



March is Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month, and we would like to honor some of the many achievements of women in orthopaedic research. As eloquently stated by ORS Board Member and Immediate Past President, **Marjolein van der Meulen, PhD** regarding the women who are a part of, or have been a part of the society, "ORS has a recent history of women in leadership roles, starting with the first female president Adele Boskey, PhD in 1996, and continuing with multiple leaders since that time. Other female presidents have included: **Linda Sandell, PhD** (1999), **Clare Rimnac, PhD** (2010), **Joan Bechtold, PhD** (2013), **Mary Goldring, PhD** (2014), **Gloria Matthews, DVM, PhD** (2018), and **Susan Chubinskaya, PhD** (2020). These leaders have been my inspiration. I am proud to have led the organization as president in 2022, and honored to serve with our current Board, which includes more talented women than ever before: **Susan Bukata, MD** (1st Vice President), **Suzanne Maher, PhD** (2nd Vice President), **Dawn Elliot, PhD** (Secretary), **Audrey McAlinden, PhD** (Treasurer), **Robin Queen, PhD** (Member-at-Large), **Nadeen Chahine, PhD** (Member-at-Large), **Kelsey Collins, PhD** (Member-at-Large), **Kharma Foucher, PhD** (Community Council Chair), and **Meghan McGee-Lawrence, PhD** (Advocacy Council Chair). ORS as an organization is making great strides based on the leadership of Executive Director, Sharon Smith-Terry. I personally appreciate each one of these outstanding women who have provided contributions that have been, and continue to be, extremely beneficial in the field of orthopaedic research."

Current ORS President, **Kurt Hankenson, DVM, MS, PhD** states, "I'd like to echo the comments of my friend and colleague, **Marjolein van der Meulen**, and celebrate the major contribution that women have made to ORS. In my almost 25 years as an ORS member, I have seen the organization go through tremendous positive changes in becoming more inclusive, and these efforts have been led by

our female members. My own personal journey as an ORS member would not have been possible without many pioneering female ORS leaders. Notably, **Linda Sandell**, was the first ORS member that I met, and both she and **Mary Goldring** have been career-long mentors since I first joined ORS in 1999. In my presidential year, I could not be more excited to work with an incredible Board that is composed primarily of outstanding female leaders.”

We will continue to note important accomplishments of women in orthopaedics in the ORS Connect Newsletter throughout March. [Please click here to share information about a woman in orthopaedics you would like to highlight in the newsletter.](#)

Call for ORS 2024 Annual Meeting Workshops



The ORS Scientific Program Committee is seeking workshop applications for the ORS 2024 Annual Meeting in a wide variety of topics which represent basic, translational, and clinical research, as well as innovative technologies.

Workshop categories for these 90-minute sessions include the following:

- Scientific Workshop – cutting-edge musculoskeletal research (i.e. the role of the immune system in tendon disease).
- Science and Technology Workshop – in collaboration with an industry partner (i.e. additively manufactured implants - cool parts, but how far have we advanced on material safety and characterization?).
- Crosstalk Workshop – highlighting interactions between clinical and basic approaches to musculoskeletal problems (i.e. leveraging multidisciplinary expertise to identify patients at risk for OA after meniscal surgery).

The goals of the workshop are:

1. To educate our attendees about exciting research and novel skills.
2. To promote collaborative approaches that address orthopaedic/musculoskeletal diseases and treatment challenges.

Workshops focusing on aging, multi-organ/tissue crosstalk, artificial intelligence/big data, tissue regenerative medicine, stem cell biology, and translational research are encouraged.

The deadline for submission is Monday, April 24.

For more information and details please see the workshop application. Decisions will be announced in May after a completion of external review and final selection by the ORS Scientific Program Committee.

[Apply for the Workshops Today](#)

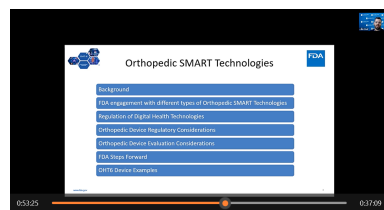
You are Invited to the ORS Annual Membership Business Meeting



Please join us for the annual **ORS Membership Business Meeting** on April 17 at 7:00 a.m. Central Time to hear about the financial performance of the ORS over the last year. You will gather virtually with fellow members to learn about, and vote on, the latest changes to ORS bylaws. Register at the link below. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

[Register Today](#)

Virtual Scientific Session Recordings Available



Virtual Scientific Session Recordings on a wide range of topics are available online and on-demand on the ORS website. The educational sessions are available at no cost to ORS members, or \$39 (USD) for non-members.

Featured Presentation:

Wearable Technology and Smart Implants: Perspectives on the “Smart” Path to Market

The presentation features viewpoints from a variety of experts, including an academic perspective from

Janie Wilson, PhD, Professor at Dalhousie University; clinical perspective from Aenor Sawyer, MD, MS, Associate Professor at UCSF School of Medicine; industry perspective from Darren Wilson, Senior Scientist of Technology and Innovation at Smith & Nephew; and regulatory perspective from Colin O'Neill, Assistant Division Director of Division of Spinal Devices at the FDA. Access this and other presentations at the link below.

[View Recording Library](#)

The Leading Scholars of Tomorrow to Gather at CSCDP 2023



The [Clinician Scholar Career Development Program](#) (CSCDP) will take place September 21-23 in Rosemont, IL. The CSCDP is a prestigious program that seeks the best and the brightest participants who are selected through a highly competitive application process. The annual training workshop is 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.

Applications to participate in the program are open now until March 31.

[Apply for the CSCDP](#)

Call for Sponsors: Leading senior faculty and decision makers will participate in the CSCDP event as well as the application review process. If your company would like to sponsor the event and get your name in front of the leading orthopaedic scholars of today and tomorrow by sponsoring the CSCDP, please contact smithterry@ors.org.

Featured LearnORS Course of the Week

[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



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[The ORS Forum for Enhanced Writing and Publication Skills](#)

This course will provide a unique resource for the ORS community to help enhance the quality and number of orthopaedic and musculoskeletal related research publications. The curriculum will serve PhD candidates, medical students, postdoctoral fellows, orthopaedic residents, orthopaedic fellows, and beginning basic, translational, and clinical, and industry researchers (no matter what degree).

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Mark Your Calendar!

[ORS Membership Business Meeting](#)

April 17, 2023
7:00 a.m. Central Time
Virtual Meeting

[50th International Musculoskeletal Biology Workshop](#)

July 22 – 26, 2023 Zermatt Utah Resort & Spa
Midway, Utah

[2023 Clinician Scholar Career Development Program \(CSCDP\)](#)

September 21 - 23, 2023
Rosemont, Illinois

[ORS 2024 Annual Meeting](#)

February 2-6, 2024
Long Beach, CA
Information and Registration Coming this Summer

*Names in **bold** indicate ORS Members.*



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