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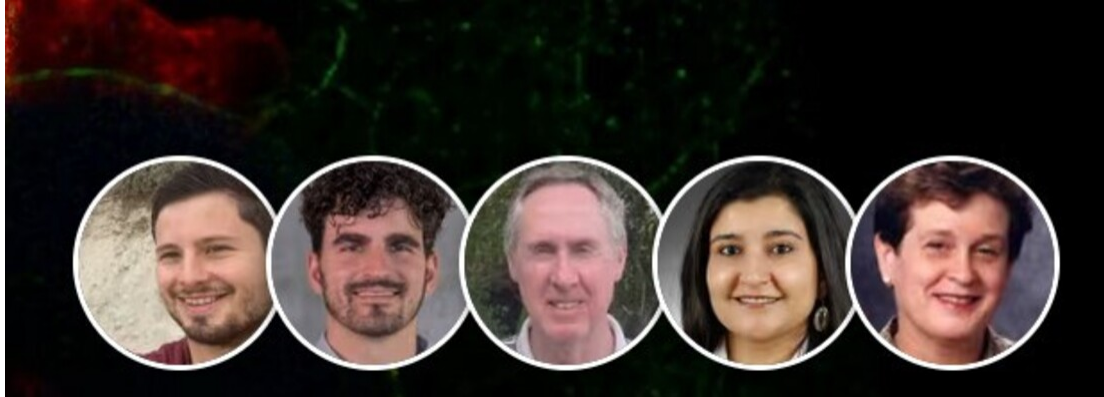
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Biophysical Society Annual Meeting 2026 in San Francisco

Researchers from 49 countries convened in San Francisco for five days (February 21-25) of discovery, collaboration and career growth at the 70th Biophysical Society (BPS) Annual Meeting. The meeting opened on Saturday, February 21, with 17 Subgroup symposia, launching a dynamic program that continued with 24 symposia, 4 workshops, and 500+ platform talks over the following four days. Each day, the exhibit hall buzzed with excitement as more than 500 poster presentations sparked lively discussion and new connections. At the awards ceremony, President Lynmarie K. Thompson honored Ariane Briegel, Institut Pasteur, and Ilya Leventhal, University of Virginia, for their outstanding leadership as this year's Annual Meeting Program Committee Co-Chairs.

Sigrid Milles (second from the left above, with IUPAB Vice-President Angela Gronenborn, IUPAB Treasurer Christina Sizun and IUPAB Past-President Manuel Prieto) from the Leibniz-Research Institute of Molecular Pharmacology, Berlin, Germany, was the IUPAB sponsored speaker and gave a talk entitled "Intrinsically disordered regulators of endocytosis - An integrated NMR/single molecule fluorescence approach" in the symposium Order from Chaos: The Biophysics of Intrinsically Disordered Proteins during the meeting.



Biophysical Reviews - IUPAB Future Leaders Webinar

On the 25th of March, to coincide with Biophysics Week 2026, *Biophysical Reviews* and IUPAB hosted a Future Leaders webinar including talks by the winner of the 2026 Michèle Auger Award for Young Scientists' Independent Research Professor Nicholas Taylor (University of Copenhagen, Denmark) and the runner-up Associate Professor Shobhna Kapoor (Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Mumbai, India).

The titles of the talks were:

Nicholas Taylor, Molecular Machines at the Membrane

Shobhna Kapoor, Chasing the functions of Mycobacterium Tuberculosis Glycolipids during Infection using Membrane Biophysics

The participants of the webinar are shown above, from left to right, Senior Publisher of Springer-Nature, Joshua Bayliss, 2026 Michèle Auger award winner, Prof. Nicholas Taylor, IUPAB Secretary-General Prof. Ronald Clarke, Auger award runner-up, Associate Prof. Shobhna Kapoor, and Editor-in-Chief of *Biophysical Reviews*, Prof. Wilma Olson.

A recording of the webinar can be viewed at: <https://cassyni.com/events/F1vuBGPCVdQ3jeEZrSyqEV>

Next-Austrian NMR Meeting

The 2026 IUPAB-sponsored Next-Austrian NMR Meeting was held at the Institute of Science and Technology Austria in Klosterneuburg from February 26-27.

The photo shows the winners of the communication award, Juan Felipe Alvarado Daza,

and the best poster award, Lea Becker. Reports by the two award winners follow.



Juan Felipe Alvarado Daza: The Next Austrian NMR Meeting was an excellent opportunity to connect with scientists from Austria and neighboring countries while gaining an overview of current research trends. I attended with the aim of strengthening

my understanding of the European NMR community, exploring ongoing developments, and sharing my recent work with peers. The program ranged from AI-based analysis of NMR data to innovative NMR-based sensor design, highlighting the continued relevance of NMR spectroscopy across disciplines, which I found highly motivating. Several presentations addressed topics closely related to my work on protein dynamics, enabling valuable discussions and promising perspectives for future collaborations.

Lea Becker: I attended the first edition of the Austrian NMR Meeting because it was the first conference aiming at connecting NMR scientists in Austria. It was great to learn about the variety of NMR research done here and also in neighboring countries. I especially enjoyed that the meeting was organized by early-career colleagues and that most of the program was focused on contributions from young scientists. I genuinely enjoyed all the discussions that I had during this meeting and am thankful for the new connections that I made. Hopefully, there will be many more editions!



53rd Annual Meeting of the Argentinian Biophysical Society, Buenos Aires

The 53rd Annual Meeting of the Argentine Biophysical Society was held at the University of Buenos Aires from November 26-28, 2025. Additionally, the 9th Meeting of Young Biophysicists took place on November 25. This event, organized annually by the Young Initiative on Biophysics (YIB), promotes the participation and integration of undergraduate students, doctoral candidates, and young researchers.

International experts participating included Catherine Royer (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, New York, USA), Aitziber López Cortajarena (Vice-President of the Spanish Biophysical Society), Soledad Celej (Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Chemical Sciences, National University of Cordoba, Argentina), Heiko Heerklotz (University of Freiburg, Germany), Javier Luque (University of Barcelona, Spain), and the **IUPAB-sponsored lecture** by Cees Dekker (Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands).

A roundtable discussion “Analysis of the Current Situation of the Scientific System in Argentina” featured presentations by Claudia Capurro (Vice-President of Scientific Affairs, CONICET, Argentina), Pablo Evelson (University of Buenos Aires), Valeria Levi (University of Buenos Aires), and Agustín Ormazabal (Postdoctoral Fellow). The

panelists offered a diversity of perspectives on the current, difficult state of the national scientific system.

Among the excellently presented posters, Juan Facundo Chrestia, a postdoctoral student at the National University of the South (Bahia Blanca, Argentina), was awarded the **IUPAB Poster Prize** for her work entitled “Identification of a Cannabidiol Binding Domain Involved in the Allosteric Modulation of the $\alpha 7$ Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptor”.

The 9th YIB Meeting welcomed undergraduates and graduates from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, and Uruguay. The program included lectures by Germán Sgro (University of São Paulo), Lucía B. Chemes (Mercosur Structural Biology Centre) and Valeria Levi (University of Buenos Aires), 3 talks by Maura Gonçalves da Cruz (National University of Quilmes), Micaela Janeth Sosa (Interdisciplinary Institute of Basic Sciences) and Cecilia Souto Guevara (University of Buenos Aires); 2 workshops (“Molecular dynamics simulations: hands-on” and, “Transforming Data into Knowledge: Statistics Applied to Science”) and a Round Table where Daiana Capdevilla, (Biological Research Institute), Gabriela Amodeo, (University of Buenos Aires), and Fernando Baidanoff (Johnson&Johnson) lectured on: “Beyond the Thesis: Opportunities and Challenges After the Doctorate”.

In a “My Project in 2 Minutes” session, 9 attendees talked about their research projects. All presentations are available on the YIB’s YouTube Channel [@YoungBiophysics](#).

Social Media

IUPAB is now on social media platforms! These include Twitter ([@IUPAB1](#)), Instagram ([IUPAB1](#)) and Facebook ([IUPAB2](#)). Please head over to any of these pages to keep up to date on all IUPAB activities. A IUPAB Wiki page has also been created – details [here](#).

Future IUPAB Events

2027 IUPAB Congress (September 5 – 9) Berlin, Germany

Links will be posted on the [IUPAB.ORG](#) website when they are available.

2030 IUPAB Congress (June 17 – 21) Quebec City, Canada



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