

#NAI2018



NATIONAL ACADEMY OF INVENTORS

7TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

April 4-5, 2018 | Washington, D.C.

Exploring the Intersections of Innovation

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Preliminary Agenda Overview and Highlights*

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For [2018 Conference of the National Academy of Inventors](#) we aim to *explore the fundamental intersections of innovation* that will advance our world into the future. The annual meeting unites innovators and leaders from all disciplines and geographic locations to a venue where knowledge is exchanged and collaborations thrive.

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

Meeting Location: [The Mayflower Hotel, Autograph Collection](#), 1127 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036

8:00 – 9:00 AM

Welcome Breakfast Featuring [Technology & Innovation](#), Journal of the NAI

A unique opportunity to meet the Editorial Board and Editors of T&I and learn how to get involved

9:00 AM – Noon

Session A: *Intersection of Innovation and the Future*

Highlighting presentations and panels on *Innovations in a Digital World*, i.e. cyber resilience and artificial intelligence and *Innovative Approaches to Environmental Solutions*, i.e. solar energy, and inventing green. Featuring a **keynote presentation** titled “*The Dawn of Synthetic Physiology*” by Ronald Evans, Salk Institute for Biological Studies and NAI Fellow.

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Networking Lunch hosted by The Lemelson Foundation

1:30 – 4:00 PM

Session B: *Intersection of Ideas and Entrepreneurship*

Highlighting presentations and panels on *Interdisciplinary Innovations*, i.e. the interaction between physical and life science and *The Innovation Process*, i.e. lab to market stages, and innovation education pipeline. Featuring a **panel** titled “*Ideas for Problem-Solving: From University to Invention to Entrepreneurship*” hosted by the AAAS-Lemelson Invention Ambassadors. Targeted breakout session highlighting Capital Investments/Industry Funding and an opportunity to meet the NAI Staff and learn about programming.

6:00 – 10:00 PM

NAI Signature Gala at The Smithsonian American Art Museum: *Art of Innovation and the American Patent System*

Formal event held at the home of the **original** U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in celebration of NAI Fellows and our nation’s patent achievements from its earliest beginnings to today.

Thursday, April 5, 2018

7:00 – 8:30 AM

Fellow Inductees Private Breakfast and Info Session

A unique opportunity for newly-elected Fellows to network and learn about their role within the NAI.

8:30 AM – Noon

Session C: *Intersection of Academia, Government and Industry*

Highlighting presentations and panels on *Opening up Inventing to a New Generation*, i.e. removing barriers and institutional policies to further entrepreneurship. Featuring a **President’s panel** titled “*Need for Collaboration: How Industry, Academia and Government Partnerships Will Transform the Future.*” Also includes a **keynote presentation** by Gilda Barabino, president of AIMBE and dean of engineering, The City College of New York.

12:00 – 1:30 PM

Networking Lunch

1:30 – 2:30 PM

Session D: *Breakout Sessions*

Informative session highlighting NAI Chapters, and also featuring the **University Innovation & Entrepreneurship Exhibition**

3:00 – 5:00 PM

NAI Fellows Induction Ceremony

Keynote Address by U.S. Commissioner for Patents, Andrew H. Hirshfeld

5:00 PM

Cocktail Reception after Ceremony hosted by **The Corridor**

Friday, April 6, 2018

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

[Student Innovation Showcase](#)

Featuring the inventions of outstanding student teams from NAI Member Institutions across all disciplines, to recognize and strengthen the culture of inventorship for the next generation.

12:00 PM

Conference Ends

*Agenda and timeline subject to change