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Canadian Network of Scientific Platforms - Réseau Canadien des Plateformes Scientifiques

2026 Scientific Platform Meeting (SPM 2026) - 10th Anniversary!

June 9-11, 2026 – University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Learning Crossroads (CRX) – 1st floor, foyer

“Building on Our Foundation for Discovery and Innovation”

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

12:30–13:15	Registration
13:15–13:45	<i>Welcome, Ice Breaker, Overview of the Meeting</i> Brooke Ring , CNSP President University of Ottawa Representative(s)
13:45–14:15	<i>The Inaugural Dominic Therrien Memorial Award for Leadership in Scientific Platforms</i> Moderator: Laurence Lejeune , CNSP Past Vice-President AWARD WINNER Mohamad Nasser-Eddine Vice President of Programs and Planning, Canada Foundation for Innovation
14:15–14:45	<i>“The CNSP Building on Our Foundation”</i> Claire Brown , CNSP Past President Laurence Lejeune , CNSP Past Vice-President
14:45–14:50	Pre-Recorded Tech Talk – Agilent Technologies  Agilent
14:50–15:15	Refreshment Break
15:15–15:20	Keynote Introduction Claire Brown , CNSP Past President
15:20–16:05	Keynote Lecture <i>“The Past, Present, & Future of Shared Research Facilities”</i> Philip Hockberger , Higher Education Consultant
16:05–16:20	Q&A with Keynote



16:20–16:50	<i>“Landscape Review of Scientific Platforms Across Canada”</i> Brooke Ring , Queen’s University
16:50–17:00	Q&A with the Speaker
17:00–17:30	<i>“Transforming Excellence in Research Through Inclusion of Academic Research Professionals”</i> Équilibre NSERC/FRQNT Chair for Inclusion in Science and Engineering (CISE) Claire M. Brown , Professor, McGill University Marie-Eve Paquet , Associate Professor, Université Laval
17:30–17:40	Q&A with the Speakers
17:40–17:45	Pre-Recorded Tech Talk – Illumina 
17:45–17:50	Pre-Recorded Tech Talk – QReserve 
18:00–20:00	Poster Session and Reception Location: Learning Crossroads (CRX) – 1st floor, foyer

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

08:00–09:00	Light Refreshments
09:00–09:05	Keynote Introduction Nhu Trieu , CNSP Eastern Canada Representative
09:05–09:45	Keynote Lecture <i>“Lessons Learned from European Research Infrastructure Consortia”</i> Antje Keppler , Euro-BioImaging & Global BioImaging
09:45–10:00	Q&A with Keynote
10:00–10:05	Pre-Recorded Tech Talk – Idea Elan 
10:05–10:30	Refreshment Break
10:30–11:00	<i>“The Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI)’s 2027 Innovation Fund Stream for Core Facilities”</i> Sandra Zohar , Senior Programs Officer, Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI)
11:00–11:15	Q&A with Speaker



11:15–12:15	<p>Panel Discussion #1 <i>“Securing the Future of Scientific Platforms”</i></p> <p>Moderator: Brooke Ring, CNSP President</p> <p>Olivier Gagnon, Associate Director of Innovation Fund and Special Funds, CFI</p> <p>Philip Hockberger, Higher Education Consultant</p> <p>Marie-Eve Paquet, Associate Professor, Université Laval</p> <p>Cindy Gillet, Strategic Grants Advisor, CFI Liaison, University of New Brunswick</p>
12:15–12:30	<p>Platform Scientist/Administrator Award Presentation</p> <p>Moderator: Colleen Sunderland, CNSP Western Canada Representative</p>
12:30–12:35	<p>Pre-Recorded Tech Talk – Element Biosciences </p>
12:35–13:30	<p>Lunch Break</p>
13:30–15:00	<p>Panel Discussion #2 <i>“Unlocking Impact: Connecting Stakeholders Across the Research Infrastructure Ecosystem”</i></p> <p>Moderated by: Vidhu Sharma, CNSP Vice-President</p> <p>Chris Lannon, Director of Executive Strategies, MITACS</p> <p>Shannon Quinn, Secretary General, National Research Council (NRC)</p> <p>Jeffrey LeDue, Managing Director, NeuroImaging and NeuroComputation Core (NINC) Managing Director, University of British Columbia</p>
15:00–15:05	<p>Pre-Recorded Tech Talk – Evident Canada MIS </p>
15:05–15:30	<p>Refreshment Break</p>
15:30–17:00	<p>Panel Discussion #3 <i>“Industry Engagement, Collaboration and Innovation”</i></p> <p>Moderator: Nhu Trieu, CNSP Eastern Canada Representative</p> <p>Tyler Lalonde, Lead Centre for Translational Biology (CTB) Business Relations, Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC-RI)</p> <p>Antje Keppler, Sections Director, Euro-Biolmaging</p> <p>Lyanne Betit, NSERC, Research and Technology Partnership</p> <p>Vahid Dehnavi, Senior Research Scientist, Surface Science Western</p>
17:00–17:15	<p>Platform Scientist/Administrator Award Presentation</p> <p>Moderator: Jeffrey LeDue, CNSP Secretary</p>
17:15–17:20	<p>Pre-Recorded Tech Talk – DeLong Instruments </p>
17:20–17:25	<p>Pre-Recorded Tech Talk – Oxford Nanopore Technologies </p>
17:25–17:35	<p>Closing Remarks</p>
19:00–21:00	<p>CNSP SPM Dinner</p> <p>Sidedoor Contemporary Kitchen and Bar</p> <p>18B York Street, Ottawa, ON K1N 5T5, Canada</p>



Thursday, June 11, 2026

8:30–9:00	Light Refreshments
9:00–12:00	<p>Scientific Platform Tours Rotations in groups #1-3</p> <p>All platforms are located minutes from each other. Each of the three groups will tour for 45 minutes through 4 facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • André E. Lalonde National Facility for Accelerator Mass Spectrometry (Advanced Research Complex, 25 Templeton Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 6N5) • Cyber Range (STEM Complex, 150 Louis-Pasteur Private, 5th Floor, Ottawa, ON K1N 9A7) • NMR Core Facility (Department of Chemistry, 10 Marie Curie Private, Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 6N5) • INSPIRE Core Facility (Vanier Building, Room 5074, 136 Jean-Jacques Lussier, Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 6N5)
12:00–13:30	Lunch
<p>Platform Scientists & Administrators Workshop</p> <p><i>“Creating and Delivering Your Value Proposition”</i></p> <p>Claire M. Brown, NSERC, Chair for Inclusion in Science and Engineering (CISE), McGill University Marie-Eve Paquet, NSERC, Chair for Inclusion in Science and Engineering (CISE), Université Laval Susanne Kaitna, Senior Advisor Core Facilities, McGill University Laurence Lejeune, Project Manager, NSERC, Chair for Inclusion in Science and Engineering (CISE)</p>	
13:30-14:00	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Overview of goals and structure for the afternoon. Short participant introductions of one slide per person to get to know one another.</p>
14:00-15:30	<p>Values, Mission, Vision – Interactive Sessions</p> <p>Each segment on values, mission, and vision will begin with brief framing remarks, followed by structured group discussions and opportunities to report back and share themes with the larger group, creating a reflective, discussion-driven workshop that emphasizes collaborative exploration.</p>
15:30-16:00	Refreshment Break
16:00-16:45	<p>Building for Purpose – Group Ideation</p> <p>Participants will be invited to imagine designing a scientific platform without resource constraints, using this exercise to think creatively about structure, capabilities, and impact. Ideas will be developed through small-group work using white boards and visual planning tools, followed by a brief report-back and cross-group discussion to compare perspectives and highlight common themes.</p>
16:45-17:20	Individual Reflection and Practical Planning



	Participants will identify one concrete idea emerging from the group work and consider how it could be realistically implemented in their scientific platform or institution within the next six months. They will also reflect on potential barriers and enabling factors that may influence progress. The activity could be primarily self-directed or within small groups to brainstorm and refine ideas.
17:20-17:30	Wrap Up and Event Survey

