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Webinar Recap

Organized by Rebecca Irwin, PhD and Francesco Travascio, PhD, the virtual event entitled, "Harnessing Biomechanics for Meniscus Replacement Solutions" was held on May 29, 2024. This well attended webinar featured three excellent talks delivered by PhD students Jonas Schwer, Gabi Schwartz, and Carlos Urrea De La Puerta. If you did not get a chance to join, view the recording here.

Research Section Member Spotlights

Serafina Lopez
Doctoral Candidate, Biomedical Engineering
Cornell University

"I started my studies in chemical engineering working with materials for battery applications. I realized that I enjoyed studying materials and material properties but wanted to apply this to human health and biology. I began working with Dr. Christina Salas at the University of New Mexico on some potential materials for meniscus replacement in my last year of undergrad. When I applied to grad school, my goal was to continue working with orthopaedic tissues and I began my studies with Dr. Bonassar where I worked on improving the ECM structure in tissue-engineered menisci."

Read More
Zhiyao (Hilda) Ma, MSc  
*Doctoral Candidate, Department of Surgery*  
*University of Alberta*

"My journey in meniscus research began with a diverse background in Biomedical Engineering, exploring everything from cell studies to clinical trials. Tissue engineering particularly captivated me. My pivotal moment was joining Dr. Adesida’s lab, known for its expertise in cartilage tissue research. There, I was drawn to a project that merged meniscus research with the concept of simulated microgravity, further igniting my interest. This led me to delve deeper into the field, enhancing my understanding of the meniscus and its associated research areas."

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**Recent Meniscus Publications**

The Section Communications & Networking Committee is excited to share the latest publications by ORS Meniscus Section members. Check out this key benefit of section membership to stay well-informed and engaged with current research and developments.

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**Funding Opportunities**

**OREF Resident Research Project Grant**  
Grant Amount: $5000  
**Deadline: June 20, 2024**

**OREF Resident Clinician Scientist Training Grant**  
Grant Amount: $20,000  
**Deadline: June 20, 2024**

**OREF Clinical Research Award**  
Grant Amount: $20,000  
Deadline: July 1, 2024

**AOSSM Sandy Kirkley Clinical Outcomes Research Grant**  
Grant Amount: $20,000  
Deadline: July 31, 2024

**AOSSM-JRF Allograft Research Grant**  
Grant Amount: $50,000  
Deadline: August 15, 2024
ORS Annual Meeting Awards and Grants
Grant Amount and Deadline: Various
Abstract Deadline: August 26, 2024

AOSSM Steven P. Amoczky Young Investigator Grant
Grant Amount: $40,000
Full Proposals Deadline: September 1, 2024

AOSSM Other Awards
Grant Amount: Various
Deadline: September 5, 2024

ISAKOS Research Grants Program
Grant Amount: Various
Deadline: September 10, 2024

ON Foundation
Various Funding

ACSM Grants and Awards
Grant Amount and Deadline: Various

Parent Announcements NIH
Grant Amount and Deadline: Various

NIAMS Funding Opportunities NIH
Grant Amount and Deadline: Various

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.

Share Your Work with the Meniscus Community!

Keep up with the ORS Meniscus Section by connecting with us on Twitter (X). Please follow us, share our posts with your connections, invite others, and tag us when you have good information to share. Be sure to use #MeniscusMonday when sharing your latest work! In addition, reach out with any questions and/or suggestions.

Interested in being featured as a Member Spotlight? Please contact our Networking Committee.

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