The ORS Tendon Conference 2024

The ORS Tendon Conference took place May 30 - June 1 at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. The conference brought 129 thought leaders and community members from across disciplines to discuss needs and guidelines for tendon investigation. About the conference, Anne Gingery, PhD, ORS Tendon Conference Co-Chair, ORS Tendon Section Research Chair said, "The ORS Tendon Conference was a great success with focus areas on clinical unmet needs driving research, the mechanisms and role of pain in tendon pathology, developing guidelines and assessments for multiomics, and supporting opportunities and training for our early career members. The Tendon Section is excited about these initiatives and focus areas. Thank you to all that attended, making it such a successful conference. Look for more information regarding initiatives coming in the next few weeks." Congratulations to the following award winners who were honored at the event:

**Poster Award Winners**
Dylan Easley
Tracy Boakye Serebour
Giulia Crosio

**Podium Award Winners**
Eric Gracey
Samantha Muscat
Timothy Fleagle

**Student Travel Award Winners**

Nikhil Nair
Ashley Potter
Emily Van Zeeland
Alex Stigall
Emily King
Giulia Crosio
Paula Sarmiento
Ryan St. John
Hanna Brancaccio
Sharf Daradkeh
Samantha Price
Gavin Ward
Kenneth Tam
Lily Lin
Kayla Seymore
Hayley Smitheman
Mariah Turner
Timothy Fleagle
Sarah Woelfel
Tracy Boakye Serebour
Samantha Muscat
Oscar Vila Dieguez
Nathan Beda
Clark Bailey
Harisankeerth Mummareddy
Dylan Easley

**Late-Breaking Abstracts Due This Wednesday for the ORS ISFR/OTA BSFF Joint Meeting**
Late-breaking abstracts are due this Wednesday, June 12 for the ORS International Section of Fracture Repair (ISFR) and the Orthopaedic Trauma Association (OTA) Basic Science Focus Forum (BSFF) Joint Session. The session will take place October 21-23, just prior to the OTA Annual Meeting, October 23-26 in Montréal, Canada. Registration is now open.

The ISFR event is intended to foster growth and innovation in the field of fracture repair, bone regeneration, and orthopaedic trauma. This cross-disciplinary meeting aims to bring together scientists, clinicians, engineers, and trainees with the goal of presenting pre-publication work and exchanging ideas that will drive advancement in the field.

The OTA is an international organization of orthopaedic surgeons and medical professionals dedicated to the care and treatment of patients with injuries to the musculoskeletal system, especially fractures and dislocations.

**Late-Breaking Abstracts Must be Submitted by This Wednesday, June 12.**

Submit Late-Breaking Abstracts or Register

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**The Call for Abstracts is Open for the PSRS International Spine Research Symposium**
The call for abstracts is open for the **ORS Philadelphia Spine Research Society (PSRS) 7th International Spine Research Symposium**. The meeting will be held November 10-14 at Skytop Lodge, located in the Pocono Mountains a short drive from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This meeting will provide a forum for discussion of the latest research, medical innovations, and the most advanced scholarship in spine research. This symposium will foster a greater understanding of the clinical problems associated with degenerative disc disease and will highlight cutting-edge scientific research in areas of basic biology, epidemiology, disease mechanisms, biomechanics, tissue engineering, and imaging of the intervertebral disc. Registration opens on June 17 and all abstracts must be received by July 15.

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**June is Pride Month**

June is Pride Month and the ORS would like to celebrate its LGBTQIA+-identifying members and all that they do for the orthopaedic community. ORS has a Pride @ ORS Community Network that promotes acceptance and inclusivity throughout the organization.

About the network, member Jason Marvin, PhD states, "I am grateful to the Pride @ ORS Community Network as it has afforded so many meaningful relationships with peers and mentors who have played a significant role in my scientific journey. When I started attending the ORS Annual Meetings, I worried about whether I would be able to find other LGBTQIA+-identifying scientists, especially in orthopaedics research. I've since met amazing human beings who've (mostly) tolerated my antics and are now close friends. It's been even more rewarding to see my own mentees and junior scientists engage with the Pride @ ORS Community Network and passing it forward to the younger generations!"
Applications and nominations are now being accepted for the following awards:

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. The winner of this $500 honorarium will have demonstrated outstanding leadership through service to the professional community and mentorship of colleagues and trainees. *(Nominations Open Today, June 10.)*

The **Adele L. Boskey Award** is an honorarium of $5,000 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 award winner should have also made significant research contributions and have demonstrated leadership or capacity for leadership in the field. *(Nominations Open Today, June 10.)*

The ORS International Section of Fracture Repair (ISFR) **Interdisciplinary Academic Exchange Award Grant** will provide $5,000 towards a member's visit to a research lab to collaborate and exchange knowledge in the areas of fracture repair and/or bone regeneration research, and it will facilitate the exchange of new research methodologies and techniques. *(Submissions Due This Friday, June 14.)*

The ORS International Section of Fracture Repair (ISFR) **Lifetime Achievement Award** honors highly accomplished individuals who have, throughout their career, demonstrated and promoted the highest values of the ORS ISFR (collaboration, diversity, mentorship, innovation, scientific excellence) in their
leadership, service, education, and professional relationships. This prestigious award honors an investigator who has established themselves as a cutting-edge researcher and/or clinician scientist in the areas of fracture repair, bone regeneration, bone biology, or trauma. *(Nominations Due This Friday, June 14.)*

The **Stryker/ORS Women’s Research Fellowship** awards $50,000 to promote women in science and provides an opportunity to a female ORS member who is a recent PhD in science or engineering to conduct research in the field of orthopaedic technology. *(Letters of Intent Due June 17.)*

**Collaborative Exchange Grants** provide investigators at any stage of their career with $5,000 and an opportunity to visit a research lab for the purpose of collaboration and knowledge exchange. *(Submissions Due June 21.)*

The **ORS/OREF Distinguished Investigator Award** was established in 2009 by the OREF and ORS to honor an individual who has significantly contributed to the field of orthopaedic research, to the ORS, and the OREF through their outstanding scientific achievements and their commitment of time and service. *(Nominations Due September 16.)*

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**Journal of Orthopaedic Research - Spine**

**Call for a New Editor-in-Chief**

The *Journal of Orthopaedic Research - Spine* (*JORS*) was established in 2018 by the Orthopaedic Research Society (ORS) in order to offer a platform to focus on basic and translational orthopaedic research of the spine. The Journal is a leading peer reviewed, open access forum for the publication of premier spine studies focused on the biological basis of development, growth, aging and degeneration, biomechanical and novel imaging methods, mechano-biology, biomaterial applications, and pre-clinical and clinical studies based on novel preventative and regenerative approaches. The three founding co-Editors-in-Chief of *JORS* have recently announced their collective intent to depart from the Journal. Applications for the role are being accepted from now until August 31, 2024. For a full description of the role, including requirements, please visit the link below.
Capacity for Large Language Model Chatbots to Aid in Orthopedic Management, Research, and Patient Queries

Large language model (LLM) chatbots possess a remarkable capacity to synthesize complex information into concise, digestible summaries across a wide range of orthopedic subject matter. As LLM chatbots become widely available they will serve as a powerful, accessible resource that patients, clinicians, and researchers may reference to obtain information about orthopedic science and clinical management. Here, we examined the performance of three well-known and easily accessible chatbots—ChatGPT, Bard, and Bing AI—in responding to inquiries relating to clinical management and orthopedic concepts.
The call for abstracts will open next Monday for the ORS 2025 Annual Meeting, which will take place February 7 - 11, 2025 in Phoenix, AZ. For those who want to submit their abstracts early, you might want to start preparing your materials. We will provide more information next week in ORS Connect.

Upcoming Webinars

The following LearnORS webinars are coming up soon. Registration for the webinars is free for all ORS members.

ORS International Section of Fracture Repair (ISFR)
3-Minute Research Pitch Competition
Wednesday, June 26, 2024
12:00 PM Central

The goal of this session is to provide an avenue for ORS student, post-graduate, and early career members working in the field bone regeneration, fracture repair, trauma or related to present the significance of their research in a compelling pitch to a panel of judges. This is an important
communication skill and excellent way for scientists to relay our field’s research to the fellow research community and public.

Open Call for Webinar Ideas

Do you have knowledge related to orthopaedic research that you would like to share for the benefit of other ORS members? We are currently accepting ideas for new educational or career development webinars that will take place in the second half of 2024. If you have an idea for a webinar, please fill out the form via the link below. All ideas will be reviewed, and ORS staff will be in contact with you if your idea is accepted. Staff will work with you to produce and promote the webinar, and will handle all registration. We look forward to seeing your ideas and working with you.

Submit Webinar Ideas

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Find or Post Events on the Orthopaedic Events Calendar

The Orthopaedic Events Calendar on the ORS website lists events that 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.

Mark Your Calendar!

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June 26, 2024, 3:00 PM

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August 26, 2024

International Society for Technology in Arthroplasty (ISTA) Meeting
August 28 - 31, 2024
Nashville, TN

European Orthopaedic Research Society (EORS) 2024 Annual Meeting
September 18 - 20, 2024
Aalborg University, Denmark

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

ORS ISFR/OTA BSFF Joint Meeting
October 21 - 23, 2024
Montréal, Canada

2024 PSRS International Spine Research Symposium
November 10 -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.