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ANNUAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 12-15



MEMPHIS, TN



## SBUR ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, November 12, 2026

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| 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 Benavidez, 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<br><i>Moderators: Steve Kregel, PhD and Simpa Salami, MD</i><br><i>Panelists: Justin Benavidez, Tim Fessenden, 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<br><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  | <b>PLENARY SESSION I: RISING STARS IN UROLOGY</b><br><i>Discussion Leaders: James Brooks, MD and Ajinkya Limkar</i>                                                                |
| 9:00 am - 9:15 am   | The Urinary Microbiota and Host Inflammation in Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms<br><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  | <b>TRAVEL AWARD PRESENTATION #1</b> <i>Hyeonji Hwang, PhD</i>                                                                                                                      |
| 10:05 am - 10:15 am | <b>COFFEE BREAK</b>                                                                                                                                                                |
| 10:15 am - 10:30 am | Engineering the Testicular Spermatogenic Niche. Tools, Insights and Future Therapeutics?<br><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 | <b>INDUSTRY SPONSORED PRODUCT THEATER LUNCH presented by Merck</b>                                                                                                                 |
| 12:50 pm - 2:45 pm  | <b>PLENARY SESSION II: MECHANISMS OF URINARY TRACT INFECTION</b><br><i>Discussion Leaders: Maria Hadjifrangiskou, PhD and Samuel Cornelius</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   | <b>TRAVEL AWARD PRESENTATION #2</b> <i>Jamisha Francis, MS</i>                                                                                                                     |
| 1:55 pm - 2:05 pm   | <b>COFFEE BREAK</b>                                                                                                                                                                |
| 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   | <b>PLENARY SESSION III: DEVELOPMENT AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES OF THE UROGENITAL TRACT</b><br><i>Discussion Leaders: Michelle Southard-Smith, PhD and Mariah Jensen-Wachspress</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   | <b>TRAVEL AWARD PRESENTATION #3</b> <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   | <b>POSTER SESSION #1</b>                                                                                                                                                           |



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Saturday, November 14, 2026

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| 9:00 am - 9:50 am   | <b>LELAND W.K. CHUNG LECTURE: The Fat Side of Prostate Cancer: Targeting Lipid Metabolism</b><br><i>Massimo Loda, MD</i>                                                             |
| 10:00 am - 12:05 pm | <b>PLENARY SESSION IV: MOLECULAR TARGETING OF PRIMARY UROGENITAL TUMORS</b><br><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<br><i>David McConkey, PhD</i>                                                               |
| 10:25 am - 10:40 am | Understanding the Genesis of Bladder Cancer Heterogeneity through Rapid Autopsy<br><i>Andrew Hsieh, MD</i>                                                                           |
| 10:50 am - 11:00 am | <b>COFFEE BREAK</b>                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 11:00 am - 11:10 am | <b>TRAVEL AWARD PRESENTATION #4</b> <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  | <b>LUNCH</b>                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 12:50 pm - 2:45 pm  | <b>PLENARY SESSION V: IMMUNOTHERAPY IN UROGENITAL DISORDERS</b><br><i>Discussion Leaders: Xiaofeng Su and Boram Mok, PhD</i>                                                         |
| 1:05 pm - 1:20 pm   | Non-germline Genetically Engineered Mouse Models of Prostate Cancer Reveal Subtype Specific Immunological Vulnerabilities for Precision Immunotherapy<br><i>Marcus Ruscetti, PhD</i> |
| 1:30 pm - 1:45 pm   | Modulating the PPAR $\gamma$ Pathway Enhances CAR T Cell Therapy in Bladder Cancer<br><i>Jonathan Chou, MD, PhD</i>                                                                  |
| 1:55 pm - 2:05 pm   | <b>TRAVEL AWARD PRESENTATION #5</b> <i>Bhavisha Doshi, MS</i>                                                                                                                        |
| 2:10 pm - 2:25 pm   | Intratumoral Mediators of Kidney Cancer Patient Responses to Immune Checkpoint Blockade<br><i>Jason Muhitch, PhD</i>                                                                 |
| 2:35 pm - 2:45 pm   | <b>COFFEE BREAK</b>                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 2:45 pm - 3:15 pm   | <b>Awards Ceremony</b>                                                                                                                                                               |
| 3:15 pm - 3:55 pm   | <b>SBUR Business Meeting</b>                                                                                                                                                         |
| 4:35 pm - 6:35 pm   | <b>POSTER SESSION #2</b>                                                                                                                                                             |



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### Sunday, November 15, 2026

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

## 2026 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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## LECTURE HIGHLIGHTS

**Leland W.K. Chung Lecturer**  
*Massimo Loda, MD*  
 Weill Cornell Medical College

**AUA Lecturer**  
*Nima Sharifi, MD*  
 University of Miami - Miller School of Medicine

**Dr. Leland W.K. Chung Mentorship Award Lecture**  
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