

Welcome to La Jolla!

Thank you so much for attending the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting for the Academy of Surgical Research. We are so excited to welcome you to our first in-person meeting since 2019!

The Program Committee team has chosen “Back to Basics: Best Practices for Research Surgery”, as the theme for this year’s meeting. Over the past 3 years, many of us have encountered an unprecedented shift in surgical and study caseloads, leaving little time to train our colleagues or pursue learning for ourselves. Our goal is to provide both foundational and updated knowledge on best practices for anesthesia, analgesia, and research surgery. Our program this year offers a range of thought-provoking presentations and round table discussions in these and many other areas, which we are thrilled to share with you.

Our surgical wet labs are being held at a phenomenal facility with state-of-the-art equipment, which will benefit both new and experienced surgeons. In addition to our comprehensive scientific program, we are welcoming many exhibitors and I hope you will take the time to visit each, as their generosity and presence are invaluable for our Academy. I would like to thank our exhibitors and sponsors for their generous contributions and support in making this meeting a success.

As we all know, surgery is a team sport...and so is planning a conference! I would like to sincerely thank our President Leslie Stoll, the Program Planning Committee, ASR Board of Directors, and Jim Manke & Kathi Schlieff for their efforts, positive energy, and enthusiasm. We faced more than a few challenges along the way, which were overcome with grit & determination. I can’t wait to see all of your faces in person – thank you again for joining us this year!

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