

ORS 2026 Recap

Thank you for being part of the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting, held March 27–31 in Charlotte, North Carolina. We were thrilled to welcome more than 2,000 attendees to an energizing and impactful gathering that featured 332 podium presentations, 2,010 posters, and 11 Spotlight Talks—truly a vibrant showcase of scientific excellence.

Inspired by Charlotte's rich racing culture, this year's theme, "Driving Research to Fuel Discovery," was felt in every corner of the meeting. From engaging discussions to exciting new collaborations, the momentum was undeniable. Whether you were an early-career professional or a seasoned expert, your contributions helped create a dynamic environment where meaningful connections were made and fresh ideas emerged to propel musculoskeletal research forward.



Your feedback is essential... If you attended the Annual Meeting we want you to be a part of shaping future events and programming by completing the Annual Meeting Survey no later than April 30, 2026.

[ORS 2026 Feedback Survey](#)



Welcome to Our New President

As part of the closing ceremony at the Annual Meeting, we were delighted to welcome our new Board of Directors President, **Hicham Drissi, PhD**. Hicham moves into the Presidential role after serving as the 2nd and 1st VP for the last 2 years. Hicham is a Professor and Vice Chair of Research in the Department of Orthopaedics at Emory University.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Immediate Past President, **Suzanne Maher, PhD**, for her outstanding leadership and dedicated service over the past year.

Upcoming 2026 ORS Events



[Connect with Leaders in Spine Research](#)

Save the date for the ORS PSRS 8th International Spine Research Symposium, taking place November 1–5, 2026, in Skytop, Pennsylvania.



[Deadline Extended: Call for Aspiring Clinician Scholars](#)

Take the next step in your career with focused mentorship and training, October 1–3, 2026, in Rosemont, Illinois.

Applications close Friday, April 10.



[Go for Big Grants with Confidence](#)

Build your grant writing skills and accelerate your research trajectory, October 23–25, 2026, in Rosemont, Illinois. Applications now open!

[Up to \\$30K for Early Career Scientists](#)

The ORS/Bethel Fellowship is offering grants to help launch innovative studies that could transform the treatment of musculoskeletal disorders. **Apply by Friday, April 10.**



[Webinar Recordings](#)

Check out recordings of scientific and career development webinars.



[ORS Career Center](#)

Post jobs, post a resume, find jobs, apply, and more!



[Events Calendar](#)

Explore or submit upcoming orthopaedic-related events and deadlines.

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