

RNA SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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The RNA Society's Spring 2025 Newsletter is packed with exciting new updates! From the upcoming RNA Society 30th Annual Meeting in sunny San Diego to President Fátima Gebauer's inspiring vision for enhancing RNA research and education, this issue celebrates the Society's achievements and future directions. It showcases our outstanding 2025 award winners, highlights from the Edinburgh RNA 2024 meeting, previews future gatherings, and features fun events like the RNA Day Baking and Art Contest. With new DEI initiatives and active Junior Scientist engagement, the RNA Society continues to foster a vibrant and inclusive scientific community.

See you in San Diego in May for RNA 2025!

Katarína Juríková, Newsletter Editor

Daniel Kim, Media & Communications Committee Chair



UPCOMING EVENT: RNA 2025



30th Annual RNA Society Meeting, May 27th–June 1st, 2025

Oral abstract deadline: Feb 28th, 2025

Poster abstract deadline: March 31st, 2025

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Fátima Gebauer

As I begin my term as President, I would like to first and foremost express my gratitude to you, RNA Society members, for your trust and confidence. I am immensely honored for being elected and become part of a team of excellent scientists whose dedication keeps our Society thriving. I will do my best to maintain and improve the endeavors of the RNA Society.

I have been Director in the past, but as I reflect on the inner workings of our Society today, I am amazed at the expansion in activities, degree of organization and transparency achieved in the last years. Much of this has been possible because of the strong leadership behind the Society, including the officers on the Board of Directors, Past Presidents, Committee Chairs, CFO, Secretary, Editors, Junior Scientist Representatives and a host of dedicated volunteers, but also especially by the vision and unreserved commitment of our CEO Kristian Baker. I feel privileged to count on this 'golden' team.

Talking about the team, there have been some recent changes that I would like to mention. First, our outgoing Directors Julie Claycomb, Katrin Karbstein and Thomas Preiss have passed the torch to Marina Chekulaeva, Andrej Dziembowski and Olivia Rissland. Second, Adrian Ferré-D'Amaré has replaced Benoît Chabot as Chair of the Meetings Committee, and our CFO Wen Ding will yield the stage to Kelly Campbell. Wen and Kelly will be working together for 6 months for easy transfer of RNA Society finances. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all outgoing members for their dedication and contributions, and warmly embrace the new members as they step into their roles.

Latest breakthroughs have brought RNA research into

the spotlight much more than ever before. Led by the success of mRNA vaccines during the COVID-19 pandemic, RNA 'vaccines'



are now being designed to treat cancer. CRISPR/Cas technologies have been approved for human genome editing, and antisense oligonucleotides have been used to cure spinal muscular atrophy. RNA-based applications are, thus, an astounding reality, from the treatment of human disease to the generation of effective pesticides. These times present a unique opportunity for us to enhance RNA's visibility among the general public and inspire future generations. To this end, one of my key goals will be to support and further enhance the activities of the Education Committee, established by past President Sandy Wolin and led by Manny Ares to advance education and outreach efforts related to RNA. I heartfully thank Sandy for this initiative, for her wise conduct of the RNA Society, and for her current and future advise to me as President.

There is also momentum to promote collaborations with industry and increase impact. Innovation can be fostered by facilitating connections between RNA researchers and Industry at our Annual Meeting, for example, but one could think on alternatives such as

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Fátima Gebauer

holding focused events. I will certainly be willing to hear your ideas on how to best increase collaborations with this important sector of our society.

Of course, I remain committed to supporting the career development of our members, as well as fostering the exchange of information and collaborations among RNA researchers. Our junior scientists represent the future of the field, and we should make every effort to support and mentor them. I would here like to thank Nancy Greenbaum for her longstanding dedication to the Mentoring Program.

Bringing new initiatives to fruition while sustaining existing ones requires resources. In this vein, we are in search for a Fundraising and Development Committee Chair, and I encourage you to get involved in such relevant task.

I also encourage you to publish in *RNA*. Editors and Associate Editors of the *RNA* journal are dedicated RNA scientists who fully understand your research and share practical understanding of what is achievable during revision of a manuscript. The journal has undergone renovation promoted by the Senior Editors Javier Cáceres and Eric Phizicky and now includes, for example, Special Issues on timely topics that are very well received by the RNA community and beyond. This is the journal of our Society, and your contributions are essential for its survival.

With profound sadness, I would like to take this moment to announce that one of our most emblematic members, Tim Nilsen, passed away last December. Tim was a unique character, and the founding Editor-in-Chief of the *RNA* journal, a position he held

for over 28 years, shaping its legacy as a leading journal in the field. More recently, he served as Editor of the journal's Special Issues. In recognition of his extraordinary service and dedication to the RNA Society, Tim was honored with the Lifetime Service Award in 2004. He will be deeply missed.

The RNA Society is known for being an open and welcoming community, committed to sharing, discussing, and supporting one another without regard to gender, sexual orientation, or geographical location. In these challenging times of political unrest and global conflicts, it is more important than ever to uphold our core values of rationality and inclusivity. We remain dedicated to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) while fostering a Society that stands as a beacon of peace, cooperation and integration.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Victor Ambros and Gary Ruvkun as winners of the 2024 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for the discovery of miRNAs. It is very significant that in the last four years, four Nobel Prizes have gone to scientists in the RNA field. This highlights the value and impact of basic research, which I invite you to keep sharing at our upcoming Annual Meeting in San Diego.

Last but certainly not least, please join me in congratulating the RNA Society Award winners, whose achievements are highlighted in the following pages. Stay tuned—the Lifetime Award winners will be announced soon!

See you in San Diego!!

Fátima Gebauer
President of the RNA Society

RECAP OF RNA 2024 & FUTURE RNA SOCIETY MEETINGS

Adrian Ferré-D'Amaré

Our 2024 Annual Meeting in Edinburgh was in such high demand that (unfortunately) we had to turn down dozens of late applicants. A big thank you to David Tollervey and his team of co-organizers (Atlanta Cook, Ben Blencowe, Markus Bohnsack and Yue Wan). As did our Singapore meeting in 2023, the Edinburgh 2024 meeting offered an on-line digital content library that provided original content and access to presentations for a month after the conclusion of the live meeting. As in the past, the Society awarded Research Presentation Fellowships and Childcare, Dependent Care & Disability allowances. The Society will continue these two popular membership benefits for future meetings. If you plan to apply, please note that these two programs have deadlines that are earlier than registration and abstracts deadlines.



The 2025 Annual Meeting will be in San Diego, California, USA at the Town and Country Resort & Convention Center from May 27th to June 1st, 2025. The organizers are Katrin Karbstein (Vanderbilt University, USA; Lead); Atlanta Cook (Edinburgh University, Scotland), Anita Corbett (Emory University, USA), Jørgen Kjems (Aarhus University, Denmark) and Zefeng Wang (Southern University of Science and Technology, China).

The RNA Society Board of Directors has also approved the venue for the 2026 meeting: mark your calendars

and plan to attend RNA 2026 on May 26th-31st, 2026 in Montreal, Canada!



I am very grateful to members of the Meetings Committee for their contributions and insights in helping select future meeting venues, organizers and Research Presentation Fellowships for our meetings. Current members of the committee are Yoseph Barash, Malik Chaker-Margot, Toshie Kai, Gracjan Michlewski, Danny Nedialkova and Woan-Yuh Tarn. Also, I would like to thank Edouard Bertrand, Andrea Berman, Chonghui Cheng, and Jerney Ule who just concluded their 4 years of hard work for the Committee.

Adrian Ferré-D'Amaré
Chair of the Meetings Committee

RNA 2025

30TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE RNA SOCIETY



Preparations are now well underway for RNA 2025, the 30th Annual Meeting of the RNA Society. This year's meeting will be held in the recently renovated Town & Country Resort & Convention Center in San Diego, California. This indoor/outdoor venue offers the exciting opportunity for attendees to stay at the resort where the refreshed rooms and ideal amenities such as restaurants, pools, and outdoor spaces to socialize are co-located with the meeting rooms. The nature of this highly interactive venue provides an ideal opportunity for both formal and informal interactions to enhance collaborations and build scientific networks.

The meeting organizers are Katrin Karbstein (Vanderbilt University, USA; lead organizer); Atlanta Cook (University of Edinburgh, Scotland); Anita Corbett (Emory University, USA); Jørgen Kjems (Aarhus University, Denmark); and Zefeng Wang

(Southern University of Science and Technology, China).

The meeting will showcase four outstanding Keynote Speakers that highlight the potential of RNA biology, Dr. Ling-Ling Chen (Shanghai Institute of Biochemistry and Cell Biology, China); Dr. Matthew Disney (University of Florida–Scripps, USA); Dr. Tracey Johnson (University of California, Los Angeles, USA); and Dr. Erin Schuman (Max Planck Institute for Brain Research, Germany). Beyond the Keynote Speakers, both the 2024 (Dr. Jennifer Doudna) and 2025 (To Be Named) RNA Society Lifetime Achievement in Science winners will discuss their life's work within RNA biology. Reflecting the breadth of RNA research, RNA 2025 will introduce new topical sessions, including neuroscience and RNA in education.

RNA 2025

30TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE RNA SOCIETY

The new education-themed session at RNA 2025 is entitled "Training Future Scientists through RNA Research". It will be dedicated to formal and informal efforts to integrate RNA research into training programs, whether in laboratories, courses, or other settings. Anticipated highlights are effective practices, research findings, and tools and resources that could be applied in RNA-related education.

A limited number of Research Presentation Fellowships will be available to increase inclusive participation, as will allowances to support attendees with childcare, dependent-care, or disability needs. Please, visit the RNA 2025 website <https://www2.rnasociety.org/> for more information. Registration will open soon and you can already reserve your sleeping rooms at the Town & Country Resort to make the most of your RNA 2025!

Katrin Karbstein

On behalf of the organizers of RNA 2025

Suzanne Lee

Chair, Session "Training Future Scientists through RNA Research"

Pre-meeting Workshop: Bridging the Gap in RNA Education

Join us on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM, for the RNA 2025 Pre-Meeting Workshop: "Bridging the Gap in RNA Education: Building Networks to Support, Educate, and Train the Next Generation of RNA Scientists." This workshop will

highlight key challenges in RNA education—fostering cross-disciplinary networks, developing effective instructional resources, and overcoming infrastructure limitations.

Invited speakers include Tracy Johnson (UCLA) on building inclusive RNA networks, Aaron Hoskins (University of Wisconsin-Madison) on pedagogical tools, and Eric Wagner (University of Rochester Medical Center) on accessible infrastructure. Each speaker will highlight their creative insights in these areas followed by an interactive discussion session where participants will share experiences, explore strategies, and contribute to actionable solutions. Insights from this workshop will support initiatives to create open-access educational resources.

Whether you're an educator, researcher, student, or all three, join us to shape the future of RNA education and build collaborative networks.

Organized by the RNA@PUI supergroup with support from the RNA Society Education Committee, the workshop has a \$25 registration fee, with waivers available. Visit the RNA 2025 meeting website for more information.

Amy Cooke

On behalf of the Pre-meeting Workshop organizers

2025 AWARDS OF THE RNA SOCIETY



2025 RNA Society Early-Career Research Award

Samuel Sternberg

Dr. Sternberg is an HHMI investigator and Associate Professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics at Columbia University in New York, NY, USA. Dr. Sternberg received his PhD from the University of California, Berkeley researching CRISPR-Cas biology. After a stint in industry and brief postdoctoral training, Dr. Sternberg opened his lab on RNA-guided biology in 2018, where he has deciphered how CRISPR and transposon-associated protein complexes promote RNA-guided transposition and RNA-guided transposon proliferation.

2025 RNA Society Mid-Career Research Award

Yanli Wang

Dr. Wang is Principal Investigator and HHMI International Scholar at the Institute of Biophysics of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. Dr. Wang has made seminal contributions to our mechanistic understanding of how small RNAs guide their partner enzymes to DNA and RNA targets. As an independent scientist, Dr. Wang has focused on diverse CRISPR systems. Her research has provided key insights into the acquisition of new immune specificities by bacteria, the processing of their guide RNAs, and the execution of immune defense.



2025 Elisa Izaurralde Award for Innovation in Research, Teaching, and Service

Kristin Koutmou

Dr. Koutmou is an Associate Professor in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA where she has made impactful discoveries into the chemical biology of RNA and its modifications. Dr. Koutmou is a dedicated teacher and mentor, and teaches university courses in biochemistry and chemical biology. She also developed activities to get students in grades 6 to 12 excited about science, publishes science education materials, and has won national-level awards for her education efforts. Within the RNA Society, Dr. Koutmou serves as Chair of the Membership Committee.



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2025 RNA Society Moderna Award for Biomedical Innovation in RNA



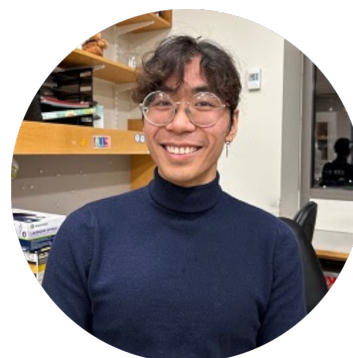
Jordan Meier

Dr. Meier is a Senior Investigator at the National Institutes of Health in Frederick, Maryland, USA, where his research seeks to understand the complex landscape of chemical modifications that regulate RNA function. Dr. Meier's work has illuminated fundamental principles of RNA biology by focusing on N4-acetylcytidine (ac4C). By developing innovative chemical methods, Dr. Meier has revealed how Nature deploys ac4C to stabilize RNA structure, regulate protein synthesis, and enable cellular adaptation to stress. His work has revealed diverse roles for RNA acetylation, informing the development of future RNA therapeutics.

2025 RNA Society/Scaringe Young Scientist Award

Graduate winner: Jimmy Ly

Mr. Ly is a doctoral trainee in the laboratory of Dr. Iain Cheeseman at The Whitehead Institute and Department of Biology, MIT, Boston, USA. Mr. Ly's pioneering work unravels the molecular mechanisms regulating protein synthesis and expression of alternative protein variants during the mammalian cell cycle. His research has revealed how start codon selection plays a role in mitotic cell viability. In a separate line of research, Mr. Ly has identified a crucial alternative splicing in the transcript encoding a cell division protein, providing valuable insights into the distinct chromosome segregation behaviors observed in mitosis and meiosis.



Post-doctoral winner: Chance Meers



In the Sternberg laboratory at Columbia University in New York, USA, Dr. Meers studies the evolutionary origins of fundamental RNA-guided pathways, including elucidating the mechanisms behind RNA-guided DNA cleavage by transposon-encoded nucleases that are the precursor to CRISPR systems and discovering the evolutionary roots of RNA-guided RNA 2'-O-methylation. Beyond his scientific accomplishments, Dr. Meers has been instrumental in mentoring junior scientists and fostering a vibrant intellectual community at Columbia.

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2025 Eclipse Award for Innovation in High Throughput Biology Winners

Graduate winner: Dawn Chen



Ms. Chen, a researcher in the laboratory of Dr. Fei Chen at The Broad Institute and Harvard University in Boston, USA, has developed innovative methods for characterizing, perturbing, and engineering novel RNA regulatory mechanisms throughout the mRNA lifecycle. In her work, she created a tool that controls gene expression by sensing specific transcripts in mammalian cells and developed a system that enables long-range mutagenesis of DNA which facilitates continuous evolution across cell generations. Using the latter, she has identified mutations in the splicing factor SF3B1 that are important for alternative 3' splice site usage.

Post-doctoral winner: Nandan Gokhale

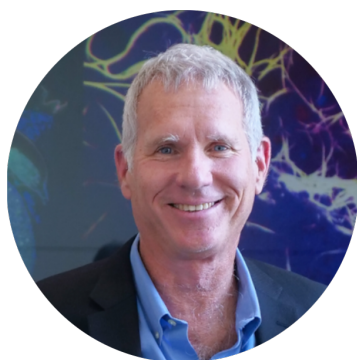
Dr. Gokhale is a Postdoctoral Fellow in the laboratory of Dr. Ram Savan at the University of Washington, in Seattle, USA, where he is employing high-throughput methods to study the role of RNA in innate immune signaling complexes. Beyond his lab activities, Dr. Gokhale has made important contributions to teaching and mentoring, and serves as an independent peer reviewer for a number of scientific journals.



2025 RNA Society/CSHL Press Distinguished Research Mentor Award

Roy Parker

Dr. Parker is an HHMI investigator and Distinguished Professor in the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Colorado in Boulder, USA. As a mentor he focuses on clarity of thought and effective communication. For over three decades, he has cultivated a lab culture focused on the development of curiosity, rigor, and scientific integrity. Dr. Parker is well known for his guidance and sponsorship —willing to provide input into the scientific direction one should take, while also stimulating individuals to take their own path.



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2025 RNA Society/CSHL Press Award for Research Excellence by an Underrepresented Scientist

Luciana Castellano



Originally from Argentina, Ms. Castellano is a Graduate Student in the laboratory of Dr. Ariel Bazzini at the Stowers Institute for Medical Research in Kansas City, USA. Ms. Castellano is conducting pioneering research on the role of codon optimality during RNA virus infection. Her leadership extends to the mentoring of others, fostering collaborations, and organizing professional development events for local trainees. As a Latina woman in STEM, Ms. Castellano's dedication and accomplishments serve to inspire others while advancing RNA science.

2025 RNA Society Award for Excellence in Inclusive Leadership

Michelle Scott

Dr. Scott is Professor of Biochemistry and Functional Genomics at the Université de Sherbrooke, in Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada, and serves as Director of the university's RNA Excellence Pole. Her research focuses on ncRNA function, including the expression and function of snoRNAs and miRNAs. Dr. Scott is a founding member of RNA Canada, a recently established society fostering RNA research and collaboration across Canada. Additionally, Dr. Scott has spearheaded workshops in Quebec to encourage high school girls to consider careers in STEM.



2025 RNA Society Outstanding Career Researcher

Maxime Wery

Dr. Wery is a Senior Scientist in the laboratory of Dr. Antonin Morillon at the Curie Institute in Paris, France. Dr. Wery has worked alongside Dr. Morillon for 15 years and has over 20 peer-reviewed publications investigating RNA decay mechanisms and long noncoding RNA metabolism. Beyond the Morillon laboratory, he has served as a member of the scientific committee organizing the annual "Noncoding Genome" international course at the Curie Institute and is an active member of the RNA Spotlight writing team for the RNA Society.



FROM THE DESK OF THE DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE CHAIR

Kehinde Ross

First, huge thanks to everyone who stayed for the DEI session at the RNA 2024 meeting in Edinburgh, those who asked questions, shared views and provided feedback afterwards. Your concerns and contributions make DEI work worthwhile. Likewise, I would like to thank all who completed the 2024 RNA Society Membership DEI survey. The general response to the survey was that the RNA Society is welcoming and that people's experiences are overwhelmingly good. Two actions worth highlighting. We plan to introduce 'Affinity Zones' for the RNA 2025 meeting—areas where individuals can identify community members (e.g. First Time Attendee; Neurodiverse; Primarily Undergraduate Institution (PUI) Faculty; LGBTQIA+ members). We also launched the RNA Society Speaker Referral List in late November 2024 and have been delighted with the uptake so far.

Finally, I would also like to thank the following people for ideas and encouragement: Dr. Sarah Ahmed (Wellcome Trust Sanger), Professor Sheila Jaswal (The Protein Society) and Dr. Ilaria Meazzini (Royal Society of Chemistry), who also generously provided the demographic questions used in the survey.

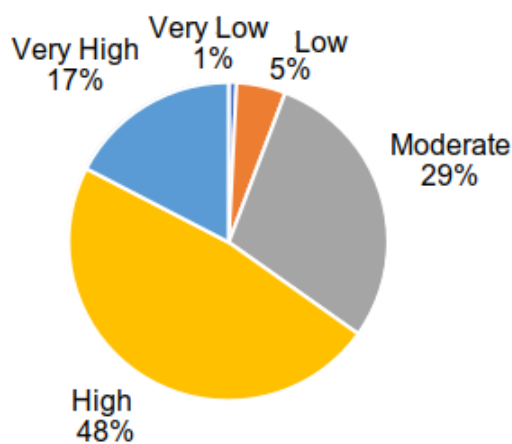


Kehinde Ross
Chair of the DEI Committee

Selected results from the 2024 RNA Society Membership DEI Survey

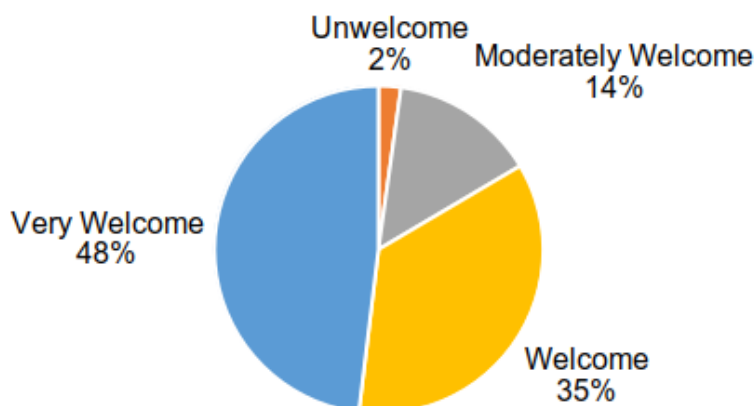
How would you rate the DEI culture within the RNA Society and in its programming?

241 votes



How welcome did you feel at the RNA Society Annual Meeting?

231 votes

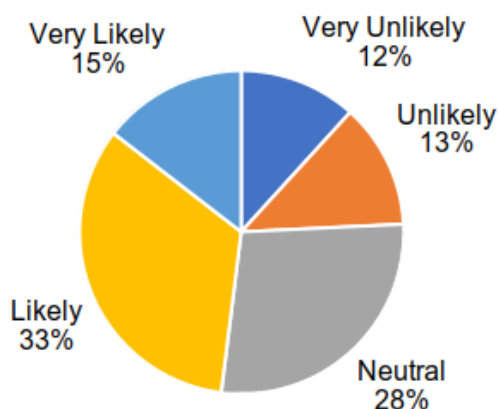


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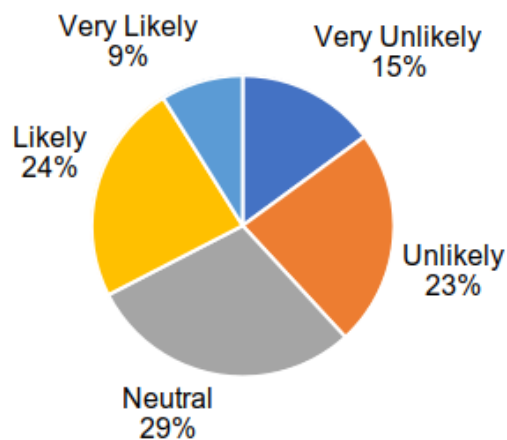
How likely are you to participate in RNA Society DEI programs such as virtual seminars addressing current DEI issues in science?

248 votes



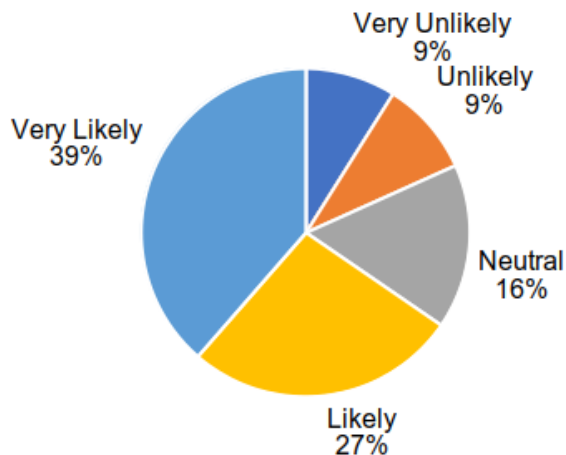
How likely are you to participate in RNA Society DEI programs such as a quarterly online book club or discussion group on DEI matters?

249 votes



How likely are you to participate in RNA Society DEI events during the RNA Society Annual Meeting?

246 votes



FROM THE DESK OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR

Kristin Koutmou

Serving a Broad Community of RNA Scientists

The RNA Society is a vibrant, international community of RNA scientists from 48 countries around the world. One of the core goals of the Membership Committee is to foster both scientific and personal connections among RNA Society members, transcending borders and cultures. Building these relationships promotes a culture of collective creativity, which is essential for advancing our field.



To support this global collaboration, the RNA Society's Annual Meeting continues to travel the world. Over the past few years it has been hosted in Asia, Europe, and North America, reflecting our commitment to bringing together RNA researchers from all corners of the globe. Beyond the Annual Meeting, the RNA Society also supports local RNA Salons and member-led meetings. In 2024, thanks to our partnership with Lexogen, we funded 12% more RNA Salons, with 65 programs taking place across six continents! Furthermore, we distributed over \$26,000 in Small Meetings Sponsorship Grants, supporting 20 events in nine countries.

The RNA Society is also proud to sponsor the monthly online RNA Collaborative Seminar Series, a grassroots initiative that connects RNA researchers from diverse

backgrounds and geographic locations.

Through this series, we have learned about exciting research from around the



world. This year alone we heard about lncRNA studies at the University of Lethbridge, investigations of stable fluorescent RNAs at East China University of Science and Technology, and CGG repeat translation research at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan. It is incredible to see how RNA scientists are pushing the boundaries of discovery!

The Membership Committee is constantly striving to make the RNA Society more inclusive and welcoming for all. This year, in collaboration with the DEI Committee, we provided 85 free memberships to trainees from underrepresented groups, many coming from regions of the world that have limited representation in the Society. We also developed a Code of Conduct for RNA Society events, aimed at creating a positive and supportive environment where everyone can thrive—collaborating, learning, and having fun with new and old friends alike.

While the Membership Committee is dedicated to supporting our community, there are always new ways we can grow and improve. Here are a few simple ways you can help us further our global mission:

FROM THE DESK OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR

Kristin Koutmou

- Nominate colleagues—trainees, group leaders, and staff—for the Membership Spotlight Series (email rnapotlight@rnasociety.org) and Awards (www.rnasociety.org/awards).
- Join the RNA Society Seaker Referral List (<https://speakers.rnasociety.org/>), and/or use this list to identify seminar speakers
- Sign up as a mentor or mentee in the Mentoring Initiative (www.rnasociety.org/mentoring-initiative)
- Organize an RNA-related meeting with support from the RNA Society (www.rnasociety.org/meeting-sponsorship-program)

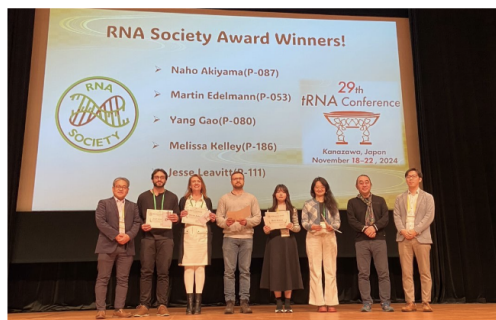
In 2025, we are excited to continue our efforts to engage RNA Society members around the world and

foster the diverse perspectives needed to unlock the next breakthroughs in RNA science. Together, we are shaping the future of RNA research!

We encourage you to connect with other RNA Society members by coming to the 2025 RNA Society Annual Meeting (www2.rnasociety.org), joining the online RNA Collaborative seminar series (www.rnasociety.org/rna-collaborative-seminar-series), or attending your local RNA Salon events (www.rnasociety.org/current-rna-salons).

The RNA Society Code of Conduct policy can be found at: www.rnasociety.org/society-code-of-conduct.

Kristin Koutmou
Chair of the Membership Committee



Photos of attendees and award winners at meetings supported by the RNA Society Small Meetings Program. Todos Santos Small RNA Symposium (top left, Mexico), 29th tRNA Conference (top right, Japan), New York RNA Symposium in the Finger Lakes (bottom left, New York), and RNA UK (bottom right, United Kingdom).

RNA JUNIOR SCIENTIST GROUP CORNER

Jimin Yoon, Daniel Oh, Belén Moro, Laura Hertz



Happy New Year!

We have had an exciting second half of 2024, starting with the RNA Day Baking and Art Contest. We had many excellent submissions, and the winners were: Laura Landweber (tRNA: Currant Biology Cake), Jennifer Chu and Chris Burge (Translation: Ribosome Cake), Sophie Giguere (General baking: Choux Much Structure), Palina Kot (Art: Post-Experimental Life of RBPs) and Minli Ruan (Art: A Day of Miss Ribosome). We are excited to see everyone's submissions this summer!

Our own Belén Moro lead a terrifyingly terrific virtual workshop, "Spooktacular Science Presentations: Tricks and Tips for Spellbinding Communication" to provide RNA scientists with tools for efficient research presentation skills. Be on the lookout for more virtual events in 2025!

Lastly, we say goodbye to Dr. Jimin Yoon and Daniel Oh as they exit their positions as RNA Society Junior Scientists Representatives. They served wonderfully to create a fun and welcoming space at the Annual

Meeting in Singapore and Edinburgh. As we say, "Thank You" to Jimin and Daniel, we say, "Welcome" to Dr. Morghan Lucas and Dr. Cameron Berry who began their term this January. We look forward to their service for the RNA Society Junior Scientists and keep your eye on the Junior Scientist webpage to learn more about them! Make sure to say "Hello" in San Diego this year.

Jimin Yoon, Daniel Oh, Belén Moro, Laura Hertz
2024 RNA Society Junior Scientist Representatives

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RNA Day 2024 Baking & Art contest winners



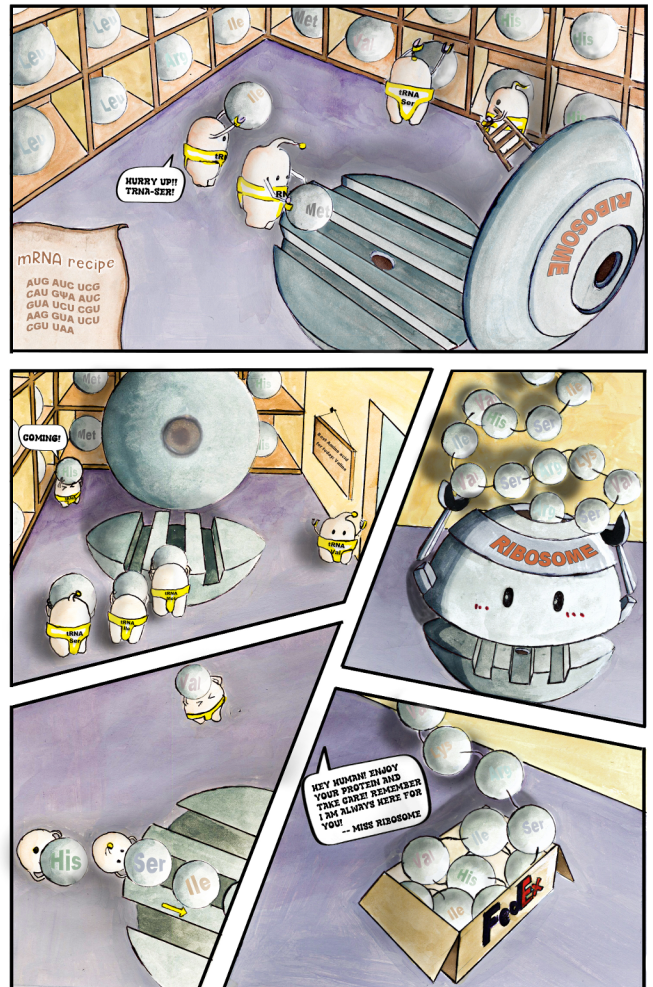
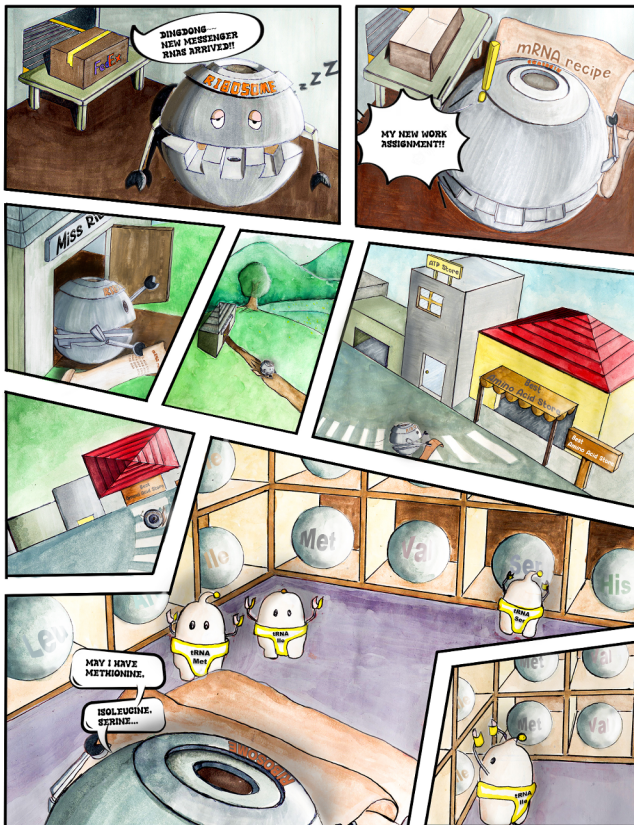
Top left: **Translation:** Ribosome Cake by Jennifer Chu and Chris Burge. Top right: **General baking:** Choux Much Structure by Sophie Giguere. Bottom left: **tRNA:** Currant RNA Biology by Laura Landweber. Bottom right: **Art:** Post-Experimental Life of RBPs by Palina Kot.

RNA JUNIOR SCIENTIST GROUP CORNER

RNA Day 2024 Baking & Art contest winners

A DAY OF MISS RIBOSOME

Miss Ribosome, a worker in a protein translation factory, receives messenger RNAs and translates them into proteins with the assistance of workers in the amino acid store. Is that a tedious task? Let's take a closer look at her day!



Minli Ruan

Art: "A Day of Miss Ribosome" by Minli Ruan.

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