Thank you to all attendees, presenters, sponsors, exhibitors, and supporters for helping us celebrate 70 Years of Advancing Research to Keep the World Moving at a very successful 2024 ORS Annual Meeting. Almost 2,800 orthopaedic professionals joined us to network, share, and learn about the latest innovations in our field. If you were there, please share your photos, comments, and info on social media. Please be sure to tag us. More photos and a survey will be shared with all attendees in the very near future.

Congratulations to the Following Art in Science Competition Winners. Voting Took Place Just Before, and During, the Annual Meeting:
The Young Investigator Initiative (YII), from the U.S Bone and Joint Initiative (USBJI) will host their next workshop, April 12-14, 2024 in Rosemont IL. The YII is a grant mentoring and career development program that increases the pipeline of clinician and basic scientists undertaking musculoskeletal research studies. The purpose of the YII program is to provide experienced and supportive mentoring in how to construct a well-founded research proposal and secure funding for basic, translational or clinical research. This program is open to promising junior faculty, senior fellows, or post-doctoral researchers who have been nominated by their department or division chairs. It is open to senior fellows or residents who are doing research and have a faculty appointment in place or confirmed.

The deadline to submit applications is February 23, 2024.

About the Young Investigator Initiative and the USBJI
In January, the ORS received control of key assets of the United States Bone and Joint Initiative (USBJI), an industry thought leader that provides a wide range of informational resources about

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Image #19
Artist: Thomas M. Li
Title: Humoral Humeri: An Orthopaedic Triptych

Image #6
Artist: Jeff Fox
Title: The Wrestling Molar Brothers: Hypno, Pastel and Slurpy

Image #21
Artist: Meng Feng
Title: Capturing Collagen Fiber Orientation In Meniscus
musculoskeletal conditions. The USBJI board of directors decided to dissolve the organization and cease operating as an entity on December 31, 2023. The organization has donated all assets to the ORS. On January 1, 2024, the ORS took ownership of USBJI’s key assets and will continue to make them available to the orthopaedic community. The ORS is happy to add USBJI’s resources to its portfolio, including: USBJI’s Burden of Musculoskeletal Diseases in the US (BMUS), an annual report that illustrates the impact of musculoskeletal diseases in the US; and the Young Investigator Initiative (YII).

Read the Press Release

Tendon Conference 2024
Call for Abstracts is Now Open

The call for abstracts is now open for the ORS Tendon Conference 2024: Mechanism to Therapy - Emerging Technologies and Therapeutic Outcomes. The conference will take place May 30 - June 1 at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. The conference will provide a forum to present and discuss the latest research, important emerging technologies including multiomics, address the lack of robust understanding of pain in connective tissue disorders, and to highlight clinical unmet needs and the importance of clinical research. The conference will serve as a platform for mentoring trainees, fostering collaborations and driving the rigorous research to advance the field of tendon research. Abstracts submitted or presented at this meeting can also be submitted for the 2025 ORS Annual Meeting. For more information or to submit an abstract, please click the link below.

Submissions must be received by March 1, 2024.

Learn More

Introducing the 2024 ORS Board of Directors
Congratulations and welcome to the new and returning ORS Board of Directors members who were announced at the Annual Meeting:

**President**  
Susan V. Bukata, MD, FAOA, FAAOS (Continuing Board Member)

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Kurt Hankenson, DVM, MS, PhD (Continuing Board Member)

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Suzanne Maher, PhD (Continuing Board Member)

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Dawn Elliot, PhD (Continuing Board Member)

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Member-at-Large
Amy McNulty, PhD (New Board Member)

Postgraduate Member-at-Large
Kelsey Collins, PhD (Continuing Board Member)

Thank you to the following Board Members who have ended their terms on the Board:

William Mihalko, MD, PhD
Hani Awad, PhD
Meghan McGee-Lawrence, PhD
Marjolein van der Meulen, PhD

Meet the 2024 ORS Board

Join Us for the

2024 Clinician Scholar Career Development Program

The Clinician Scholar Career Development Program (CSCDP) is an annual two-day training workshop for orthopaedic residents in their PGY2-PGY5 years, surgeons in fellowships, and junior faculty (through year three) who have the potential and desire to become orthopaedic clinician scholars. Clinician scholars advance the field of orthopaedics through innovative research and peer-reviewed funding.

The CSCDP seeks the best and the brightest, and participants are selected via a highly competitive application process. The program was created in 2003 to address a growing concern over the steady decline of orthopaedic clinician researchers and to confront the lack of basic and clinical research in many residency programs.

CSCDP 2024 will take place October 3-5 in Rosemont, IL.
Those interested in applying to participate in this meeting will need to submit their applications by March 31, 2024.

Learn More or Apply

*New Investigator Toolkit from LearnORS*

LearnORS recently launched the *New Investigator Toolkit*. The toolkit addresses common gaps in training that surface during the launch of an independent laboratory. These online sessions bring together early and mid-career investigators for panel discussions on the development of critical "soft-skills" such as cultivating mentoring skills, building your lab brand, and strategic planning through different career stages. In addition, sessions of budgeting and peer-review provide tangible tips for these important aspects of managing your lab and building your career. This course is available now, online, on demand, on your own schedule.

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Find Your Next Opportunity at the ORS Career Center

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.
This is an excellent opportunity to spread the word about your orthopaedic-related events, ensuring they reach a wider and engaged audience.

Find or Post Events

Mark Your Calendar!

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Rosemont, IL

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

**2024 Clinician Scholar Career Development Program**  
October 3 - 5, 2024  
Rosemont, IL

**ISFR Biennial Meeting**  
October 21-23, 2024 (Note: Updated Dates)  
Montreal, Canada

**2024 Philadelphia Spine Research Symposium**  
November 9 -14, 2024  
Skytop, PA

**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.