OIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & OIA–UPO INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS 2026

Welcome to Paris!

Know Before You Go · Attendee Guide

DATES	VENUE	BADGES
November 5–7, 2026	**Maison de la Chimie**	**1–1:30 PM Thursday**
AGM Thursday · Congress Fri–Sat	28 Rue Saint-Dominique, Paris 7th	From 7:30 AM Friday & Saturday

Dear OIA AGM & Conference Attendees,

We look forward to seeing you in Paris next week, and we have put together the information below, which we hope will help you to have a successful trip.

01 At a Glance

OIA Members Open Forum, AGM & Conference schedules

- **Thursday, Nov. 5:** the OIA Members Open Forum & AGM schedule is posted here.
  - Badge pickup occurs from 1–1:30 PM CET outside Room 233 (pre-registration required; we regret that we will not be able to accommodate additional attendees on-site).
  - If you would like to provide a 3-minute update from your organization/country during the Members Open Forum, please sign up here (required).
- **Friday–Saturday, Nov. 6–7:** the conference schedule is posted here.
  - A real-time translation service (English/French to other languages) will be available at no cost, and it will be demonstrated during the opening remarks at 8:30 AM on Friday, Nov. 6. Please bring your smartphone and headphones (powerbank, phone charger + adaptor also recommended).

> If either schedule changes, the updated version will be posted on the **OIA event page**. More detailed information about the above events can be found below.

02 Before You Travel

Entry requirements for France

- Visit this website for information on requirements to enter France.
- Implementation of the EES/ETIAS travel authorization system that was approved for the EU in 2025 has been delayed, and is not yet in effect **(no action needed)**.
- Visitors from outside of the EU must show a valid passport issued less than 10 years before, and valid for at least 3 months after the envisaged departure date (you may be required to provide proof of your outbound ticket/departure from the EU).

French travel advisory

- This message was sent to all registrants on October 20th regarding the recent protests in France.
- There have been no recent changes to the US Travel Advisory level for France; however, visitors are encouraged to stay informed and vigilant during their trip, and conference organizers will alert participants if the situation changes.
- You may wish to register for the STEP Program (for US citizens), or similar government travel advisory programs offered by your home country. A list of embassy contacts in Paris can also be found here.

> **Strike planned on Thursday, November 5**
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> As of today, a nationwide train/metro strike is planned for Thursday, November 5th. This is not expected to disrupt rail service from London to Paris; however, detailed information will not be available until Wednesday, November 4th. We will send an update out to all attendees by email then.
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> This webpage contains a general list of upcoming strikes in France.

03 Getting There

Maison de la Chimie

Address

Maison de la Chimie
28 Rue Saint-Dominique, 75007 Paris, France

Open directions in Google Maps

Which entrance?

There are TWO entrances on Rue Saint-Dominique, “28” and “28 bis”: please use the easternmost entrance, **number 28.**

From the airport and around Paris

- **Taxi or Uber** (Lyft is not available in France): the ride from Charles de Gaulle (CDG) airport to the Maison de la Chimie takes approximately 50 minutes to 1.5 hours, depending on traffic. The cost is approx. 40–80 Euros one-way (Uber) or a 65 Euro flat rate (taxi) to locations on the left bank, where the venue is. UPO recommends taking a taxi specifically from the airport (though either option is fine for transport within Paris), as taxi fares are fixed and regulated. Please use the official taxi lines at the airport and do not accept a ride from any driver who approaches you inside the terminal.
- **Train** (approx. 1 hour 15 minutes): take RER B (towards PIGE66 Saint-Rémy-lès-Chevreuse) 12 stops to Saint-Michel Notre-Dame and transfer to RER C (towards VICK Versailles Château Rive Gauche) 2 stops to the Invalides stop. Maison de la Chimie is a 4-minute walk from Invalides. The cost is approx. 14 Euros.
- **Metro:** the closest stops to the Maison de la Chimie are Invalides (RER C or Metro Lines 8 or 13) and Assemblée Nationale (Metro Line 12).

> **Metro and train tickets**
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> The train and metro do NOT accept tap-to-pay: you MUST download either the Île-de-France Mobilités or Bonjour RATP app, OR buy a physical reloadable Navigo Easy card at any station.

04 On Site

Conference Wi-Fi

> Network **congresoiaupo**
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> Password **Paris2026**

Live translation

To make exchanges easier between international participants, the Nubart Translate service will be available to download and use from your smartphone, at no cost. Conference sessions will be in English or French; you will be able to select your desired language and follow the session in real time, both verbally and in writing. We will do a demo with all attendees during the opening remarks on Friday, Nov. 6 at 8:30 AM.

1. Scan the QR code displayed in the room during the session.
2. Open the link that appears on your phone.

3 Follow the on-screen instructions to access the translation service.

Just bring your smartphone and, if you wish to listen, your own headphones/earbuds.

- Moderators will ask attendees if they would like translation at the beginning of each session, and **the session will only be translated upon request.** Please be sure to raise your hand at the beginning if you would like a particular session to be translated.

> **Participants must bring their own headphones/earbuds.** A phone charger, adaptor and powerbank may be helpful, as phone batteries may drain faster than usual if the service is in frequent use.

Power adaptors and voltage

France uses a Type C or Type E plug adapter (shown below), and a standard voltage of 230V at 50Hz. You may also want to bring a powerbank to the Maison de la Chimie, as tabletop power strips will not be available.



Type C



Type E

Weather and attire

- **Weather:** Paris weather averages next week are in the 40s and 50s Fahrenheit, or 4 to 15 Celsius, with a chance of rain.
- **Conference attire:** attendees typically wear casual/business casual attire; however, please feel free to dress to your comfort level, and remember: meeting room temperatures can be variable!
- **Gala dinner cruise:** see the dress code in section 07.

Social media

Attendees are encouraged to share their photos on social media using the hashtag **#congresosteo** and to tag OIA and UPO on:

Facebook	/secretariat.oia.3	/unitepourlosteopathie
Instagram	@oialliance	@upo_osteo
LinkedIn	Osteopathic International Alliance	Unité Pour l'Ostéopathie

05 Thursday, November 5

OIA Annual General Meeting (pre-registration required)

- OIA AGM & Members Open Forum agenda

1–1:30 PM	**OIA Badge Pickup & Ballot Pickup for Full [voting] Members** Outside Room 233 Attendees must have registered for the full [2-day] conference option AND indicated their intent to participate in the OIA AGM in order to attend. The room is at capacity, and we regret that we will not be able to accommodate additional attendees on-site.
1:30–2:30 PM	**OIA Members Open Forum** Room 233 All OIA member organizations are invited to provide a 3-minute update about their organizations/countries during the forum. Advance sign-up via this link is required, and we will go in order and attempt to allow as many organizations to present as possible. Members are also invited to submit a brief written report for distribution via newsletter after the meeting.
2:30–5 PM	**OIA Annual General Meeting & Board Elections** Room 233 During the AGM, OIA's Full [voting] members will cast ballots for three new at-large members of the Board of Directors from among six candidates, and a second candidate will be elected by acclamation to fill a seat that is allocated to the American Osteopathic Association, according to the terms of our Bylaws. Introductory videos and bios from the nominees are available in the Members Area of the website (top right corner), under "Member Resources."
5 PM	**Wine & Cheese Tasting** For participants who selected the free "Wine & Cheese Tasting" option during registration: you will receive a wristband at badge pickup. This event is at maximum capacity and we regret that we will only be able to accommodate those who pre-registered.

06 Joint Conference, Friday–Saturday

General information

- Joint conference agenda

- **Registration/badge desk:** near the ground floor entrance (28 Rue Saint-Dominique), open from 7:30 AM to 5 PM on Friday, and from 7:30 AM to noon on Saturday.
- **Plenaries:** all plenaries take place in the Amphitheatre Bernard Bigot on the ground floor ("rez-de-chaussée").
- **Concurrent sessions:** OIA-planned sessions take place in Rooms 201 or 269 on the 2nd floor; UPO-planned sessions take place in either the Amphitheatre Bernard Bigot (ground floor) or Rooms 233 or 234 on the 2nd floor. OIA attendees are welcome to attend UPO-planned sessions on both days, and vice versa.
- **Meals:** morning coffee and pastries, and lunch, are included in the registration fee for both days of the conference (see the agenda for timing).
- **AI workshop:** bring a laptop and sign up for a free ChatGPT account (optional) if you plan to attend Genevieve Zizzo's interactive workshop "The Augmented Practitioner: Practical AI Tools for Clinical Reasoning, Research, and Productivity" on Friday, Nov. 6 from 4–5 PM.
- **Exhibitors:** please help support our wonderful exhibitors by visiting them in Rooms 7, 32 and 69 on the ground floor on Friday and Saturday.

Friday, November 6: students

- **OIA–UPO Student Exchanges:** a facilitated session from 4–5 PM in Room 234. We hope that students from all countries will attend; however, due to the session format, it will be held in English (the translation service will not be available).
- **Student Poster Competition:** in La Grande Galerie (ground floor) during breaks on Friday only, starting at 7:30 AM. The winners will be announced at 5 PM in the Amphitheatre Bernard Bigot. Conference attendees are encouraged to support student researchers by viewing the posters throughout the day and attending the winner announcement.

Saturday, November 7

The conference ends around 5:30 PM on Saturday, and Saturday is a "free" evening.

07 Gala Dinner Cruise

Friday, November 6, on the Seine (separate ticket required)

Attendees who registered for the gala dinner are invited to an evening sightseeing cruise on the Seine aboard “Le Jean Bruel”.

Meeting point	Bateaux Mouches dock, Port de la Conférence, Pont de l’Alma (Right Bank / Rive Droite), a 21-minute walk from the Maison de la Chimie
Departure	8 PM sharp: please arrive a quarter of an hour early (7:45 PM).
Tickets	170 € per person. Bring your ticket confirmation (separate from the conference ticket) to show at the boat.
Dress code	Smart/formal: a suit, dress or equivalent formal attire. The dining room is enclosed, but guests can go outside, so layers are advisable. Evenings average 45°F (7°C) to 57°F (14°C) in early November, and rain is possible.

▸ **Buy a ticket: registration site**

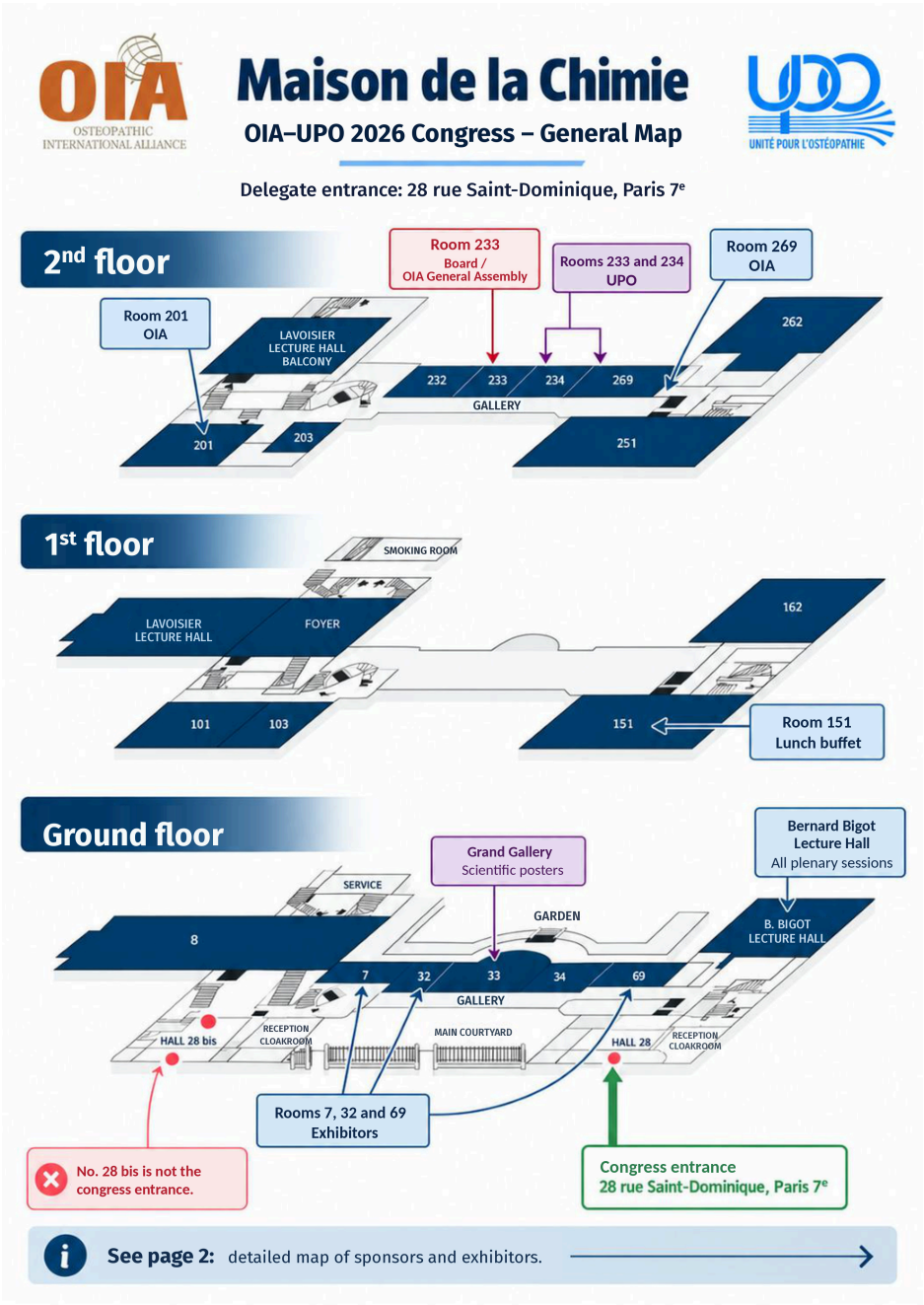
Limited tickets may be available for purchase during the conference on Friday: visit the registration desk for details.

We look forward to seeing you in Paris!

Best regards,

The OIA–UPO 2026 Organizing Committee
Osteopathic International Alliance (OIA) & Unité Pour l’Ostéopathie (UPO)

A1 Map of the Maison de la Chimie

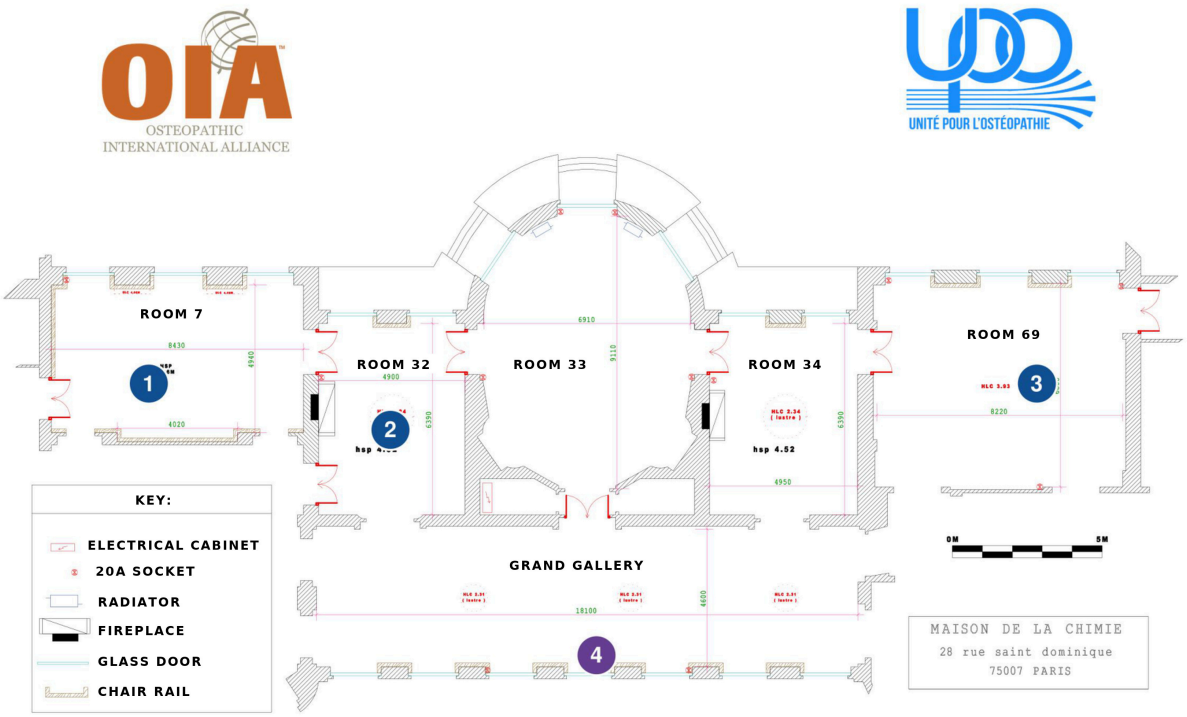


BREAKS — GROUND FLOOR

Room 32: on the fireplace mantel

Rooms 33 and 34, and Grand Gallery

A2 Map of sponsors and exhibitors



EXHIBITOR LAYOUT

OIA–UPO 2026 CONGRESS · MAISON DE LA CHIMIE · GROUND FLOOR

01 ROOM 7
FIF-PL · UPO

02 ROOM 32
Laboratoires Le Stum

04 GRAND GALLERY
Scientific posters

03 ROOM 69
BRED Banque populaire · SVP Assurance AXA · MedXpert
La Revue de l'Ostéopathie · Lavilearn
Museum of Osteopathic Medicine
A.T. Still University, Kirksville

Numbers indicate the allocated areas, not the exact position of the stands.