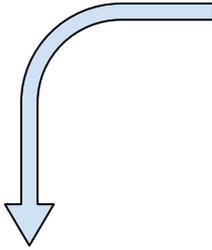




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ISVM on Social Media – Let's Get Social! 🐦

Since our last newsletter, we've expanded to a new platform: **Bluesky!** 🚀 You can now follow us there (check the links on the left of this newsletter). To stay in the loop, don't forget to also connect with us on **X, Facebook, and LinkedIn**.

Lately, our feeds have been buzzing with our "Phage Feature of the Week" — amazing TEM shots of bacteriophages sent in by our enthusiastic members. These posts have been a hit, but we need **more pics and stories from YOU** to keep the fun going! All viruses of microbes are welcome!!

And that's not all. In the future, we'd love to highlight **job opportunities and cool stories from your phage and virus work**. Think of it as your chance to show your science to the community. 🌍 🚀

🔗 Got something to share? Please send your images, stories, or job postings to contact@ismv.org, and let's put your work in the spotlight!

iVoM Season 4: 2025-2026

Our fourth iVoM webinar series is taking shape for 2025-2026, in preparation for the Viruses of Microbes 2026 Conference in Prague, Czech Republic (July 6-10).

While we finalize session topics, dates, and times, we actively seek speaker nominations and would love to hear from you! ISVM is committed to showcasing the exciting work being done by Early Career Scientists in our growing research community. If you are or know a graduate student, postdoc, or early-career group leader who has a microbial virus story to share, please let our iVoM Season 4 chairs know by filling the following online form: <https://forms.gle/94oHmhNEBG2KYadU6>

Evergreen Phage Conference

In early August, four board members represented ISVM at the 26th Biennial Evergreen Phage Meeting, held for the first time outside Olympia, WA—in

Knoxville, Tennessee. The meeting brought together phage researchers at all career stages—students, government, academic, and industry—in a collaborative atmosphere where novel findings, poster presentations, and workshops were shared. Discussions ranged from basic phage biology to application-driven projects, underscoring

the importance of diverse perspectives and resource environments in advancing phage science. The conference also provided a valuable opportunity to promote ISVM and engage with potential new members within the global phage community.





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Phage Protein Meeting

In September, four ISVM board members participated in the inaugural Phage Protein Meeting, hosted in Ghent, Belgium. This new conference focused on rapidly growing research using phage proteins—including lysins, tail fibers, depolymerases, and tailocins—and drew a diverse mix of academic researchers, early career scientists, and industry partners. The program featured inspiring keynotes, lively poster sessions, and in-depth discussions spanning computational discovery to clinical translation. The meeting highlighted both the fundamental science and the applied potential of phage proteins, while offering an excellent platform to connect with the global phage community and introduce new colleagues to ISVM.



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Please spread the word and **encourage your colleagues and young scientists to join our global community of members.** Register today [here!](#)

ISVM partners

We are pleased to share a new, valuable resource with our members: the [ScientifyResearch](#) grant tool. This platform is designed to make identifying funding opportunities simpler and more efficient by consolidating grants worldwide into a searchable, user-friendly database. Whether you seek support for early-stage projects, international collaborations, or targeted research initiatives, this tool can help you find funding programs that align with your goals.



We encourage all members to attend an [exclusive webinar](#) designed to help them understand the platform and craft stronger, more competitive grant applications.

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Please explore the site and join the ISVM-ScientifyResearch community through our special [Link](#), and take advantage of this resource to advance your work while supporting the society!

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