



RIFM 2025 Information Exchange (INFOX®) Paris, France

***Advancing Fragrance Safety Through Innovation, Science,
and Collaboration***

Date: September 29, 2025

Location: Le Méridien Etoile, 81 Bd Gouvion-Saint-Cyr, 75017 Paris, France

AGENDA

Morning Session

10:00 – 10:15 Welcome & Opening Remarks

RIFM President, Anne Marie Api, PhD, Fellow ATS

Start the day with a warm welcome and an overview of RIFM's ongoing mission: advancing the science of fragrance safety through decades of research, innovation, and leadership.

10:15 – 10:25

Meet the Experts: Introducing the Expert Panel for Fragrance Safety

Expert Panel for Fragrance Safety Chair, Donald V. Belsito, MD, Professor of Dermatology, New York University Grossman Medical School and Leonard C. Harber Professor Emeritus of Dermatology, Columbia University Irving Medical Center

A brief introduction to the Expert Panel that guides and reviews RIFM's work with independent scientific oversight.

10:25 – 10:45 Built to Evolve: RIFM's Leadership in Next-Generation Fragrance Risk Assessment

RIFM Director of Scientific Operations, Danielle Botelho, PhD

Explore how RIFM's comprehensive approach combines legacy knowledge, robust data on discrete substances and NCS (natural complex substances), and the latest in NAMs (new approach methodologies).

10:45 – 11:05 From Data to Decisions: The Creme RIFM Aggregate Exposure Model

RIFM Principal Scientist, Dermatotoxicology, Gretchen Ritacco, MS Discover how RIFM's cutting-edge exposure model facilitates data-driven, reliable risk assessments and highlights the low overall exposure to fragrance ingredients.

11:05 – 11:25 Environmental Framework 2.0: RIFM's Next Chapter in Environmental Safety

RIFM Principal Scientist, Environmental Toxicology, Aurelia Lapczynski

Unveiling the next evolution of RIFM's environmental safety framework, building on a long-standing commitment to protecting ecosystems through innovation and scientific rigor.

11:25 – 11:55 Built to Last: The Legacy and Impact of the RIFM Database

RIFM Executive Director, Technical Information & Services, Christen SachseVasquez

Highlighting the unmatched depth, durability, and utility of the RIFM Database—an essential tool for safe fragrance innovation.

11:55 – 12:15 Morning Round Table Discussion

Engage with presenters and peers in an open discussion about the morning's themes and insights.

12:15 – 1:15 Lunch Break

Afternoon Session

1:15 – 1:45 Reproductive Toxicology and the Endocrine Challenge

Expert Panel for Fragrance Safety Member, Aldert H. Piersma, PhD, Emeritus

Professor, Reproductive Toxicology Institute for Risk Assessment Sciences (IRAS), Utrecht University, Netherlands

An expert perspective on navigating reproductive safety and endocrine activity in the context of fragrance science.

1:45 – 2:05 From Exposure to Assurance: Advancing Reproductive Safety in Fragrance Assessment

RIFM Principal Scientist, Repeated Dose & Reproductive Toxicology, Kaushal Joshi, PhD, DABT

Explore how RIFM integrates real-world exposure scenarios and NAMs to support reproductive safety evaluations.

2:05 – 2:25 Beyond the Surface: Skin Sensitization and NAMs Integration

RIFM Principal Scientist, Dermatotoxicology, Isabelle Lee, PhD Dive into the comprehensive strategy RIFM employs to assess skin sensitization, leveraging robust methods and NAMs with a long-standing legacy of refinement.

2:25 – 2:45 Those Contentious Hydroperoxides

Expert Panel for Fragrance Safety Chair, Donald V. Belsito, MD, Professor of Dermatology, New York University Grossman Medical School and Leonard C. Harber Professor Emeritus of Dermatology, Columbia University Irving Medical Center

An expert analysis of how hydroperoxide reactions contribute to skin allergy risk—and how they're evaluated.

2:45 – 3:00 Afternoon Round Table Discussion

A collaborative exchange of ideas and insights related to skin sensitization and reproductive safety.

3:00 – 3:30 Break

Late Afternoon Session

3:30 – 4:00 Safety Assessment in Practice: Repeat Dose and Genotoxicity Testing

Expert Panel for Fragrance Safety Member, Professor Wolfgang Dekant, PhD, Dekant, PhD, Emeritus Professor, Institut fuer Toxikologie, Universitaet Wuerzburg, Germany

A deep dive into RIFM's scientific processes and frameworks used for assessing chemical safety in fragrance materials.

4:00 – 4:20 From DNA to Decision: Genotoxicity Testing for Fragrance Ingredients

RIFM Principal Scientist, Genotoxicity, Yax Thakkar, PhD

Learn how RIFM applies a layered battery of NAMs to ensure comprehensive, science-backed safety evaluations.

4:20 – 4:40

Breathing Easy: Fragrance Safety in Evolving Scientific Frontiers *RIFM Principal Scientist, Respiratory Toxicology, Nikaeta Sadekar, PhD, DABT*

Highlighting inhalation safety, real-world exposure data, odor threshold research, and the integration of NAMs in respiratory assessment.

4:40 – 5:00 From Structure to Safety: Understanding Chemical Clustering

RIFM Senior Scientist, Chemistry & Genotoxicity, Holger Moustakas, PhD, An inside look at how RIFM uses grouping strategies and case study comparisons to enhance safety assessments across endpoints like skin sensitization and reproductive toxicity.

5:00 – 5:20 Closing Round Table Discussion

Conclude the day with open dialogue and reflection on the scientific advancements shared throughout the event.

5:30 – 7:00

Cocktail Reception

Join us for an evening of networking, conversation, and celebration.