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Building the New Tendon Alumni Network

The Tendon Section Membership Committee is working hard to create new opportunities for connection within and beyond our community. **We are now starting to build an alumni network!** Specifically, we are looking to connect current tendon section members with alumni of the tendon section and tendon-focused research labs for the purposes of hosting career development seminars, facilitating job searches, and building community.

If you're a PI and would like to add your alumni, please add a list of former trainees (graduate students, postdocs, technicians, residents, etc.) to the link below. If comfortable, please share information on known current employment and contact information. [CLICK HERE](#) to access a template.

[Add Your Alumni](#)

If you're an individual and would like to submit your own information, please access the Google sheet below. Adding your contact information implies that you are open to being contacted by the Section.

[Submit Your Information](#)

2024 ORS Tendon Conference



Save The Date!

Mechanism to Therapy – Emerging Technologies and Therapeutic Outcomes

May 30 - June 1, 2024

Mayo Clinic

Rochester, MN

The conference will have a clinical focus centered on four main topics:

1. **Pain** – This workshop will focus on mechanisms underlying chronic pain and the role of inflammation as well as current clinical strategies and new horizons for the treatment of pain.

2. **Multomics** – This session will focus on the generation and use of multomics data in the tendon field and discuss the challenges and benefits associated with using these data to generate preventatives and therapeutics in the clinic.
3. **Clinical Research and Unmet Needs** - This session will focus on examples of research models that replicate clinical realities which are driving improved recovery outcomes in patients.
4. **Imaging** – This session will address the challenges around the use of imaging technologies in translational and clinic work as well as the confounding reality that imaging assessments (i.e. ultrasound, MRI, CT, and x-ray) do not always correlate with patient functional outcomes.

Stay tuned for more conference details, including abstract submission deadlines!

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Input Needed: Tendon/Ligament Transcriptomics Survey

As we prepare for the [2024 ORS Annual Meeting](#) (February 2 – 6, 2024 in Long Beach, CA) and the [2024 ORS Tendon Conference](#) (May 30 - June 1, 2024 in Rochester, MN), there is a great opportunity to think about the potential impact of transcriptomic studies on the tendon field and how to maximize this. To help build an initial picture, data will be collected from a short survey (5-10 min). Data from this survey will be used to jumpstart the community discussion on this topic and to inform breakout sessions at tendon-related sessions, meetings, and resource production. Even if you do not generate transcriptomic data in your own work, please fill out the survey as the goal is to determine how these datasets may be useful to all researchers.

Deadline to submit your completed survey is November 1, 2023.

Tendon/Ligament Transcriptomics Survey

Research Section Member Spotlights



Anne Gingery, PhD.

Current Title, Department, Employer:

Senior Associate Consultant II – Mayo Clinic
Director, Musculoskeletal Biology and Immunology Laboratory
Department of Orthopedic Surgery/Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

"My laboratory focuses on investigating the local and systemic impacts of aging, cellular senescence, immune dysregulation and metabolic dysfunction in various musculoskeletal diseases and conditions including carpal tunnel syndrome, Dupuytren contracture, connective tissue fibrosis, tendinopathy, rotator cuff tears, tendon injury and repair, and skeletal biology with the goal of developing evidenced-based preventatives and therapeutics."

Connect with Dr. Anne Gingery on [LinkedIn](#)!

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Fabian Passini, PhD

Current Title, Department, Employer:

Postdoc, Department of Molecular Genetics, Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel

"Proprioception is an area that remains largely unexplored and a deeper understanding of it could lead to the development of innovative strategies to address musculoskeletal problems. I am convinced that this research area has the potential for great discoveries and for novel therapeutic approaches."

Connect with Dr. Fabian Passini on [Twitter\(X\)](#) and [LinkedIn](#)!

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Find or Post Tendon Events on the Orthopaedic Events Calendar



A new 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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What Does Tendon Section Membership Mean to You?



Members of [ORS Tendon Section](#) Leadership are working hard to bring you exciting scientific content and networking opportunities, as well as to increase the visibility of our members and their work. We educate fellow researchers and granting agencies about tendon research through scientific content at the 2024 ORS Annual Meeting, and through the 2024 ORS Tendon Conference.

Our goals are to improve knowledge exchange, define best practices for tendon research, foster discussion on new approaches, and facilitate interactions between clinicians, engineers, and researchers. In addition, we plan career development seminars and social events to bring together the community and provide networking opportunities all year long, facilitating collaborations and friendships.

Finally, the Section website and newsletter, The Tendon Times, updates the community on the latest and greatest in tendon research as well as upcoming events. We strive to make this community diverse, inclusive, friendly, and fun! Please help us to grow by **spreading the word** on how fantastic Section Membership is.

From Tendon Section Chair, Hani Awad:

"I have actively participated in the ORS annual meeting (AM) since 1997, initially as a PhD student. The introduction of Research Sections in recent years has notably transformed my ORS AM experience and has significantly presented opportunities for interdisciplinary collaborations and the exchange of intellectual ideas with colleagues around the world. Needless to say, I have also made many new friendships in the highly interactive and social events that the Section organizes.



The Tendon Section serves as an exemplary illustration of a dynamic community, of which I have been a part since its inception. My involvement as a member and in a leadership capacity within the Section has afforded me the opportunity to observe the progressive development of Section meetings into invaluable forums. These meetings not only serve as platforms for presenting cutting-edge research that serves as a source of inspiration for my own research and that of my students, but also facilitate diverse perspectives from clinicians, biologists, engineers, as well as scholars engaged in both fundamental basic science and clinical translation."

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