



American Society for Virology

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Happy New Year, ASV Members! I send my very best wishes for happiness, good health, and scientific success in 2024.

This email will cover the upcoming ASV 2024 Annual Meeting and current activities of your Society:

- Overview of ASV 2024 (abstracts, travel awards, the annual meeting program), including **important** information about ASVCares dependent care awards and onsite childcare options, and call for self-nomination for workshop conveners.
- Society business (membership, society election, future meetings information, and ASV 2023 donor acknowledgments).
- Upcoming changes to the ASV Office

[ASV 2024](#)

43rd Annual Meeting of the American Society for Virology at The Greater Columbus Convention Center, hosted by The Ohio State University

Monday June 24 – Friday June 28, 2024

[Annual Meeting Program](#). Anne Moscona, ASV President, in consultation with ASV Council, has arranged an outstanding program of plenary speakers, with Dr. Adam Berinsky, MIT Mitsui Professor of Political Science as the keynote speaker. His talk is entitled “Misinformation in Science.” See the full lineup of Symposia speakers, State-of-the-Art lectures, and Satellite Symposia [here](#). Please take note of the five Satellite Symposia! Registering for one allows you to attend talks at any of the others. See attached poster PDF below.

In addition, ASV 2024 will have the following special events for participants to attend:

- Trainee Discussion Tables
- Virology Education Workshop
- Communications Workshop
- Careers in Industry Concurrent Workshops
- Career Development Workshop
- Assistant Professor Workshop
- Live Podcast – This Week in Virology (TWiV)

You can see more information on the special events at the [ASV 2024 website](#) soon.

NOTE! If you are interested in being a convener for an oral workshop, please contact [Moriah Szpara](#), the ASV Program Chair, by February 15, 2024.

[Abstract Submission.](#) The submission deadline is **Thursday, February 1, 2024 (11:59 pm/23:59 Eastern time)**.

Abstracts received after this date will NOT be included in the electronic Scientific Program & Abstracts, PDF, or scheduled presentation. Abstract submitters can apply to give an oral talk (12 minutes + questions), flash talk with poster (3 minute talk, no questions, and subsequent poster), or poster. Complete instructions for submission are provided online. Before submitting an abstract, please be sure to read the [Abstract Submission Guidelines](#).

[Registration.](#) Registration is live now at this [site](#). Early/reduced registration rates end **April 22, 2024, 11:59 pm/23:59 Eastern time**. Regular registration rates are in effect from April 23rd through June 12th. After June 12th, you must register on-site. See registration rates [here](#).

ASV 2024 will be in person, with an online component for those who aren't coming to Columbus or who want online access. Registering for the online portion of the meeting will include recordings of the morning symposia, state-of-the-art lectures, and satellite symposia. There will not be livestreams.

Travel to Columbus, Ohio. Find information on travel and accommodations, visas, and things to do in Columbus on the [ASV 2024 website](#) under the Travel tab.

[Travel Awards.](#) Travel awards to attend the ASV meeting are available to graduate and undergraduate students, postdoctoral associates, teachers of undergraduate students, and global virology scholars. Students and postdocs **must be ASV members** in order to apply for a travel grant. Don't delay this step! See below for information about applying for membership.

Deadline: Travel award applications must be submitted by members online by **Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 11:59 pm Eastern time**.

[ASVCares Grants for Dependent Care.](#) ASV will provide grants to members attending the Annual Meeting to help offset the costs associated with dependent care during the Annual Meeting. You may apply for an ASVCares grant by logging into your membership account or by using this link.

Applications require a statement of need and a budget justification. Awardees (trainees and faculty) may use the funds at their discretion – to bring a caregiver and the child to the meeting, provide dependent care at home during the meeting, etc. These grants will be awarded independently of other ASV travel awards. Applications will be processed on a rolling basis for applications received between February 1 and April 15, 2024.

[Onsite Childcare.](#) Back after two successful years at the ASV annual meeting! ASV is committed to having the annual meeting accessible to all interested virologists who are ASV members. For ASV 2024, ASV has

again contracted with KiddieCorp (kiddiecorp.com), a national firm that has provided onsite daycare for meetings of national organizations since 1986. This will be provided in the Hilton Columbus Downtown. The advance registration deadline is April 19, 2024.

Society Business

Membership. Membership renewal payments were due January 1, 2024, for the period January 1 through December 31, 2024. *If you have not yet renewed your dues, please do so now by logging into your membership account [here](#).*

Only members in good standing (with 2024 dues paid) will

- receive the ASV discounted member registration rate for the annual meeting;
- be allowed to sponsor abstracts or travel award applications for the upcoming 2024 annual meeting;
- receive access to the mobile app and the 2024 Scientific Program & Abstracts without registering for the meeting;
- vote in the ASV 2024 election that begins in February 2024;
- be eligible to apply for student and postdoc travel grants.
- be eligible for ASVCares awards and KiddieCorp childcare at ASV 2024
- be eligible for reduced publication costs with affiliated [journals](#)

Non-members wishing to [apply for membership](#) in ASV may submit the online membership application form. **Please forward this link to people you know who want to join ASV.** It's easy; applicants only need a CV or NIH biosketch, and if they are a trainee, also a form confirming their status.

If you are retiring/have retired and would like to be considered for Emeritus ASV membership, please contact the ASV Office.

Service on ASV Committees. We appreciate and welcome the service of members interested in participating in ASV's mission. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact us at asv@asv.org and/or speak to the current chair of a [committee](#) that interests you.

ASV 2024 Election. The Society's annual election will open with voting beginning online February 1 and will close after 45 days. Members who have renewed their dues by January 31, 2024 will be eligible to vote. An email notification will be sent to all eligible voters with complete voting instructions prior to the start of the election. The ballot will include voting for a President-elect to assume the presidency at the 2025 meeting, and two Councilors for 3-year terms to begin July 2024: (1) Councilor for Invertebrate Virology and (2) Councilor for Animal Virology. There will also be voting for a Councilor for Virology Trainees for a 2-year term. This year's Nominating Committee was chaired by Past-President Colin Parrish, and committee members included past ASV Council members. I encourage you to renew your membership dues now to be eligible to vote!

Future Meetings. Future ASV Annual meetings are listed on the ASV website, as are [additional meetings of interest to the virology community.](#)

Acknowledgment of donors who supported the 2023 Annual Meeting. Our Society is grateful to the following individuals, companies, and organizations that contributed toward making the 2023 Annual Meeting in Athens, Georgia a success:

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Purchase of Fred Murphy's book, The Foundations of Virology, 2nd edition. The first printing of this fact- and photo-filled book has nearly sold out. If you are interested in purchasing one as a beautiful hardback copy, for \$154 + shipping, contact the ASV Office. ASV will soon have a PDF version of the 2nd edition available for download.

Upcoming changes to the ASV Office. This will be my last letter to you as ASV Secretary-Treasurer, because I am stepping down from this role as of June 30, 2024. It has been my great pleasure to be so deeply involved with ASV, where I have had the opportunity to meet and work with many wonderful virologists. The ASV Office will remain at the University of Michigan, with Andréa Garcia ably continuing as the office administrator. We have identified two people who will fill new roles in ASV, one as ASV Treasurer and the other as ASV Secretary. When the arrangements are finalized, we will share their names with you. I look forward to the continued success of the Society under their leadership and hope you will give them your support!

Sincerely,



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Secretary-Treasurer