



## Society for Leukocyte Biology 2026

59<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

**Leukocytes, it's all about location**

### Call for Partners

Following the long tradition of SLB, this meeting will showcase the latest scientific advances in understanding fundamental immune mechanisms of leukocyte biology in health and disease with a focus on the various locations and tissues where leukocytes are active. This meeting will bring together leukocyte biologists who work in a transdisciplinary fashion to conduct basic, clinical, and/or translational research. The Meeting offers a variety of partnership opportunities to support the conference while promoting your organization, research, and products. At SLB meetings,

our partners are valued participants and are provided with the same experience as all attendees. With over 59 years in meeting history, SLB provides a unique direct networking opportunity for true, long-lasting connections.

### Attendee Profile

150-200 attendees projected\* with participation across multiple education and career levels. Researchers and Clinicians from academia, government and industry from various related disciplines in cell biology, immunity, inflammation, multiple disease systems and more.

### Confirmed Speakers

- Anna Huttenlocher, *University of Wisconsin-Madison, Legacy Awardee*
- Todd Brusko, *University of Florida*
- Kevin Byrd, *Virginia Commonwealth University*
- Heather Conti, *The University of Toledo*
- Julia Dunn, *University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus*
- De'Broski Herbert, *Tulane University*
- Ivaylo Ivanov, *Columbia University*
- Jill Kramer, *University at Buffalo*
- James Lederer, *BWH/Harvard*
- Kathryn Lenz, *OSU*
- Xin Li, *University of Virginia*
- Carole Parent, *University of Michigan*
- Bali Pulendran, *Stanford University*
- Hind Rafei, *MD Anderson Cancer Center*
- Daniel Saban, *Duke University School of Medicine*
- Theoharis Theoharides, *Nova Southeastern University*
- Shannon Wallet, *University of Florida*
- Andrew Wang, *Yale University*
- Drake Williams, *University of Minnesota*
- Jacob Yount, *OSU*

### Session Topics

- Nervous System
- Mucosal Tissues
- Skin
- AI in Research
- Host Pathogen
- Autoimmunity
- Cancer
- Omics
- Inflammation
- Drug Therapies
- Again
- Trama Response

### Workshops and other events

- Member-led Satellite sessions
- Professional Development-and Trainee-focused workshops and networking events
- Flask Talks
- Community-based tables and activities
- Poster Sessions

### Location

*The Blackwell Conference Center on the OSU campus is an accessible venue centrally located for many to join within a short drive while also being convenient for members around the world. The facilities are conducive to networking and provide ample space in a friendly, collegial environment with nearby options for dining, shopping, and leisurely walks.*

\*Attendance numbers are not guaranteed

SLB welcomes industry and organizational partners in a variety of ways. See some possible options below and contact us to discuss your interests. SLB will gladly work with your organization's budget to provide a mutually beneficial arrangement for 2026. SLB understands the changing landscape of industry sponsorships and grants and is ready to work with you!

## Program Session Opportunities

### **\$10,000 Feature Sessions** (4 total available)

- Naming rights to a society programmed plenary session of your organization's choosing. Includes a **5-minute introductory** time slot at the beginning of the session.
- Logo placement on the conference web page with url link
- Acknowledgment in the event app and attendee handout distribution if desired
- Exhibit Table and/or 2 registrations for company personnel if desired

### **\$7,500 Focus Sessions** (8 total available) **or Flash Talk Session** (1 available)

- Naming rights to a society programmed concurrent session of your organization's choosing. Includes a **5-minute introductory** time slot at the beginning of the session.
- Logo placement on the conference web page with url link
- Acknowledgment in the event app and attendee handout distribution if desired
- Exhibit Table and/or 2 registrations for company personnel if desired

### **\$5,000 Poster Session OR Lunch** (6 total available)

- Choice of one poster session where the partner's name will be noted in the program for that poster session. Alternatively, if sponsoring a lunch, signage will be displayed with lunch buffet.
- Logo placement on the conference web page with url link
- Acknowledgment in the event app and attendee handout distribution if desired
- Exhibit Table and/or 1 registrations for company personnel if desired

### **\$2,500 - \$5,000 Awards**

- Choice of various society awards to support and be listed as "supported by" partner. Options range from Presidential Merit awards to Early and Mid-Career level categories.
- Company logo on relevant poster board or prior to the awardee's oral presentation
- Logo placement on the conference web page with url link
- Acknowledgment in the event app

## a' la carte

### **\$2,500 Exhibit Table**

Includes a table, chair and 1 meeting registration.

### **\$1,000 Attendee Handout Distribution**

Distribution of one flyer or other printed material as provided by the partner to be delivered to the conference hotel by designated deadline. *Distribution method at the discretion of the organizers.*

### **\$600 Additional Sponsor Registration**

A discounted registration price is available to partners who support the event at a minimum of \$2,500 across other opportunities.

## Rules and Regulations

**Exhibit Space:** Space is limited and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. SLB will provide a 6ft table top exhibit, space for rear pop-up display, and a chair. If materials are shipped to the venue and/or if electrical service or other rental equipment is needed, these add-on services and fees will be handled prior to the conference. Material handling, electrical connections, and any other equipment requested is not included in the fees listed. Wireless internet in the guest rooms, lobby, common areas, and meeting space is provided.

**Payment:** Full payment is required at time of application. Payment by credit card or check (made to SLB) is accepted. Due to the nature of the event, no refunds are offered. There may be additional fees due prior to the event including box handling and power connection fees charged by the venue. SLB will collect these fees prior to the event.

**Labor:** There will be no labor to assist you with the installation or dismantling of your exhibit.

**Storage:** The venue has limited storage. Review the full exhibitor packet for shipping/storage information.

**Security:** Exhibitors are urged to secure valuables nightly or take them to their hotel rooms. SLB and the hosting venue will not be responsible for lost or stolen items. No security is provided in the conference area.

**Liability/Indemnity:** To the fullest extent permitted by law, the person/legal entity described as “Exhibitor” in this clause and in this exhibitor contract (regardless whether such person/legal entity is also described as “Exhibitor” in this contract) hereby assumes full responsibility and agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Blackwell Conference Center (“Hotel”) and Hotel’s owners, managers, subsidiaries, affiliates, employees and agents (collectively, “Hotel Parties”), as well as Society for Leukocyte Biology (“Group”), from and against any and all claims or expenses arising out of Exhibitor’s use of the Hotel’s exhibition premises. Exhibitor agrees to obtain and maintain during the use of the exhibition premises, Comprehensive General Liability Insurance, including contractual liability covering the Exhibitor’s indemnity obligations in this clause. Such insurance shall be in the amount of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit for personal injury and property damage. The Hotel Parties and Group shall be named as additional insureds on such policy, and Exhibitor shall supply the Hotel with a Certificate of Insurance at least 30 days prior to the use of the exhibition premises. The Exhibitor understands that neither the Group nor the Hotel Parties maintain insurance covering the Exhibitor’s property and it is the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor to obtain such insurance. Additional required indemnity and other requirements are provided on the registration form and will be completed by the designated onsite representative(s).

**Contractual Agreement:** All the above Rules and Regulations are to be considered part of the exhibit space and sponsor contract. It is agreed that by signing the application and/or completing any exhibitor or sponsor payment online, the exhibitor/sponsor will abide by the Rules and Regulations cited above before, during, and after the meeting. Attending sponsors also agree for their representative(s) to complete the required online registration process where individuals agree to the indemnification clause set forth for all attendees and the code of conduct policy of the Society.

**Hotel Accommodations and Travel:** Individuals are responsible for making their own reservations by the posted deadlines. Please utilize the online reservation link available on the meeting website to obtain the group discount. Discounted rates and space are limited. All attendees are responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs and arrangements.

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