GC3 (May 9th)
- A4 planned a networking dinner and chaired a session at SETAC North America
 - Alternatives Assessment and Informed Substitution: The Transition to Safer Chemicals, Materials, Processes and Products (Nov. 7th)
- A4 lunch table at BizNGO (Dec. 11th)
- Creation of SOT Specialty Section: Sustainable Chemicals through Contemporary Toxicology
- Hosting symposium at 24th Green Chemistry & Engineering (June 16-18, 2020 in Seattle, WA)
 - The Nexus between Green Chemistry and Alternatives Assessment
 - Abstract submissions to open January 6, 2020

A4 2020 Strategic Approach

Affiliation Approval

Approved:



Assessed on a case by case opportunity:



Strategic Priorities

Goals

- **Raise awareness** in alternatives assessment and position A4 as the leading interdisciplinary professional association for the scientific, practice and policy developments supporting alternatives assessment and informed substitution
- **Grow membership** to reflect the AA disciplines (e.g., toxicology, chemistry, economics, life cycle analysis, engineering) and sectors (e.g., academia, government, non-profit organizations, consulting firms, industry)
- **Maintain engagement and enthusiasm** of A4 among current members

Indicators of success

- **Recognition** by key opinion leaders - A4 is the epicenter of alternatives assessment and informed substitution
- **References** to A4 by these opinion leaders where issues of substitution and safer chemical transitions are being discussed
- **Coverage** of A4 in trade journals and allied organization's blogs/news outlets – at least 4 strategically crafted and placed pieces
- **Representation** of alternatives assessment within associated disciplines (e.g. sessions at conferences, networking opportunities)
- **Growth** in membership (75% of 2020 Symposium attendees will be members)

Discussion Question

Any current or emerging priority topical areas that are critical to advancing the field of alternatives assessment and A4's growth and impact?

A4 2020 Program Focus

Program Committee's focus this year

- Quarterly Webinars
 - Next webinar: January 29th:
 - **How to Get to Safer Alternatives Using Non-Animal Testing Methods**
 - Register at www.saferalternatives.org
- 2020 Symposium program planning
- Supporting discussion groups (if there's interest)

2020 International Symposium on Alternatives Assessment

- Location: California
- Date: Fall 2020
- Symposium
 - **Pre Symposium Workshop**
 - **1.5 Day Symposium: The Road to Safer - Building the Foundation**
 - **Training/Short Courses**
- **Discussion question: Ideas for key topics/themes for the Symposium?**
- Stay tuned for solicitation of abstracts announcement (expected February 15th; abstracts due on April 30th)
- Additional ideas, contact Molly Jacobs: mjacobs@envhealth.net

A4 CALENDAR

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Upcoming Alternatives Assessment Events

2020

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January

2020

Workshop on the substitution of chemicals in the textile sector

January 9, 2020 | Paris, France

This workshop, organised by INERIS in collaboration with the French Ministry of Ecological and Solidarity Transition, aims to bring together actors from the textile sector, as well as civil society stakeholders, in order to promote exchanges on the challenges, obstacles and drivers of chemical substitution in this sector. It will also be an opportunity to communicate on the needs and availability of alternatives, and to report on the industrial implementation of alternative solutions.

TOPICS IN ALTERNATIVES ASSESSMENT

Free Webinar Series Hosted by the Association
for the Advancement of Alternatives Assessment



How to Get to Safer Alternatives Using Non-Animal Testing Methods

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM PDT

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET

Visit <http://saferalternatives.org> to register

A4 at the Green Chemistry & Engineering Conference



- Abstracts due by **February 17, 2020**
- Registration & housing open February 18, 2020
- Early registration closes April 30, 2020

gcande.org/program

Relevant Sessions on Information Driving Greener Design

- The Nexus between Green Chemistry and Alternatives Assessment
- Design & Use of Safer Chemicals to Meet Market Demand
- Enabling Sustainable Material Flows by Identifying & Addressing Information Needs
- Uncertainty in Estimating Systems Accuracy and Its Impact on Decision-Making

SOT 59th Annual Meeting & ToxExpo

March 15-19, 2020 | Anaheim, California



Sessions:

March 15, 2020: 1:15 PM - 5 PM

An Introduction to New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) and Understanding Their Potential to Support Regulatory Decisions

March 16, 2020: 11 AM - 12:20 PM

Mechanistic Read-Across of Chemical Toxicants Based on Big Data

March 16, 2020: 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM

SCCT Specialty Section Luncheon

March 16, 2020: 12 PM - 1 PM

A Toxicologist's Primer on Alternatives Assessments for Green Product Design: Presented by Gradient

[For more information, please visit the A4 Events page or SOT website directly](#)



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