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ANNUAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 12-15



MEMPHIS, TN



SBUR ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, November 12, 2026

2:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Trainee Affairs Symposium <i>Steve Kregel, PhD and Simpa Salami, MD</i>
2:30 pm - 2:35 pm	Introduction <i>Steve Kregel, PhD and Simpa Salami, MD</i>
2:35 pm - 3:35 pm	From Concept to Award: Writing a Competitive Research Grant Proposal <i>Jill Jividen, PhD</i>
3:35 pm - 3:55 pm	Funding Opportunities in Urologic Research: Navigating Today's Landscape <i>Justin Benavides, PhD</i>
3:55 pm - 4:10 pm	Break
4:10 pm - 4:30 pm	Writing for Impact: Strategies for High-Quality Scientific Manuscripts <i>Tim Fessenden, PhD</i>
4:30 pm - 4:50 pm	Innovations in Urology: From Bench to Bedside and Back <i>Steven Kaplan, MD</i>
4:50 pm - 5:30 pm	Panel Discussion and Q&A <i>Moderators: Steve Kregel, PhD and Simpa Salami, MD</i> <i>Panelists: Justin Benavidez, Tim Fessen, Jill Jividen, Steven Kaplan, Jordan Vellky</i>
6:00 pm - 6:10 pm	Welcome and Introductory Remarks <i>Travis Jerde, PhD, SBUR President</i>
6:10 pm - 7:00 pm	AUA LECTURESHIP: Androgen Metabolism in Prostate Cancer: From Chemistry to Physiology <i>Nima Sharifi, MD</i>
7:10 pm - 7:30 pm	Eula and Donald S. Coffey Innovation Award Finalist Short Talks
7:10 pm - 7:15 pm	<i>David P. Labbé, PhD</i>
7:15 pm - 7:20 pm	<i>Vitrus Brix, MS</i>
7:20 pm - 7:25 pm	<i>Xuanrong Chen, PhD</i>
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Networking and Welcome Reception



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9:00 am - 11:50 am	PLENARY SESSION I: RISING STARS IN UROLOGY <i>Discussion Leaders: TBD</i>
9:00 am - 9:15 am	The Urinary Microbiota and Host Inflammation in Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms <i>Lenore Ackerman, MD, PhD</i>
9:25 am - 9:40 am	Elucidating the Role of Biofilm-Forming Bacteria in Nephrolithiasis <i>Kymora Scotland, MD, PhD</i>
9:50 am - 10:00 am	TRAVEL AWARD PRESENTATION #1 <i>Hyeonji Hwang, PhD</i>
10:05 am - 10:15 am	COFFEE BREAK
10:15 am - 10:30 am	Engineering the Testicular Spermatogenic Niche. Tools, Insights and Future Therapeutics? <i>Ryan Flannigan, MD</i>
10:40 am - 10:55 am	Tumor-Immune Interactions and Therapy Resistance in Bladder Cancer <i>Filipe de Carvalho, MD, PhD</i>
11:05 am - 11:40 am	AUA Office of Research Update <i>Henry Lai, MD</i>
11:50 am - 12:50 pm	LUNCH
12:50 pm - 2:45 pm	PLENARY SESSION II: MECHANISMS OF URINARY TRACT INFECTION <i>Discussion Leaders: TBD</i>
12:50 pm - 1:05 pm	Urethral Neuroendocrine Epithelia Regulate Bacterial Ascension to Bladder <i>Chad Vezina, PhD</i>
1:15 pm - 1:30 pm	Human Bladder Organoids Model Urinary Tract Infection and Bacteriophage Therapy <i>Katy Patras, PhD</i>
1:40 pm - 1:50 pm	TRAVEL AWARD PRESENTATION #2 <i>Jamisha Francis, MS</i>
1:55 pm - 2:05 pm	COFFEE BREAK
2:05 pm - 2:20 pm	Polymicrobial Synergy in Catheter-Associated Biofilms: Implications for Antibiotic Resistance and Disease Severity <i>Chelsie Ambruster, PhD</i>
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	PLENARY SESSION III: DEVELOPMENT AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES OF THE UROGENITAL TRACT <i>Discussion Leaders: TBD</i>
2:30 pm - 2:45 pm	Origin and Function of Macrophages in the Developing Prostate <i>Maho Shibata, PhD</i>
2:55 pm - 3:10 pm	Regulation of Sexual Differentiation During External Genital Development <i>Martin Cohn, PhD</i>
3:20 pm - 3:30 pm	TRAVEL AWARD PRESENTATION #3 <i>Zahra Ansari, PhD</i>
3:35 pm - 3:50 pm	Investigating Mechanisms in Lineage Plasticity - From Defects in Kidney Development to Wilms Tumorigenesis <i>Keri Drake, MD</i>
4:00 pm - 4:15 pm	Gene-environment Interactions in Prune Belly Syndrome <i>Nathalia Amado, PhD</i>
4:25 pm - 6:45 pm	POSTER SESSION #1



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Saturday, November 14, 2026

9:00 am - 9:50 am	LELAND W.K. CHUNG LECTURE: The Fat Side of Prostate Cancer: Targeting Lipid Metabolism <i>Massimo Loda, MD</i>
10:00 am - 12:05 pm	PLENARY SESSION IV: MOLECULAR TARGETING OF PRIMARY UROGENITAL TUMORS <i>Discussion Leaders: Qianben Wang, MD and Nicole Jerome</i>
10:00 am - 10:15 am	Molecular Control of Molecular Subtype Identity and Lineage Plasticity in Bladder Cancer <i>David McConkey, PhD</i>
10:25 am - 10:40 am	Understanding the Genesis of Bladder Cancer Heterogeneity through Rapid Autopsy <i>Andrew Hsieh, MD</i>
10:50 am - 11:00 am	COFFEE BREAK
11:00 am - 11:10 am	TRAVEL AWARD PRESENTATION #4 <i>Jaeweon Jeong, BS</i>
11:15 am - 11:30 am	Understanding the Earliest Mutations of Bladder Cancer <i>Rosana Risques, PhD</i>
11:40 am - 11:55 am	Defining "Transcriptomic Stage" in Localized Clear Cell Renal Cell Carcinoma <i>Roy Elias, MD</i>
12:05 pm - 1:05 pm	INDUSTRY SPONSORED PRODUCT THEATER LUNCH <i>presented by Merck</i>
12:50 pm - 2:45 pm	PLENARY SESSION V: IMMUNOTHERAPY IN UROGENITAL DISORDERS <i>Discussion Leaders: Allen Su and Emily Paterson-Rees</i>
1:05 pm - 1:20 pm	Non-germline Genetically Engineered Mouse Models of Prostate Cancer Reveal Subtype Specific Immunological Vulnerabilities for Precision Immunotherapy <i>Marcus Ruscetti, PhD</i>
1:30 pm - 1:45 pm	Modulating the PPAR γ Pathway Enhances CAR T Cell Therapy in Bladder Cancer <i>Jonathan Chou, MD, PhD</i>
1:55 pm - 2:05 pm	TRAVEL AWARD PRESENTATION #5 <i>Bhavisha Doshi, MS</i>
2:10 pm - 2:25 pm	Intratumoral Mediators of Kidney Cancer Patient Responses to Immune Checkpoint Blockade <i>Jason Muhitch, PhD</i>
2:35 pm - 2:45 pm	COFFEE BREAK
2:45 pm - 3:15 pm	Awards Ceremony
3:15 pm - 3:55 pm	SBUR Business Meeting
4:35 pm - 6:35 pm	POSTER SESSION #2



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Sunday, November 15, 2026

9:00 am - 10:00 am	DR. LELAND W.K. CHUNG MENTORSHIP AWARD
10:00 am - 11:30 am	PLENARY SESSION VI: NOVEL MODEL SYSTEMS IN UROLOGY <i>Discussion Leaders: Justine Jacobi, PhD and TBD</i>
10:00 am - 10:15 am	From Organoids to Algorithms: Translational Platforms for Precision Oncology in Urological Tumors <i>Marianna Kruithof-de Julio, PhD</i>
10:25 am - 10:40 am	Advancing Rare Bladder Cancer Subtypes Using Canine Models and Organoids <i>Karin Allenspach, PhD</i>
10:50 am - 11:00 am	TRAVEL AWARD PRESENTATION #6 <i>Stefan DiFazio, MS</i>
11:05 am - 11:20 am	TRIM29 Regulation of Bladder Cancer Invasive Progression <i>Phillip Palmbo, MD, PhD</i>
11:30 am	Closing Remarks <i>Travis Jerde, PhD, SBUR President</i>

2026 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

LECTURE HIGHLIGHTS

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