



Editorial

So Long, SLEEP Advances...

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My role as editor-in-chief of *SLEEP Advances* has come to an end, and I am in that happy/sad state of glee at shedding an insistent, persistent obligation on the one hand and wistful sorrow at losing routine interaction with a wonderful team on the other. I was privileged that the SRS Board gave me the honor of launching the journal in 2020 as its inaugural editor-in-chief, despite my limited preparation. Yet with the expert assistance of the Oxford University Press publishing and editorial team, as well as the SRS executive director, John Noel, we pulled together the new journal's structure, substance, and a group of associate editors and reviewing editors. It took a while for the journal to catch on and for the society's membership to buy into the notion of a gold open-access publication. That said, I'm pleased to note that although the pace of submissions was achingly slow in the first year, we have since experienced quite satisfying growth.

I note that much of the success of *SLEEP Advances* stems from our partnership with the SRS's longstanding and powerful journal, *SLEEP*. The "manuscript transfer" process, whereby authors whose submissions to *SLEEP* are deemed worthy but don't meet that journal's criteria for novelty, and impact are given the option to submit directly to *SLEEP Advances*. From the start, I saw *SLEEP Advances* as an outlet for excellent science that might not contain the next hot finding as *SLEEP* demands but carried interest to the sleep and circadian science scholarly community. Thus, we welcomed review papers, replication studies, and even papers with negative findings, in addition to other well-designed, well-written, well-analyzed, and overall solid original scientific research reports.

I am pleased with the *SLEEP Advances*' initiatives I was able to implement. Most important to me is the [SRS Trainee Publication Fee Waiver Award](#). Of course, I have supported SRS trainees for decades, acknowledging their importance for the health and future of the society and our science; this award offers a boost to their careers, and I am grateful to the SRS Board of Directors for their financial support. I am hopeful that our journal's partner society, the Australasian Sleep Association, will very soon offer their support for a similar award to ASA trainee members.

We also have a number of [Special Collections](#) that raise the journal's profile, and I point them out below and offer my thanks the guest editors for their contributions.

Completed collections

1. David F. Dinges Festschrift Collection. Guest editors were Hans P. A. Van Dongen, Mathias Basner, Janet M. Mullington, with help from Michele Carlin.
2. Sleep and Circadian Rhythms: Management of Fatigue in Occupational Settings, guest editor Cassie Hilditch.
3. Sleep and Circadian Health in the Justice System, guest editors Stephanie Crowley and Amy R Wolfson.
4. Festschrift in honor of Robert Stickgold, guest editors Tony Cunningham, Jessica Payne, and Erin Wamsley.

Ongoing collections

1. Genetic and other molecular underpinnings of sleep, sleep disorders, and circadian rhythms including translational approaches, guest editors John McGeary and Chelsie Benca-Bachman.
2. Living Legends, associate editors Sonia Ancoli-Israel, Ralph Lydic, and Radhika Basheer, editorial interns Melissa Brewster, Katrina Rodheim, and Melanie Stearns.

The idea/need for the Living Legends collection came to me as we experienced a series of deaths of founding leaders of our field and the society, including Christian Guilleminault, William Dement, Allan Rechtschaffen, and others, all of whom were memorialized with obituaries but whose personal wisdom we lost. Thus, I wanted to hear from other legendary researchers in their own voices to learn from their own perspectives of their work. With the help of Drs. Ancoli-Israel and Lydic, we developed a plan and process and began our invitations. [Dr. Basheer joined this special group of editors in 2023.] Three editorial interns—SRS trainee volunteers—signed on to assist the selected senior scientist authors with the publication process, which is a far cry from the good old days of simply snail-mailing a manuscript to the journal of choice. These interns have been of impressive help to our authors. And, yes, I give particular thanks to our Living Legends authors themselves, and I encourage our readers to seek out and read their wonderful and insightful papers.

Finally, I thank the OUP team, publisher Erinn Brigham, editorial manager Lake Lloyd, and others, who have provided me with patient and enormously useful help. Of course, I also thank John Noel and the Board of the SRS for their encouragement and support.

I'm delighted to hand the reins of *SLEEP Advances* to Sean Drummond, whom I know will take the journal to greater heights with insightful and innovative changes. Best wishes, Sean, as you take over; I cannot wait to see what's to come. Farewell...

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[Genetic and other molecular underpinnings of sleep, sleep disorders, and circadian rhythms including translational approaches](#)

Guest Editors:

John McGeary

Chelsie Benca-Bachman

Submission Deadline: 15th February 2025

[Festschrift in honor of Robert Stickgold](#)

Guest Editors:

Tony Cunningham,

Jessica Payne, and

Erin Wamsley,

Submissions closed

[Sleep and Circadian Health in the Justice System](#)

Organized by Stephanie J. Crowley and Amy R. Wolfson

Submissions closed 25 October 2023

Published Collections

SLEEP Advances invites you to browse the special collections below and remains interested in the topics represented. We encourage researchers to continue to submit their excellent work on these topics to the journal.

Ongoing

[Living Legends](#)

2024

[Sleep and Circadian Rhythms: Management of Fatigue in Occupational Settings](#)

Organized by Cassie J. Hilditch

2023

[David F. Dinges Festschrift Collection](#)

Organized by Hans P. A. Van Dongen, Mathias Basner, Janet M. Mullington, and Michele Carlin