ASPA & IAPA 2026

Scientific Sessions — Day 1 & Day 2

September 10–12, 2026 · CMC Vellore, India

Day 1 · September 11th, 2026

- Scudder Auditorium – Hall A
- Examination Hall (Hall B) Parallel Session (SIG)
- Parallel Session (Exam Hall First Floor) – E-poster Presentation on Day 1 (13:30 - 15:30)

TIME	HALL A · SCUDDER AUDITORIUM	HALL B · EXAMINATION HALL (PARALLEL)
		6.30 am - 7.30 am ORIENTATION TALK **Introduction to Nature Observation, iNaturalist and eBird**
7.30 am - 8.30 am	• Breakfast Session (Pre Booked) • General Conference Registration	
8.30 am - 9.30 am	PLENARY SESSION 1 **Small Patients, Big Responsibilities: Safety First in Paediatric Anaesthesia** • **15 min** — Physiologic Vulnerability in Paediatric Anaesthesia — Agnes Ng Suah Bwee • **15 min** — Learning Systems: From Incidents to Improvement — Rajeev Subramanyam • **15 min** — Global Initiatives & their Local Impact — Soichiro Obara • **15 min** — Q & A **Chair:** Neerja Bhardwaj / Subrahmanyam Maddirala	
9.30 am - 10.00 am	KEYNOTE ADDRESS 1 **Dreaming Science with No Borders: Perspective from Global Collaborative Paediatric Anaesthesia Research Network** • **25 min** — Nicola Disma **Chair:** Elsa Varghese / Vrushali Ponde	

TIME	HALL A · SCUDDER AUDITORIUM	HALL B · EXAMINATION HALL (PARALLEL)
10.00 am - 10.30 am	PANEL DISCUSSION **NORA Unplugged: Safety Beyond the Operating Room** • **30 min** — Ritu Pradhan, Aavula Murlidhar, Rakhee Goyal, Dilek Altun **Moderator:** Vivian Yuen	**10.00 am - 10.50 am** SPECIAL INTEREST PARALLEL SESSION **Pain SIG** • **25 min** — Case-based interactive discussions — Angela Yeo, Ayuko Igarashi, Gezy Giwangkanaca, Genevieve Dsouza, Raylene Dias, Elizabeth Joseph, Deepti Manjunath • **5 min** — Quick Myth buster to break myths surrounding procedural pain • **7 min** — Roleplay on age-appropriate communication • **8 min** — Care pathway for common procedures • **5 min** — Conclusion **Moderator:** Anuradha Ganigara
10.30 am - 10.50 am	**Tea Break**	
10.50 am - 11.30 am	HOW I DO IT? **Tiny Airway, Big Skills: How I Do It?** • **15 min** — Use of USG for the placement of cuffed ETT in neonates - Does it really matter?— Tariq Wani • **15 min** — Tubeless Anaesthesia - DISE, Airway evaluation for suspected laryngo-tracheomalacia / stenosis— Benoit Beauve • **10 min** — Q & A **Chair:** Kavisha Dissanayake / Ayuku Igarashi	
11.30 am - 12.40 pm	ACADEMIA **Advanced Concepts in Neonatal Anaesthesia: Physiology, Pharmacology & Critical Decision-Making** • **12 min** — Beyond Basics: Advanced Neonatal Physiology & Its Anaesthetic Implications — Anju Benedon • **12 min** — Neonatal Pharmacology: Precision Dosing & Drug Selection in High-Risk Situations — Dyugu Kara • **12 min** — Managing the Critically Ill Neonate: Complex Scenarios & Decision-Making — S Ramesh • **12 min** — Neonatal Neuro development Assessment and Procedural Pain— Angela Yeo Siok Hoong • **12 min** — Q & A **Chair:** Rajani Sundar, Giuseppe A Marraro	**11.45 am - 12.30 pm** SPECIAL INTEREST PARALLEL SESSION **Crisis Management** • **15 min** — The science behind the Leadership in OR (role of anaesthesiologists as leaders- including NTS)— Ina Ismiarti binti Shariffuddin • **15 min** — Crisis Leadership: Planning, Response, and Resilience (emphasis on CRM, mock drills, post crisis management) — Preeta George • **15 min** — Integrated Disaster Management: From Risk to Recovery (Natural disaster- flood, earthquakes etc) — Ritu Pradhan **Chair:** G. Priya / Ravi Kishore / Poonam Motiani

TIME	HALL A · SCUDDER AUDITORIUM	HALL B · EXAMINATION HALL (PARALLEL)
12.40 pm - 1.10 pm	PANEL DISCUSSION **Building a Culture of Safety in Resource-Limited Settings** • **30 min** — Panelists: Meera Kurup, Samzai, Verghese Cherian, M.S.R.C Murthy **Moderator:** Pauline Wake	12.40 pm - 1.20 pm **KAHOOT QUIZ**
1.10 pm - 2.10 pm	**Lunch & Networking**	
2.10 pm - 2.40 pm	KEYNOTE ADDRESS 2 **Education and Safety** • **25 min** — Rebecca Jacob **Chair:** Zehra Serpil Ustalar Ozgen / Agnes Ng Suah Bwee	
2.40 pm - 3.40 pm	RECORDED SESSION **New Horizons in Paediatric Anaesthesia** • **15 min** — Application of Automatic Closed-loop Anesthesia in Pediatric Surgery — Zheng Jijian • **15 min** — From molecules to milestones: Anaesthesia impact on neuro development — Vesna Jevtovic-Todorovic • **15 min** — Tubeless anaesthesia in thoracic surgery in children — Pan Shoudong • **15 min** — Q & A	2.50 pm - 3.35 pm PARALLEL SESSION **Smile Train Session** • **15 min** — Syndromic Babies Under Anesthesia: Challenges and Solutions — Mohammad Azam Danish • **15 min** — Anaesthetic Management of the cleft palate — Usha Shenoy • **15 min** — Post operative care of a shared airway — Anita Nehete **Chair:** Vibhavari Naik /Faye Evans
3.40 pm - 4.25 pm	PRO-CON SESSION **Debates in Paediatric Anaesthesia** • **12+3 min** — 1. Walking the tight rope; sip till send / conventional fasting — Subramanyam Vs Sandhya Y • **12+3 min** — 2. Anaesthesia Impacting IQ of my kid_ Consent to include all information to parents Vs limited and relevant information — Gezy giwangkancana vs R. Jayanthi • **12+3 min** — 3. Sick laparotomies -Bed side Vs Operation theatre — Genevieve D'Souza Vs Anjolie Chhabra **Moderator:** Felicia Lim / Usha Nair / M.S.R.C Murthy	
4.25 pm - 4.40 pm	**Tea Break**	
4.40 pm - 5.30 pm	**Final Quiz**	
		5.30 pm - 6.30 pm **AGM - ASPA**

TIME	HALL A · SCUDDER AUDITORIUM	HALL B · EXAMINATION HALL (PARALLEL)
6.30 pm - 10.30 pm	**Entertainment & Gala Dinner**	

Day 2 · September 12th, 2026

- Scudder Auditorium – Hall A
- Examination Hall (Hall B) Parallel Session (SIG)
- Senate Hall C – 10 oral presentations
- 5 Prize winners (including all the categories) will be presenting in Scudder Auditorium

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6.00 am - 8.00 am	**Early Morning Campus Activity (EMCA)**	
8.15 am - 8.30 am	ASPA 2027 **Welcome by Team China** • **15 min** — Zhang Jijian	
8.30 am - 9.15 am	PLENARY SESSION **Building Safer Practice: Education and Simulation in Paediatric Anaesthesia** • **15 min** — Building Competence and Confidence: Safety Courses in Paediatric Anaesthesia (PPLS, MEPA, ASPA safe drug dosing)— Zehra Serpil Ustalar Ozgen • **15 min** — Point-of-Care Ultrasound: Competence, Credentials, and Ethics— Hee Soo Kim • **15 min** — Q & A **Chair:** Lakshmi Kumar / Indu Sen	
9.15 am - 9.45 am	KEYNOTE ADDRESS 3 **Paediatric Anaesthesia Fellowships: Workforce, Access and Return on Investment -Lessons from PATA and opportunities for Africa-Asia collaboration** • **25 min** — Faye Mazo Evans **Chair:** Masao Yamashita / S Ramesh	
9.45 am - 10.00 am	**Tea Break**	
10.00 am - 11.00 am	SYMPOSIUM **Current Trends in Paediatric Regional Anaesthesia** • **15 min** — Caudal analgesia - Time tested or outdated? What are the new options emerging? — Vrushali Ponde • **15 min** — Epidural in Neonates — Aki Uemura • **15 min** — Novel ways to rehabilitate cerebral palsy children — Laksmi Vyas • **15 min** — Q & A **Chair:** Ina Ismiarti binti Shariffuddin / Rufinah Teo	**10.00 am - 11.00 am** SPECIAL INTEREST PARALLEL SESSION **Cardiac Anaesthesia Session** • **12 min** — Preop risk assessment in Cyanotic heart diseased children posted for non-cardiac surgery.— Rakesh Kumar (Moderator: Moderator: Lalitha Manickam/Cherian Verghese) • **15 min** — Anaesthesia for a child with unrepaired cyanotic congenital heart disease posted for non cardiac emergency surgery. — Dilek Altun (Moderator: Moderator: Lalitha Manickam/Cherian Verghese) • **30 min** — Panel Discussion — Lalitha Manickam, Dilek Altun, Rakesh Kumar, Kirubakaran D(Moderator: Moderator –Naveen Suda/Cherian Verghese) • **3 min** — Q & A

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11.00 am - 11.50 am	PANEL DISCUSSION - STRIKING A BALANCE **Paediatric Crossroads: Experts Debate the Most Challenging Management Dilemmas** • Panelists: Vibhavari Naik, Neerja Bhardwaj, Norifumi Kuratani, Chandrika Y.R., Sunidhara Reddy, Preethy J Mathew **Moderator:** Ekta Rai	
11.50 am - 12.50 pm	SYMPOSIUM - RECENT GUIDELINES / RESEARCH UPDATE **Current Updates in Paediatric Anaesthesia** • **15 min** — Transferring a sick neonate to OT: Is it needed always and how to make it safe?— Norifumi Kuratani • **15 min** — Safe Extubation: Key Concepts Every Anaesthesiologist Should Know— Pankaj Kundra • **15 min** — Paediatric Obesity – A Growing Challenge — Nandini Dave • **15 min** — Q & A **Chair:** Sapna Bhatla / Rodrigo Lopez Barreda	
12.50 pm - 1.10 pm	**Group Pic**	
1.10 pm - 2.00 pm	**Lunch & Networking**	
2.00 pm - 3.00 pm	BEYOND ANAESTHESIA • **15 min** — What do Sakura, or Cherry blossoms , symbolise for Japanese. — Masao Yamashita • **15 min** — Finding Serenity: Capturing Nature Through the Eyes of an Anaesthesiologist — Mohammed Azam Danish • **15 min** — Wellness and Anaesthesia — Rodrigo Lopez Barreda • **15 min** — Learning from post retirement journey dedicated to patient safety — Rajani Sundar	**2.00 pm - 3.00 pm** SPECIAL INTEREST PARALLEL SESSION **WFSA Presidential Theme 2026-2028 - Anaesthesiology along the patient pathway** • **15 min** — Introduction • **15 min** — The expanding role of anaesthesiologists in paediatric liver transplant pathways— Lakshmi Kumar • **15 min** — Preventing chronic post-surgical pain in children - anaesthesiologists' continuum of care— Rufinah Teo • **15 min** — From fear to trust - managing perioperative anxiety in children -— Anju Gupta **Moderator:** Vibhavari Naik/Suman Gupta
3.00 pm - 3.30 pm	**Winning Presentations**	
3.30 pm - 4.30 pm	**Valedictory Function**	