AIHA CONNECT 2027
HOUSTON, TX

Speaker Preparation Webinar

Managing your online speaker account, action items, & due dates

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AIHA CONNECT™ 2027

November 10, 2026

AIHA Connect 2027 Format

- AIHA Connect 2027 is an in-person event in Houston, TX
- Select sessions will be broadcast virtually, to a virtual audience
- All presenters *(except for PDC presenters specifically designated as virtual)* are expected to attend and deliver their sessions in person at the conference
- Speakers must register and pay for Connect

- Thursday & Friday, May 20, 21 – virtual only PDCs
- Saturday & Sunday, May 22, 23 – in-person only PDCs
- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, May 24, 25, 26 – Education Sessions
- Thursday, May 27 – in-person only and virtual only PDCs

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Accessing your online speaker account

- To access your speaker account, use the link sent in your notification email: *https://ww6.aievolution.com/aih2701/*
- For PDCs, ed sessions and research roundups, the link was sent to you in your notification email.
- Use your AIHA account username and password.

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Conference & Expo for OEHS Professionals

May 24-26
Houston, TX

Home Sign In

Submission

Share your experience and knowledge at AIHA Connect 2027. PDCs, education sessions (including case studies and scientific research), education pop-ups, and posters are where you can introduce participants to the latest OEHS information, trends, technology, and best practices. Contribute to the conference and the profession by submitting a presentation in your area of expertise. Inspire and energize your colleagues with the information, solutions, and best practices they need to meet the challenges they face in their work.

To learn more about submission types, click here.

Important AIHA Connect 2027 Deadline Dates:

- **June 15, 2026** – Submission portal opens
- **September 9, 2026** at 11:59 p.m. Eastern – PDC, Education Session, Case Study, Scientific Research, and Professional Poster submission deadline
- **October 23- November 2, 2026** – Notifications sent via email
- **January 13, 2027** at 11:59 p.m. Eastern – Education Pop-Up Session submission deadline
- **March 10, 2027** at 11:59 p.m. Eastern – Student Poster and Student Presentation submission deadline

If you have questions regarding PDCs or AIHA Main Stage presentations, contact Erin Breece at ebreece@aiha.org or 703-846-0749.

For questions regarding Education Sessions, Case Study or Scientific Research presentations, Education Pop-Up Sessions, Professional Posters, Student Presentations, or Student Posters, contact Diana Kane at dkane@aiha.org or 703-846-0753.

Ready to get started?

Click here to begin

Use this site to:
- *Submit a proposal*
- *Review a proposal*
- *Access speaker resources (once accepted)*
- *Submit a function request*

Please use your AIHA website login to sign-in.

Live Demo

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SIGN YOUR SPEAKER AGREEMENT

- **Step 1 - sign the Speaker Agreement**
- ALL speakers and ALL moderators need to complete the Speaker Agreement
- Review AIHA guidelines and convention center rules, and consent to adhere by signing the agreement.
- Review the content, and digitally sign and date
- **DEADLINE:** November 13, 2026 - **This week!**

Edit your profile

Step 2 of 3: Edit Profile

The data was saved successfully.

* - indicates a required item.

Contact Information

Prefix:

*** First Name:**

Erin

Middle Name:

*** Last Name:**

Breece

Suffix:

Credential(s):

*** Company:**

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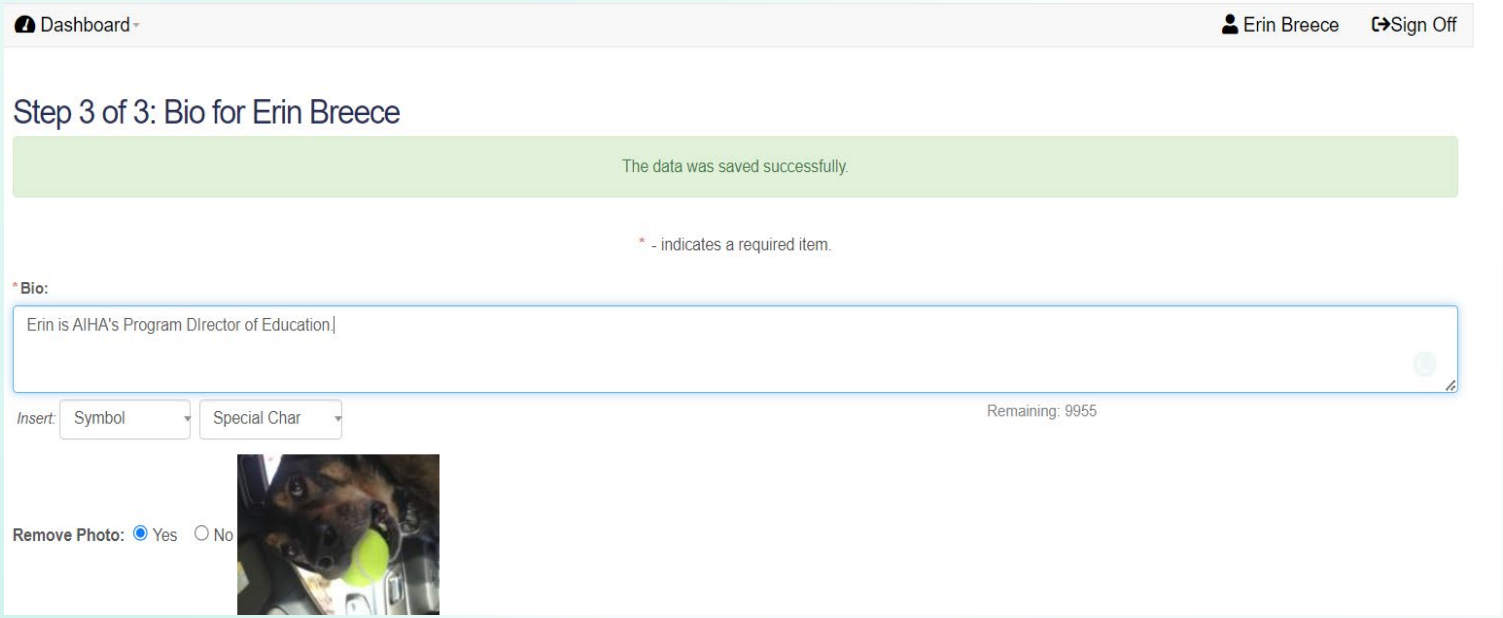
REVIEW YOUR BIO & ADD A PHOTO



- The biography entered for you at the time of submission will auto-generate
- Make changes, if needed, at any time
- Upload a headshot style photo of yourself (optional)
  - *For best results, use the noted sizing of 185 X 185 pixels*

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ATTENDEE/PUBLIC-FACING VIEW

Print Close

K8: Impactful Speaking: Mastering Storytelling and Silence for OEHS Success

Wed, 5/21: 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM CDT
CM Credit Hours: 1
Education Session
Kansas City Convention Center

Content Level

Introductory

Topics

Communication and Training
Enhancing OEHS Communication Skills
Management/Leadership

Description

This session will empower OEHS professionals with advanced communication skills tailored to today's dynamic and diverse work environments. Participants will learn techniques such as the art of storytelling, purposeful pauses, avoiding filler words, and using the "why" to make their communication impactful and memorable. We will explore the art of storytelling, drawing on scientific research that shows how human brains naturally connect data points into narratives. By leveraging stories, we can capture attention, evoke emotions,



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Moderator
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Miriam Koesterich, CIH, CSP
Presenter
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New York, NY
United States of America

Rustin Reed, PhD, CIH, CSP
Co-Presenter

- Each session has a dedicated webpage
- Information including name, credentials, company/org., city, state and country are displayed
- Headshot is shown
- Biography is visible, after clicking speaker name

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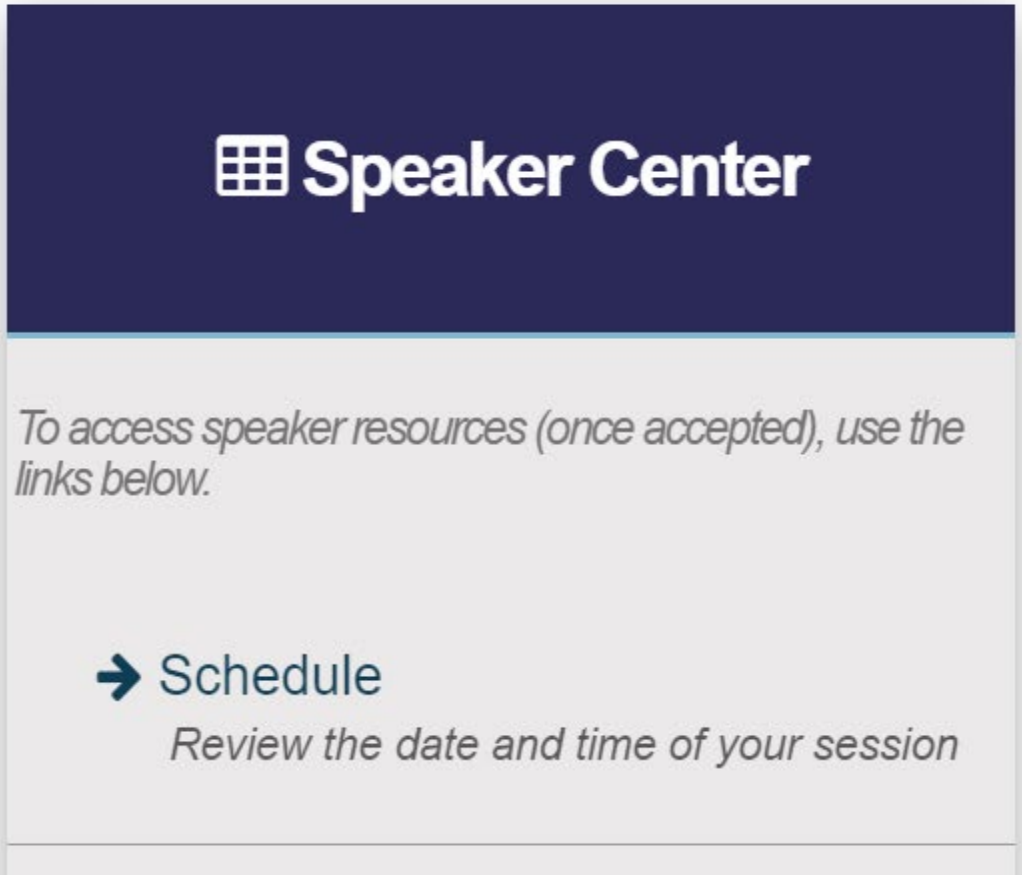


Clicking on **Schedule** under **Speaker Center** will take you to **My Ready Room** where you will see details on Action Items and Deadlines.

Scrolling down, you will see your session details.

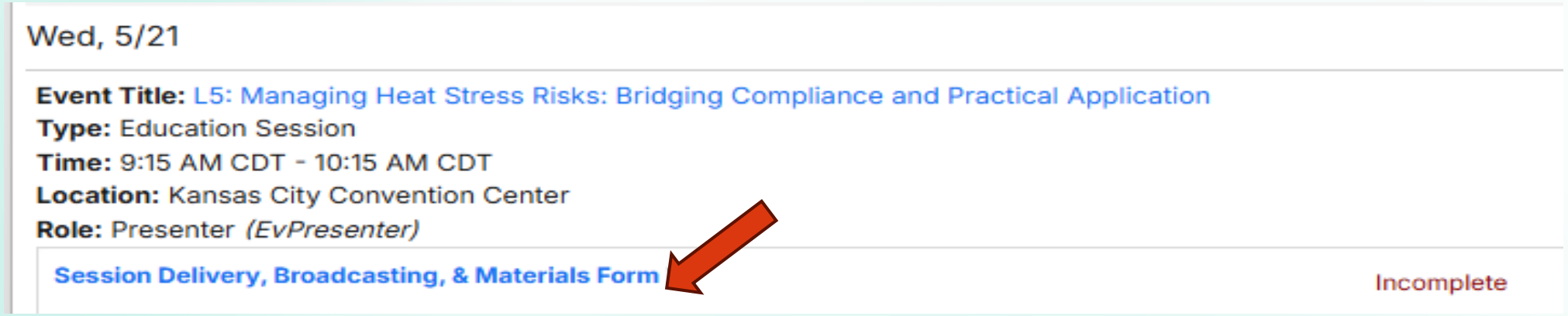
Session delivery, broadcasting & materials form

We need ALL speakers and ALL moderators to complete this form

You will need to complete one for EACH session in which you are speaking

Asks:

- If we have to go completely virtual, what would be your preferred presentation option
- Are you interested in having your session live streamed to a virtual audience
- For permission to record your session (audio & slides) to be used for AIHA Connect OnDemand
- You to agree to AIHA's Copyright Guidance Document and to the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Responsible Usage Policy



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Speaker registrations

- PDC instructors who wish to attend AIHA Connect Monday through Wednesday are required to pay the applicable full conference or one-day registration fee and should register and reserve hotel accommodations online.
- Instructors must also register for the PDC(s) they are teaching using a special code to be sent in late November.
  - *If you are attending to present your PDC only, please select "PDC Only" as your registration type.*
- Presenters and moderators for Posters, Research Roundups, Education Sessions & Pop Ups (Monday-Wednesday) are required to register for the conference and pay the applicable full conference or one-day registration fee.
- Registration will open on December 7, 2026

Speaker registration & conference app

- Speaker details displayed in the conference app are pulled from registration data and are NOT tied to details on your speaker profile.

- When registering for the conference, please update your badge information to reflect details you would like visible to attendees on the mobile app (company, city state, etc.)

PDC Speaker funding

- PDC presenters receive an honorarium (post-conference) for facilitating their course
  - $175/hour or $1,400 total for a full day course
  - $700 for a ½-day course
  - $2,800 for a 2-day course
  - If there are multiple instructors in a course, the honorarium is shared

- Funding and discounts on registration are **not** available to presenters of Posters, Research Roundups, Education Sessions, or Pop-Ups

Access Speaker Toolkit here:

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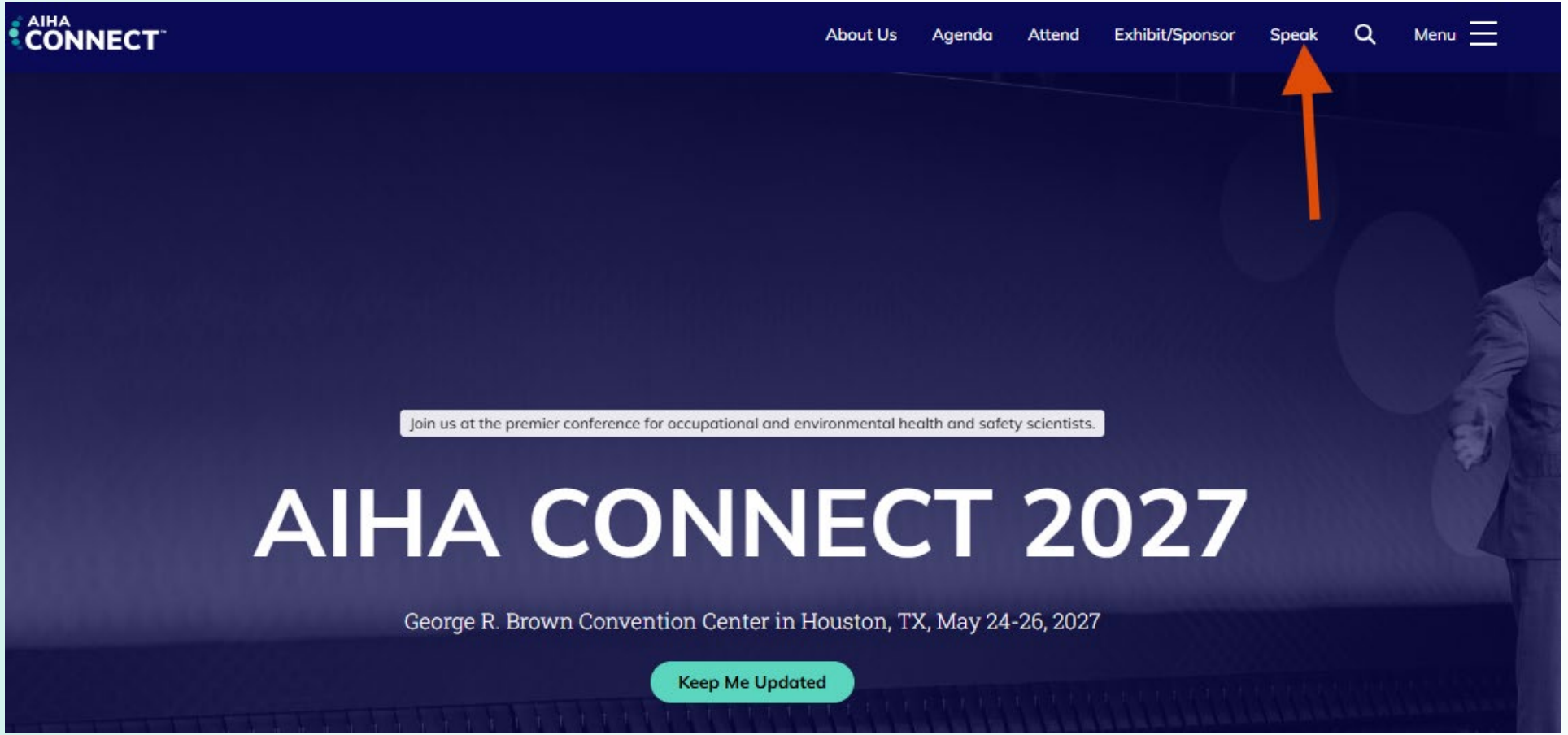

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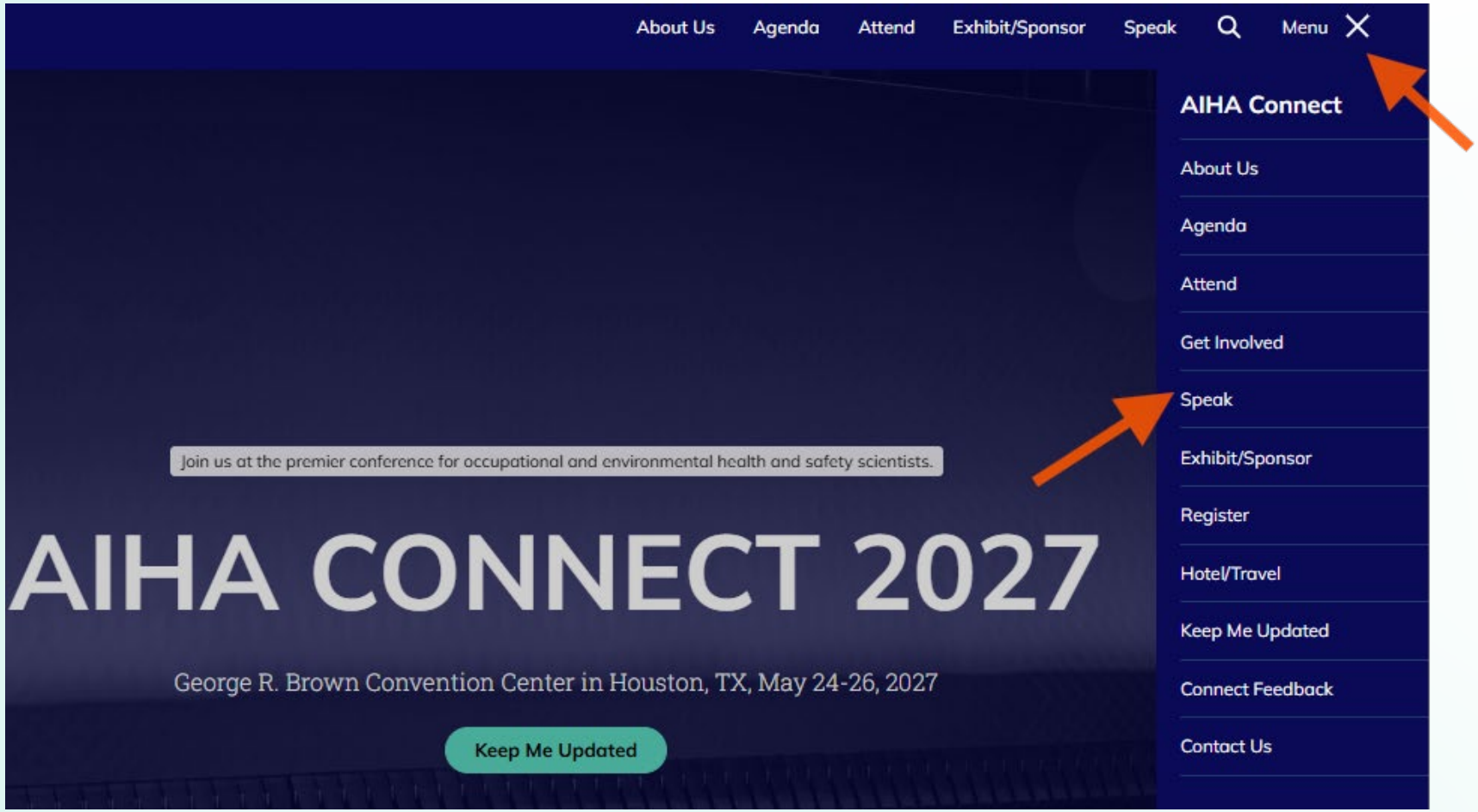

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Speak

- Poster Presenter Guidelines
- Speaker Ready Room
- Promote Your Session
- Helpful Hints for a Successful Presentation
- Education Session Presenter Resources
- PDC Presenter Resources

Click the buttons below to access resources and information that will help you prepare and deliver your AIHA Connect presentation.

Helpful Hints for a Successful Presentation

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Education Session Presenter Resources

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PDC Presenter Resources

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Poster Presenter Guidelines

Poster Presenter Guidelines ↗

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PDC Presenter Resources

Dates to Remember

- **November 13, 2026** – Log in and sign speaker agreement, complete Session Broadcasting and Delivery Form(s) one for each session in which you are speaking , review Profile Information and Biography, and upload Photo
- **February 9, 2027** – Submission of all PDC logistics forms via the online Speaker Ready Room *(lead instructors only)*
- **March 5, 2027** – Review all content on the Speaker Toolkit section of the AIHA Connect website
- **March 21, 2027** – Register for AIHA Connect by this date to get the Advance Rate
- **March 24, 2027** – PDC cancellation due to low registration *(If your course is in danger of being canceled, you will be notified at least 2 weeks prior.)*
- **April 5, 2027** – Handout materials due *(All handouts will be formatted/reproduced electronically and distributed by AIHA if received by this date)*
- **May 6, 2027** – Handouts distributed electronically to students
- **May 20 - 23, 27 & 28, 2027** – PDC presentation dates
- **June 11, 2027** – Honorarium payment forms due *(Forms will be provided on-site. Requests received after this date will not be honored and will result in a forfeiture of payment.)*

Promote Your Session

- Let other know about your session
- Social Media Tips

Speaker Ready Room

- Hours of the Speaker Ready Room
- Equipped with computers and AV techs to assist you

Poster Presentation Guidelines

- **Author Attend Times**

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Poster Session 1 - Professional	Monday, May 24, 2027	2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. CT
Poster Session 2 - Student	Tuesday, May 25, 2027	10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. CT
Poster Session 3 - Professional	Wednesday, May 26, 2027	9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. CT

- **Poster Specifications & Suggestions**

Educator Presenter Resources
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- **March 5, 2027** – Review all content on the Speaker Toolkit section of the AIHA Connect website
- **March 21, 2027** – Register for AIHA Connect by this date to get the Advance Rate
- **April 30, 2027** – Upload optional handout materials for attendees
- **May 24-26, 2027** – Education program presentation dates

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Helpful Hints for a Successful Presentation

Speaker Education Webinar Series

NOTE: *dates are subject to change*

Webinar Day	Time CDT	Topic
Thursday 11/10/2026	**2:00 PM**	**Managing Your Online AIHA Connect Speaker Account - action items and due dates**
Wednesday 1/5/2027	2:00 PM	**Preparing for on-site at AIHA Connect** - room sets, logistics, forms for PDC presenters, and Convention Center rules and regulations
Tuesday 2/23/2027	2:00 PM	**Presenting at AIHA Connect-** uploading PPT, review of resources online, timeline, deliverables, copyright information
Tuesday 3/30/2027	2:00 PM	**Promoting Your AIHA Connect session** - spreading the word through social media
Tuesday 4/6/2027	2:00 PM	**Presenting Your Professional or Student Poster at AIHA Connect** - format, author attend time, on-site logistics, and consideration for Student Poster Best in Show Awards)
Tuesday 4/20/2027	2:00 PM	**Understanding the Responsibilities of Moderators at AIHA Connect** - timekeeping, speaker introductions, Q&A

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Frequently Asked Questions

- Can I change or add speakers for my PDC/Education session?
- How do I complete my speaker forms?
- How do I get a moderator for my Research Roundup?
- How can I volunteer to be a PDC Monitor?
- Do I have to pay to attend Connect?
- Can I attend just one day of Connect?
- How early do I have to be in my presentation room?
- When are my slides due?
- Can we do polls and if so which ones?
- How will I know if my session is virtual as well as in-person?
- Can I change the day/time of my presentation?

Next webinar

Mark your calendars for your next Speaker Webinar:

Preparing for On-Site at Connect 2027

Review room sets, logistics, forms for PDC presenters, and convention center rules & regulations

Wednesday, January 5, 2027, at 2 p.m. ET

Join the webinar at **www.aihaconnect.org,** click on *Speak*, then *Helpful Hints for a Successful Presentation*

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Questions?

- **Professional Development Courses (PDCs) and AIHA Main Stage Presentations (AIHA Booth in the Expo)** *Erin Breece, Program Director, Education, ebreece@aiha.org | 703-846-0749*

- **Education Sessions, Research Roundups, Professional Posters** *Diana Kane, CAE, Manager, Education, dkane@aiha.org | 703-846-0753*