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* at the 2024 ORS Annual Meeting, February 2-6 in Long Beach, CA. Mark your calendars and start preparing your abstract submissions and award applications. Application deadlines for many of these are quickly approaching. You can find more information 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.**

The **ORS Business Innovation Competition** will take place at the Annual Meeting. The event provides the opportunity for early-stage companies, clinicians, researchers, and students who have a great idea or technology to present their concepts to benefit the field of musculoskeletal research. The winner will participate in a program with mentors who will help them bring their idea "from bench to market" by validating the market potential of their idea, and then developing a commercialization plan. For more information or to submit your application, please see the link below. **The summary deadline is October 6.**
Apply for the Business Innovation Competition

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

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

Book Your Hotel

ORS Awards Spotlight

The Following Annual Meeting Award Submissions are Due Next Week:

ORS/RJOS Young Female Investigator Grant
The Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society (RJOS) and the ORS Women's Leadership Forum (WLF) have collaborated to promote and support young female investigators in the field of orthopaedic research with this award. CLICK HERE for more information or to apply. Submissions Due August 28

ORS/OREF Travel Grants in Orthopaedic Research Translation
These grants recognize clinician scientists and clinical investigators in the early stages of their career who have played a key or leading role in an original research project in clinical or translational medicine, and who have demonstrated excellence in training and a commitment to orthopaedic research. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information or to apply.

*Submissions Due August 29*

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## 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](#)

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**Thursday - Join Us for Conversations with Kurt**
This Thursday - join us for the next *Conversations with Kurt*. Each month ORS President, Kurt Hankenson, DVM, MS, PhD meets virtually with ORS members to discuss a variety of subjects. This is an excellent opportunity for you to engage with leadership on important topics and ask questions about the ORS and the field of orthopaedic research. The August 24 session will address the topic “Volunteering with the ORS.” The ORS is currently 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. Please join Kurt to find out how you can get more out of being an ORS member by volunteering.

*Conversations with Kurt*
*This Thursday, August 24*
*9:00 am Central Time*

**Join the Conversation**

**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 side of your page.

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.
Learn More

This Wednesday!
LearnORS Presents a Special Virtual Town Hall:
ORS DEI Town Hall - Disability Awareness
This 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

Register Now

Editor's Pick

Platelet-Rich Plasma Versus Corticosteroid Injections in the Management of Patients with Rotator Cuff Disease: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

Journal of Orthopaedic Research, Volume 41, Issue 1, January 2023, Pages 7-20

Platelet-rich plasma (PRP) is an alternative to corticosteroid (CS) injections in managing rotator cuff disease. This meta-analysis investigated differences between PRP and CS for function and pain scores in significance and minimal clinical important difference (MCID). In this study, both treatments achieved individual MCID for each score. Despite favoring CS at short-term follow-up and PRP at intermediate- and medium-term follow-up, functional and pain scores did not demonstrate any clinical difference between the two treatment modalities in management of rotator cuff disease at all follow-up periods.

Read More
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.

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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.