Important August Dates for the Annual Meeting

Be a part of history when ORS celebrates *70 Years of Advancing Research to Keep the World Moving*, February 2-6 in Long Beach, CA. Mark your calendars and start preparing your abstract submissions (*which are due August 28*) and award applications (*two of which are due today, see below*).

Abstract submissions are open for the 2024 ORS Annual Meeting. This is an ideal opportunity for you to share your valuable research with key players in the orthopaedic community. For more information, guidelines on submission, and a list of topics, click the link below. Abstract submissions will be due Monday, August 28, 11:59 pm Pacific Time.

Submit Your Abstracts

Event registration will begin on October 2, but hotel reservations are open now.

Book Your Hotel
Open Door 2024 will take place February 2, 2024 as part of the Annual Meeting. The goal of Open Door is to get students excited about the possibility of future careers in the musculoskeletal sciences, introducing them to a wide variety of professional pathways and work performed by ORS members. If you are interested in supporting or assisting with ORS Open Door 2024, please contact Meghan McGee-Lawrence at mmcgeelawrence@augusta.edu by August 31.

Get Involved with Open Door

ORS Awards Spotlight, Two Submissions Due Tonight

Two Annual Meeting Award Submissions will be Due TONIGHT at 11:59 pm Pacific:

**ORS Adele L. Boskey, PhD Award**

Named for Adele L. Boskey, PhD, this award is given annually to a mid-career (between 10 and 20 years beyond their PhD, MD, DVM) ORS member in good standing who has made significant contributions to the mentorship of rising scientists, engineers, and/or clinician/scientists in the fields of orthopaedics and musculoskeletal science and engineering. Emphasis is given towards the awardee’s sustained commitment to mentorship and activities that advance diversity and inclusive excellence in these fields. The awardee should have also made significant research contributions and have demonstrated leadership or capacity for leadership in the field. This award is given in recognition of Dr. Boskey’s pioneering and seminal research contributions, her sustained commitment to mentorship throughout her decades-long career, and to the legacy of orthopaedic clinician/scientists, biologists, and engineering researchers and leaders that she launched. Self-nominations will not be accepted for this award. The award is sponsored by the Orthopaedic Research Society.

**Women’s Leadership Forum Award**

The Women’s Leadership Forum Award is given every year to recognize a female biologist, clinician, or engineer who, throughout her professional lifetime, has made significant contributions to the understanding of the musculoskeletal system and musculoskeletal diseases and injuries. She will
have also demonstrated outstanding leadership through service to the professional community and mentorship of colleagues and trainees. Nominations will be reviewed by the ORS Awards and Recognition Committee. Self-nominations will be accepted.

Apply for Awards

ORS Volunteers Needed

One of the primary ways ORS members can give back to the field of orthopaedics is by volunteering with the ORS. The ORS has several ways you can share your knowledge, skills, ideas, resources, and experience to help other members and to advance the mission of the society.

The ORS is looking for volunteers in a variety of roles, including: numerous committee members, journal reviewers, section representatives, event assistance (including at the Annual Meeting and during Open Door), and many more.

All active ORS members in any location and in good standing are eligible to volunteer. All interested ORS members must complete the Call for Volunteers form to be considered for volunteer opportunities. The deadline to complete the form is September 14, 2023 at 11:59 pm Central. If you are interested in volunteering, please click the link below to provide information about yourself and your areas of interest.

Volunteer

New Member Orientation
New ORS members, please join us for a welcoming orientation where we will provide information on the structure of ORS, the benefits of membership, the opportunities for networking and career development, and much more. Bring any questions you have.

**New ORS Member Orientation**

August 16
11:00 am Central
Zoom Meeting

[Register]

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**Join Us for Conversations with Kurt**

Each month, ORS Board President, Kurt Hankenson, DVM, MS, PhD presents an informal forum for members to engage directly on important topics, and to ask questions about the ORS and the field of orthopaedic research. Each *Conversations with Kurt* webinar will center on a specific topic and offer plenty of opportunity for members to bring up matters that are most important to them. Join us for the next Conversation on August 24 at 9:00 am Central Time.

**Online Education from LearnORS**
Video recordings of previous Conversations with Kurt sessions are available to ORS members through the Memberclicks portal. Just click here and look for the last item under Quick Links on the right.

LearnORS, the online education platform from the ORS, offers a complete learning experience in a format designed to meet learners' educational needs. Each LearnORS course delivers eLearning training materials from one online location. ORS Members receive a discounted rate for all courses.

Users can now purchase multiple licenses without immediately identifying courses. This is a great new option for lab purchases.

Residency programs and newly matched medical students are encouraged to take advantage of our special LearnORS Residency Bundle. This is a bulk option for a residency program to purchase discount access to all LearnORS courses for as many residents as they have in their program. Individuals can also purchase the courses offered in the Residency Bundle, or create a custom bundle to fit their specific educational needs at a discounted price.

LearnORS Presents a Special Virtual Town Hall:
ORS DEI Town Hall - Disability Awareness
Wednesday, August 23, 2023
12:00 pm Central Time

Aligned with the ORS core values of diversity, equity, and inclusion, the ORS DEI committee will hold the first Disability Awareness Town Hall. The Town Hall will acknowledge the importance of including scientists with disabilities in our diverse community. Attendees will hear from ORS members about their challenges and unmet needs in an effort to improve the understanding of ORS leadership about existing gaps so they can take steps to increase awareness, enhance inclusion, and improve accessibility within the ORS.

Speaker: Honey Hendesi, PhD, Instructor at the Department of Orthopedics, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

Presented by the ORS DEI Committee

Find or Post Events on the Orthopaedic Events Calendar
An orthopaedic events calendar has been added to the ORS website. The events listed are of potential interest to those in the orthopaedic community. ORS Members are welcome to submit applicable events at no charge through the Submit Event button at the top of the calendar on the site. Institutions or sponsors interested in posting an event are welcome to do so in exchange for a donation to ORS. For information, please email ors@ors.org.

**Mark Your Calendar!**

**ORS 2024 Annual Meeting**
**Hotel Information and Booking Opens**
August 14, 2023

**New ORS Member Orientation**
August 16, 2023, 11:00 am Central

*LearnORS Presents:*
**ORS DEI Town Hall - Disability Awareness**
August 23, 2023, 12:00 pm Central

**Conversations with Kurt**
August 24, 2023, 9:00 am Central

**ORS 2024 Annual Meeting**
**Abstract Submissions, Awards, and Grants Close**
August 28, 2023

**Submissions for the William H. Harris, MD Award are Due**
August 31, 2023

**2023 Clinician Scholar Career Development Program (CSCDP)**
September 21 - 23, 2023
Rosemont, Illinois

*The Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons*
**Nominations Due for the Nicolas Andry Lifetime Achievement Award**
September 30, 2023

**ORS 2024 Annual Meeting**
**Registration Opens**
October 2, 2023

**NASS 2023 Annual Spine Meeting**
October 18-21, 2023
Los Angeles, CA

**ORS 2024 Annual Meeting**
February 2 - 6, 2024
Long Beach, California
Information and Registration Coming Soon

**ORS Tendon Conference 2024: Mechanism to Therapy – Emerging Technologies and Therapeutic Outcomes**
May 30 - June 1, 2024
Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN
More Information Coming Soon

**Dates, Events, and People in Orthopaedic History**
We would like to continue to note important people, dates, and accomplishments in the history of orthopaedics in ORS Connect. If you have something or someone that should be recognized, particularly around days, weeks, or months of a specific dedication, please [click here](#) to submit your information.

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