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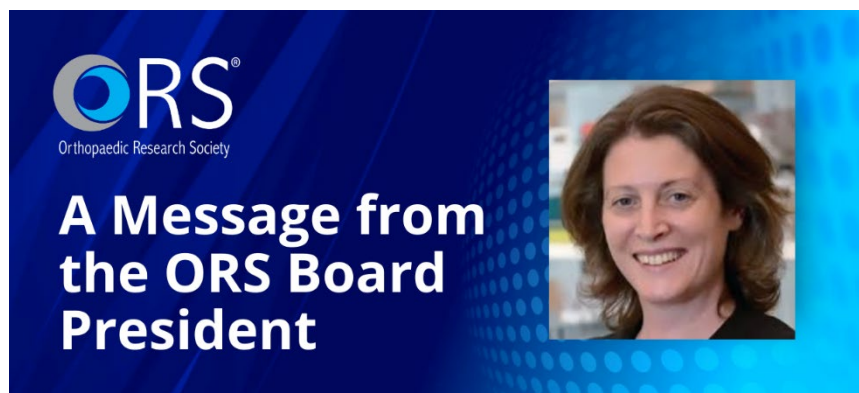
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Advocacy and Outreach:

NIBIB Meeting



Hello fellow ORS Members,

On July 18, 2025, I joined Friends of National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering ([FoNIBIB](#)) for an on-site meeting in Bethesda, MD with the staff and leadership of National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB). Following are a few key takeaways from the meeting:

NIBIB provided several NIH policy updates and NIBIB initiatives.

[Click here](#) to view slides addressing NIBIB's leadership in aligning bioengineering impact with NIH Director Jay Bhattacharya's priorities (slide 1), program (slides 2-3) and policy updates (slides 4-6). FoNIBIB reaffirmed its support for NIBIB as a standalone institute amid a proposed NIH reorganization.

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NIBIB emphasized the importance of sustained engagement between their staff and the bioengineering community, and concluded the meeting with their commitment to help build a STEM workforce that reflects the population it serves.

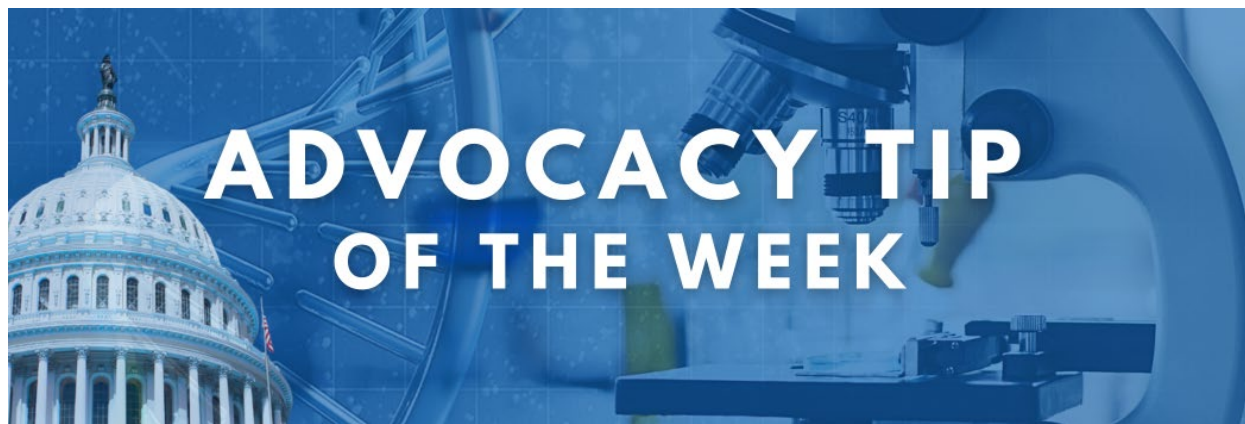
AIMBE shared their Academic Council (AC) survey data of U.S. biomedical/biological engineering departments highlighting the impact of federal funding disruptions on research activities and training the next generation of bioengineers. [Click here](#) to view AIMBE's AC survey infographic. This analysis reinforces the results seen in our recent survey of ORS members, and emphasizes the continuing importance of advocacy and the need for ORS members to remain united in the name of science!

This meeting was only one aspect of our advocacy initiatives. If you would like to get involved and do something to advocate for science, please check out our ***Advocacy Tip of the Week*** below.

Best regards,

Suzanne A. Maher, PhD
President of the ORS Board of Directors

Bring Science Home



Support science where it matters the most - at home! Science Homecoming is a new initiative that empowers researchers to write op-eds and stories for local newspapers,

helping communities understand and value the impact of science, including orthopaedic research. By participating, you can elevate public opinion and advocate for the importance of musculoskeletal science in your own backyard.

[Learn More](#)

The [Advocacy Tip of the Week](#) is produced by Ryan Tomlinson, PhD and Sade Williams Clayton, PhD of the ORS Public Outreach Committee. This regular feature will provide you with quick and simple actions you can take to advocate for and promote scientific research. To help in creating these weekly tips, please email ryan.tomlinson@jefferson.edu.

Join Us for the Webinar: Global Perspectives on Orthopaedic Research



Global Perspectives on Orthopaedic Research: Collecting and Publishing Orthopaedic Data

Friday, August 15, 2025
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Central

There is a wealth of clinical data related to orthopaedic disease and treatment. However, there is a knowledge gap in how to formalize such data in research and communicate it with the broader orthopaedic community. In a joint effort, the ORS Scientific Communications

Committee, the International Federation of Musculoskeletal Research Societies (IFMRS), and Albert Macha, MD, an orthopaedic and trauma surgeon from the Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute in Tanzania, Africa, will address this challenge. This webinar is aimed at practicing physicians, clinicians, and researchers in the orthopaedic and musculoskeletal field from Africa. Speakers Grace Drury, MA Oxf, MA and Billy Thomason Haonga, MD will focus on collecting and publishing orthopaedic data.

Speakers:



Grace Drury, MA Oxf, MA

Global Health Project Manager
Trauma and Emergency Care Team
University of Oxford



Billy Thomason Haonga, MD

Specialist Orthopaedic Surgeon – MAMC/Muhimbili Orthopaedic
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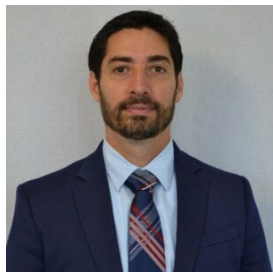
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Albert Macha, MD

Orthopaedic and Trauma Surgeon
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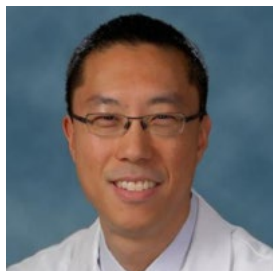
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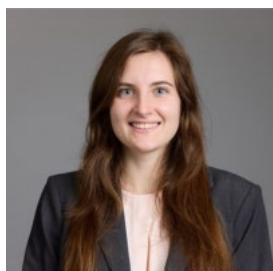


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Award Opportunities



The following awards are now open for submissions. Keep an eye on this space in future issues of *ORS Connect*, as we will be updating the opportunities regularly. Please note that all submissions are due at 11:59 PM Central on each listed due date.

Open Now - [The Marshall R. Urist, MD Award](#) is a \$5,000 award that honors an investigator who has a sustained ongoing body of focused research in tissue regeneration as it relates to the musculoskeletal system. **Submissions are due September 26.**

Open Now - The ORS Meniscus Section proudly presents the inaugural [ORS Meniscus Momentum Award](#) to honor a mid-career investigator who has demonstrated impactful research contributions to the meniscus field, as well as excellence in collaboration, mentorship, innovation, and service to the ORS Meniscus Section. **Submissions are due November 10.**

[The Adele L. Boskey, PhD Award](#) is an honorarium of \$5,000 to a mid-career ORS member for outstanding and sustained commitment to mentorship, as well as a demonstrated track-record of an upward trajectory and impactful research program. **Nominations are due August 15.**

[The Women's Leadership Forum Award](#) is an honorarium of \$500 to a female biologist, clinician, or engineer who has made significant contributions to the understanding of the musculoskeletal system and musculoskeletal diseases and injuries. **Nominations are due August 15.**

[The ORS/RJOS Young Female Investigator Grant](#) is a \$1,000 travel stipend provided by the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society (RJOS), and complimentary registration to attend the 2026 Annual Meetings of both RJOS and the ORS. This opportunity is open to young female orthopaedic researchers. **Applications are due August 25.**

[ORS/OREF Travel Grants in Orthopaedic Research Translation](#) provide up to 14 grants of \$500 each from the ORS and Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF) to be used for early career clinician scientists and clinical investigators to attend the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting. **Applications are due August 25.**

[The ORS Early Career Outreach Travel Award](#) provides ten awards of \$300 each to help offset travel and lodging expenses for volunteers who will participate in the ORS Open Door event the morning of Friday, March 27 at the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting. **Submissions are due August 25.**

[The William H. Harris, MD Award](#) is a \$5,000 honorarium based on the scientific merit of a basic and/or clinical research paper involving the hip that has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Orthopaedic Research (JOR)*. **Submissions are due August 25.**

The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) is proud to introduce its new [Orthopaedic Research Excellence Awards \(OREA\)](#) which will recognize groundbreaking contributions to musculoskeletal science. **Submissions are due August 31.**

[The ORS/OREF Distinguished Investigator Award](#) honors an individual who has significantly contributed to the field of orthopaedic research, to the ORS, and OREF through their outstanding scientific achievements and their commitment of time and service. **Nominations are due September 12.**

[Read About All Awards](#)

**Call for Abstracts Open
for the 2026 Annual Meeting**



The call for abstract submissions is open for the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting. The meeting will take place March 27-31 in Charlotte, NC, and will bring together attendees of all career levels and disciplines to connect and explore the latest innovations in orthopaedics. The theme for the meeting ties in with the enthusiastic racing community in Charlotte - "Driving Research to Fuel Discovery." Submit your abstract today to help us shape the content of our organization's most important event. **Submissions are due August 25.**

[Submit Your Abstract](#)

Funding Opportunities from OREF



Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF) is pleased to announce the availability of more than \$550,000 in funding. Applications are now available for OREF signature grants, pain management research, support for NIH K Award recipients and an opportunity for early-stage investigators.

[Read More](#)

Register for the ICORS 2025 World Congress



Registration is open for the International Combined Orthopaedic Research Societies (ICORS) 2025 World Congress. The event will take place October 8-11 in Adelaide, Australia. ICORS is an alliance of societies that promotes basic, translational, and clinical musculoskeletal research worldwide. The ICORS World Congress takes place every three years. A range of primary fields of research will be represented, including: biology, biomechanics, clinical, imaging, and tissue engineering.

[Register](#)

Article Submissions for JOR Special Issue



The *Journal of Orthopaedic Research (JOR)* has an open call for a special issue:

Tendon from Mechanism to Therapy – Emerging Technologies and Therapeutic Outcomes

This special issue will build on the ORS Tendon Conference 2024 Mechanism to Therapy – Emerging Technologies and Therapeutic Outcomes hosted by Mayo Clinic on May 30-June 1, 2024. The issue will contain perspectives, reviews, and original research papers that

developed around the Tendon Conference and recent Tendon Section areas of interest. This issue will serve as a valuable resource for researchers, trainees, and investigators new to tendon research, while also fostering collaborations between experts in the field. The guest editors for this issue will be Anne Gingery, PhD (Mayo Clinic) and Karin Grävare Silbernagel, PT, ATC, PhD, FAPTA (University of Delaware). **The deadline for submissions has been extended until December 31, 2025.**

You can submit your article for the special issue via the link below. Be sure to answer “yes” to the question, “Is this submission for a special issue?” Then select "Tendon from Mechanism to Therapy" from the drop-down menu.

[Submit Your Article](#)

ORS Sweaters Available



This beautiful, blue, cozy 1/4 zip ORS sweater is now available. Perfect for cool evenings, the sweater is also a great way to share your support for the organization and your enthusiasm for musculoskeletal research. You can order your own sweater now via the link below.

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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.

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Mark Your Calendar!

[Webinar: Global Perspectives on Orthopaedic Research - Collecting and Publishing Orthopaedic Data](#)

August 15, 2025, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Central

[FrameWORX: The Future of Musculoskeletal Health](#)

August 20, 2025, 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Eastern

Indiana University, Warsaw, IN

[Abstract Submissions Due for the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting](#)

August 25, 2025

[ORS 2025 Clinician Scholar Career Development Program](#)

October 2 - 4, 2025

Rosemont, IL

[International Combined Orthopaedic Research Societies \(ICORS\) Congress 2025](#)

October 8 - 11, 2025

Adelaide, Australia

[ORS 2025 Young Investigator Initiative \(YII\)](#)

October 17 - 19, 2025

Rosemont, IL

[Submissions Due for *JOR* Special Issue: Tendon from Mechanism to Therapy – Emerging Technologies and Therapeutic Outcomes](#)

Extended to December 31, 2025

[ORS 2026 Annual Meeting](#)

March 27 - 31, 2026

Charlotte, NC

[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.



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