



President Newsletter

Dear ASV Members,

As we move into the winter season, I extend my warmest greetings and best wishes to all ASV members and colleagues. The conclusion of the recent U.S. government shutdown brings welcome stability, but it also serves as a sober reminder of how disruptions in federal operations can impact the virology community: from research progress and funding stability to the support of trainees and essential infrastructure. Yet, this moment also renews our momentum and reinforces the importance of our collective commitment to advancing virology research and public health.

The ASV Fall Council Meeting, held in Chicago on September 20–21, provided an important opportunity to reflect on these challenges and chart a path forward. Discussions centered on how ASV can more effectively communicate with and support our members, advocate for science and vaccines, and strengthen ongoing and future initiatives led by our committees. A major outcome of the meeting was the establishment of the ASV President's Advisory Board, composed of past ASV Presidents and distinguished virologists who will provide strategic guidance on major initiatives and decision-making.

In recent months, ASV has been active in national advocacy by supporting and endorsing letters from [ASM](#), [AAAS](#), and [Research! America](#) that promote science and vaccines, call for stable federal research funding, and back key efforts such as the NIH Biosafety Modernization Initiative, collective actions that underscore ASV's commitment to advancing the interests and values of the virology community. I also recommend a recent Science article by Jon Cohen, "[The Pandemic Next Time](#)," which documents the difficulties our virology colleagues have faced in recent months and the tremendous challenges that lie ahead. Separately, the G20 Independent Panel on Pandemic Preparedness has released a new report, "[Closing the Deal: Financing Our Security Against Pandemic Threats](#)," which calls for sustained annual investments to close the pandemic financing gap and strengthen global resilience. The National Academy of Medicine will host a webinar on the report on Friday, Nov. 21, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ET. [Registration](#) is free but required.

Our updated [website](#) offers improved access and functionality, and our revised membership structure removes extra fees for gap years, making it easier than ever to stay connected. Preparations for [ASV 2026](#) are well underway, with four thematic plenary sessions covering virus–host interactions, emerging and re-emerging viruses, and viral immunity and vaccines, and viral persistent and pathogenesis. We are especially pleased that Dr. [Stephen Goff](#), Higgins Professor of Microbiology & Immunology and Biochemistry & Molecular Biophysics at Columbia University, will deliver the David Baltimore Memorial Lecture as our keynote speaker.

I encourage all members and colleagues to join and support ASV as we build toward an outstanding 2026 annual meeting and a vibrant future for our field.

Shan-Lu Liu, M.D., Ph.D.
President

Committee Updates

[The Communications Committee](#) is gearing up to enhance engagement with our members and increase the impact and visibility of ASV. Our committee has grown to 10 members, including six new members this year, led by Co-chair Bryan Mounce and Priya Shah. Look out for our quarterly member newsletter starting in the new year, a new strategy to grow our social media presence to reach the general public, and a commitment to develop communications skills in the virology community.

[The Education and Career Development Committee \(ECDC\)](#) will begin hosting webinars throughout the year to support ASV members beyond the annual meeting. For Fall 2025 and Spring 2026, planned webinars include (1) support for late-career virologists (covering topics such as retirement planning and winding down lab operations); (2) the Assistant Professor Bootcamp (offered virtually, instead of in-person at ASV 2026); and (3) mentorship webinars for trainees, developed in collaboration with VIRO. Webinars will be recorded and made available in the members-only section of the new ASV website for future reference. In addition, we will host multiple workshops and programs at the ASV 2026 meeting.

[The Membership Committee](#) has welcomed 7 new members to the team! With the ASV office, we are excited to have completed the transition to our new membership portal. We are excited that this new portal will provide a seamless interface and more communication with members as they join or renew their memberships this year.

[The Travel Awards Committee](#) has completed the recruiting of new members and is ready to evaluate abstracts in February. We recruited 11 new members that will serve from 2026-2028, including 3 ASV members from Canada for broader representation.

Congratulations

Congratulations are extended to the following ASV members for being elected to:

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National Academy of Sciences

Raul Andino-Pavlovsky, PhD, Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the University of California, San Francisco

Daniel R. Perez, PhD, professor, Department of Population Health, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Georgia, Athens

Stanley Perlman, MD, PhD, professor of microbiology and immunology, University of Iowa, Iowa City

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National Academy of Medicine

Terence S. Dermody, MD, Past ASV President (2010-2011), Vira I. Distinguished Professor and chair of pediatrics, University of Pittsburg School of Medicine; and physician-in-chief and scientific director, UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh

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American Academy of Arts & Sciences

Susan R. Weiss, PhD, ASV President-elect, professor of microbiology, Vice Chair of microbiology and co-director of the Penn Center for Research on Coronaviruses and Other Emerging Pathogens, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; she was elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 2023.

ASV 2026

The 45th **ASV Annual Meeting**, July 27-30, 2026 will be back on the University of Minnesota campus. Yuying Liang, Lou Mansky and Wei Zhang are our local hosts. There is an outstanding lineup of plenary speakers, including Stephen Goff, PhD, Higgins Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics, Professor of Microbiology and Immunology at Columbia University, who will give the keynote address on virus-host interaction. Symposium I, "Mechanisms at the Virus–Host Interface Across Scales," will follow the keynote address on Monday, featuring Paul Bieniasz, Wendy Maury, and Anthony Nicola. Symposium II, "Viral Immunity and Vaccine Responses," will take place on Tuesday morning with speakers Dan Barouch, Michaela Gack, Yuying Liang, Pei-Yong Shi, and Erica Spackman. Symposium III, "Emerging and Re-emerging Viruses in a Changing World," will be held on Wednesday morning followed by the ASV Members Meeting,

with presentations by Ralph Baric, Marion Koopmans, David Veessler, and Susan Weiss. Symposium IV, "Comparative Viral Infection and Pathogenesis Across Virology Disciplines," will conclude the week on Thursday morning, featuring Kay Choi, Matt Evans, David Knipe, Xiang-Jin Meng, and Anne Simon. There will be five ASV Satellites organized by Councilors Gregory Ebel (Evolution and Ecology, speakers: Simon Anthony, Rebekah Kading, Phillippe Lemey, Angela Rasmussen), Carolyn Teschke (Prokaryotic Virology, speakers: Kevin Corbett, Elizabeth Kellogg, Britt Koskella, Karen Maxwell, Giedrė Tamulaitienė, Aaron Whiteley), Samuel Campos (Animal Virology, speakers: Matthew Charman, Shyamal Mosalaganti, Erica Ollman-Saphire, Maya Shmulevitz, Wei Zhang, Tongqing Zhou), Tim Tellinghuisen (Applied Virology), and the Global Scholar & Advocacy Committee.

Program Committee Chair Aurelie Rakotondrafara and the Program Committee have selected six fantastic State-of-The-Art speakers to complement the workshop presentations and posters program: Pranam Chatterjee, Amaro Nunes Duarte Neto, Talia Karasov, Melody Li, Rosa Lozano-Duran, and Kristine Wylie.

In addition, ASV 2026 will feature several Special Events available both in person and virtually, including Virology in One Voice (a panel discussion with leaders of virology societies), the Career Development Workshop, Communications Workshop, Trainee Discussion Tables, Assistant Professor Workshop, Careers Beyond Academia Workshop, Virology Education Workshop, and a live recording of This Week in Virology (TWIV). Registration and abstract submission for ASV 2026 will go live in December. The abstract submission deadline this year is February 2, 2026. If you need an early decision to apply for a travel visa, please ensure you select this option when submitting your abstract.

The Global Scholar Award application opened this month, and the deadline to apply is November 30, 2025, allowing awardees enough time to secure visas.

ASV Trainee and Teacher Travel Awards are available to graduate and undergraduate students, postdoctoral associates, and teachers of undergraduate students. Award applications will open in December.

You can find more information on the program, travel, abstract submission and travel awards and registration online at (ASV 2026).

- November 30, 2025: Global Scholar Travel Award deadline.
- December 1, 2025: Registration, Abstract Submission, and Travel Award applications go live
- February 2, 2026: Abstract submission deadline
- February 9, 2026: Trainee and Teacher Travel Award deadline
- June 1, 2026: Early Bird Registration deadline (last day to receive registration discount)

As in the past, ASV will provide onsite childcare during the annual meeting. In addition to onsite childcare, ASV provides financial support for those who need dependent care through ASVCares program.

Reminders and News for ASV Members

We are excited to announce the launch of our new American Society for Virology website. This enhanced online platform has been designed to keep our community connected and provide you with valuable resources, including a dedicated membership portal and a comprehensive virology job board.

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The ASV Membership portal will now streamline the collection of member dues, making it simpler than ever to manage your membership. You can activate your account and renew your membership at the ASV Membership site today!