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Message from the Section Chair

Dear Section Members,

I would like to reflect on the past year and on several important milestones for the ORS Meniscus Section.

Since March 2025, our section has remained highly active: [Jay Trivedi, PhD](#) (Brown University), [Su-Chin Heo, PhD](#) (University of Pennsylvania), and [Francesco Travascio, PhD](#) (University of Miami) organized and hosted our webinars. In April of that same year, the session focused on *Meniscus Matters: New Frontiers in Research* and highlighted five great young talents and their research ([Maxwell Chen](#), Brown University; [Catherine Wang](#), University of Pennsylvania; [Adi Pucha](#), Emory University; [Allison Robinson](#), Duke University and [John Bradford](#), University of Washington). The second webinar, *Meniscus Matters: The Asian Chapter*, brought two world-leading orthopaedic surgeons from Japan ([Hideyuki Koga, MD, PhD](#); Institute of Science, Tokyo) and [Scott Rodeo, MD](#) (Hospital for Special Surgery, New York) together, creating a platform for dialogue across borders and strengthened our international collaboration and exchange.

Our Meniscus Section Meeting at the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting in Charlotte was a special one—not only scientifically, but also since we celebrated our 10th anniversary. The session, *Knee Deep in Debate: Meniscus vs. Articular Cartilage*, captured what defines our community: open discussion, different perspectives, and a shared commitment to addressing complex challenges. From Dr [Jenny Robinson's](#) (Washington University) opening and the anniversary recognition by [Suzanne Maher, PhD](#) (Hospital for Special Surgery, New York) to the lively debate on “Knee Deep in Debate: Meniscus vs. Articular Cartilage: Which is Tougher to Regenerate?” by [Darryl D’Lima, MD, PhD](#) (SCORE at Scripps Clinic, San Diego), [Nidhi Bhutani, PhD](#) (Stanford University) and [Martin Englund, MD, PhD](#) (Lund University, Sweden) followed by engaging poster teasers. The session reflected both the maturity of the field and the energy of its next generation.

We also had the pleasure of recognizing outstanding contributions. For the first time, the 2026 Meniscus Momentum Award was presented to [Amy L. McNulty, PhD](#) (Duke University) for her continuous impact on meniscus research. In addition, I would like to congratulate our 2026 section award winners:

Podium Award: [Luisa de Roy](#) (Ulm University)
Poster Awards: [Se-Hwan Lee, PhD](#) (University of Pennsylvania), [Neil Patel](#) (Drexel University), and [Allison Robinson](#) (Duke University)

These contributions highlight the high level of work and the strong pipeline of talent within ourfield. In addition, [Jenny Robinson](#) and [Su-Chin Heo, PhD](#) organized the Meniscus Workshop, “Advancing Standardization in Meniscus Research.” This session brought together colleagues across biology ([Chathuraka Jayasuriya,, PhD](#), Brown University and [Amy McNulty, PhD](#), Duke University), mechanics ([Petri Tanska, PhD](#), University of Eastern Finland and [Francesco Travascio, PhD](#), University of Miami), and preclinical models ([Lawrence Bonassar, PhD](#), Cornell University and [Robert Mauck, PhD](#), University of Pennsylvania) to address how we can improve comparability and reproducibility in our work. The discussions—especially during the panel— were open, practical, and directly relevant to many of us. I would like to personally thank all speakers for their participation and for contributing to such an important discussion for the future of meniscus research.

On a personal note, I would like to address my absence from the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting in Charlotte, which I deeply regret. Missing both the scientific sessions and the 10th anniversary celebration was very disappointing for me. I am truly sorry not to have been there with you and grateful to everyone who ensured that our section was so well represented. I would also like to sincerely thank [Jenny Robinson, PhD](#) (Washington University) for her outstanding leadership as past Section Chair and for her central role in shaping this year’s program.

In addition, I thank all outgoing section officers ([Alejandro Almarza, PhD](#), University of Pittsburgh; [Stephen Abelow, MD](#), Lake Tahoe Sports Medicine Center and [Jay Patel, PhD](#), Emory University) who completed their service after the Charlotte meeting—their commitment is what keeps this section strong and active.

Thank you all for your continued engagement and contributions.

With best regards,
[Andreas Martin Seitz, PhD](#)



Member Spotlights



A'нна Kelly
Fourth Year PhD Candidate
Biomedical Engineering, Orthopedic Surgery
Duke University, Duke School of Medicine

"My path to meniscus research has been shaped by experiences across multiple scales of orthopedic science. As an undergraduate at Clemson University, I worked on intervertebral disc regeneration, where I became fascinated by how cells respond to their surrounding tissue environment and contribute to repair processes."

Meet A'нна

Ting Li, PhD
Postdoctoral Research Scientist
College of Dental Medicine
Columbia University

"I was fascinated by the challenge of recreating tissue complexity in vitro and developing physiologically relevant models that capture the interactions between multiple cell types, extracellular matrices, and mechanical cues. As my research evolved, I became increasingly interested in modeling the joint as an integrated biological system."



Meet Ting

Funding Opportunities

NIH Parent Announcements
(MSK-relevant: R01, R21, R03, etc)
Grant Amount: Varies
Deadline: Standard NIH Cycles

OREF Research Grants
Grant Amount: \$1,500 – \$20,000 (mechanism-specific)
Deadline: July 2026

NIAMS (NIH) Funding Opportunities
Grant Amount: Various
Deadline: Multiple deadlines. (Cycle-based.)

Sandy Kirkley Clinical Outcomes Research Grant
Grant Amount: \$25,000
Deadline: July 31, 2026



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