



# **APOCP 13th General Assembly & Scientific Conference**

Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia  
28-30 September 2026

**Scientific Program**

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# Monday, 28 September 2026 - APOCP 25th Celebration

07:30 - 08:30      **Registration**

08:30 - 08:45      **Welcome Remarks**

08:45 - 09:15      **Opening Ceremony**

## KEYNOTE

09:15 - 09:45      **Cancer Intelligence for Action: Data, Equity, and the Next 25 Years of Cancer Control in Asia-Pacific**

09:45 - 10:45      **APOCP 25th Leaders' Plenary (Part 1)**  
What Worked, What Didn't: 25 Years of Cancer Control - Lessons Across LMICs and HICs

10:45 - 11:00      **Tea Break**

11:00 - 12:00      **APOCP 25th Leaders' Plenary (Part 2)**  
Future-Ready Cancer Control (2035): A Practical Playbook for Asia-Pacific

12:00 - 13:00      **APOCP 25th Leaders' Plenary (Part 3) - Panel Discussion**  
Future-Ready Cancer Control (2035): What Will We Stop, Start, and Scale in Asia-Pacific?

13:00 - 14:00      **Lunch & Networking**

14:00 - 17:00      **Parallel Sessions**

## Workshop 1: Implementation Science for Cancer Control

## Workshop 2: Cancer Survivorship

19:00 - 21:30      **Conference Gala Dinner**

## Tuesday, 29 September 2026 - Conference Day 1

**08:00 - 08:50**      **Breakfast Dialogues (Industry-Supported, Parallel)**  
Elil Renganathan (moderator) Public-Private Partnerships for Cancer Control

### KEYNOTE

**09:00 - 09:30**      Kara Magsanoc-Alikpala (Philippines) "Nothing About Us Without Us: A People-Powered Movement for Cancer Control in Asia-Pacific"

### Theme 1 - The Human Experience of Cancer

**09:30 - 09:35**      **Chair Introduction (Saunthari Somasundaram, A Mosavi-Jarrahi)**

**09:35 - 09:55**      **Jennifer Moodley (South Africa)**  
"Charting the Cancer Journey: Turning Lived Experience into Systems Change"

**09:55 - 10:15**      **Carolyn Taylor (USA)**  
"Meaningful Engagement: Centring Lived Experience in Cancer Policy"

**10:15 - 10:35**      **Ophira Ginsburg (Canada)**  
"Women, Power and Cancer"

**10:35 - 10:55**      **Bogda Koczwara (Australia)**  
"Back to Work, Back to Life: A Survivorship Agenda for Asia-Pacific"

**10:55 - 11:15**      **Q&A; and Closing**

**11:15 - 11:35**      **Morning Coffee Break**

### Theme 2 - Cancer Burden, Gaps & Priorities

**11:35 - 11:55**      **Chair Introduction (Melissa Lim, M Moore)**

**11:55 - 12:15**      **Isabelle Soerjomataram (IARC, France)**  
"Cancer Burden in Asia Pacific"

**12:15 - 12:35**      **Yek Ching Kong (IARC, France)**  
"Paid and Unpaid Productivity Losses from Cancer in Asia-Pacific"

**12:35 - 12:55**      **Karla Unger (Mexico)**  
"Addressing Fragmentation of Care Through Health-System Change"

**12:55 - 13:15**      **Pramesh (India)**  
"Groundshot, Not Moonshot: Priorities for Cancer Research in LMICs"

**13:15 - 13:35**      **Q&A; and Closing**

**13:35 - 14:35**      **Lunch**

### Theme 3 - Prevention, Screening & Early Detection

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| 14:35 - 14:55 | <b>Chair Introduction (Nur Aishah Taib, KY Yoo))</b>  |
| 14:55 - 15:15 | <b>Partha Basu (IARC, France)</b><br>"Cervical Cancer Elimination in Asia-Pacific: Status and Next Steps"   |
| 15:15 - 15:35 | <b>Woo Yin Ling (Malaysia)</b><br>"Redesigning Cervical Cancer Screening Around Women's Lives"              |
| 15:35 - 15:55 | <b>Kim Yeol (South Korea)</b><br>"Korea's Lung Cancer Screening Experience: Lessons for the Region"         |
| 15:55 - 16:15 | <b>Arunah Chandran (IARC, France)</b><br>"Implementation Science for Better Prevention and Early Detection" |
| 16:15 - 16:35 | <b>Q&amp;A; and Closing</b>   |
| 16:35 - 17:00 | <b>Tea Break &amp; End of Scientific Programme</b>  |
| 18:30 - 21:00 | <b>Faculty Dinner</b>   |

## Wednesday, 30 September 2026 - Conference Day 2

### KEYNOTE

**08:30 - 09:00** Richard Sullivan (UK) "The Politics of Cancer Care: Power, Incentives, and Outcomes"

### Theme 4 - UHC & Cancer Systems

**09:00 - 09:05** Chair Introduction (Nirmala Bhoo-Pathy, J Dunn)

**09:05 - 09:25** Ait Allah Mejri (Indonesia)  
"Universal Health Coverage and Cancer Care: Aligning Industry, Policy and Patients"

**09:25 - 09:45** Julie Gralow (USA)  
"Access is an Outcome: Rewiring Systems to Close the Cancer Care Gap"

**09:45 - 10:05** Piya Hanvoravongchai (Thailand)  
"Strategic Purchasing for Universal Health Coverage: Lessons from Thailand"

**10:05 - 10:25** Beverly Essue (Australia/ Canada)  
"Redefining Universal Health Coverage Through a Human Lens for Cancer"

**10:25 - 10:55** Q&A; and Closing - Theme 4

**10:55 - 11:15** Morning Coffee Break

### Theme 5 - Building Capacity & Delivering Cancer Care

**11:15 - 11:20** Chair Introduction (Vaishnavi Jeyasingam, A Shankar)

**11:20 - 11:40** Voon Pei Jye (Sarawak)  
"Expanding Cancer Care and Clinical Research Capacity in LMICs"

**11:40 - 12:00** Nazik Hammad (Sudan/ Canada)  
"Building the Cancer Workforce through Partnership, Education, and Inclusion"

**12:00 - 12:20** Ednin Hamzah (Malaysia)  
"Early Palliative Care as the Standard in Cancer Care"

**12:20 - 12:40** Ajay Agarwal (UK)  
"Doing More with Less: Quality as a System Strategy"

**12:40 - 13:10** Q&A; and Closing

**13:10 - 14:10** Lunch

## Theme 6 - Law, Policy and Reform in Cancer Control

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| 14:10 - 14:15 | <b>Chair Introduction (Murallitharan Munisamy, Maqsood Siddiqi)</b>                                |
| 14:15 - 14:35 | <b>Hayley Jones (Australia)</b><br>"Using Law to Tame the Commercial Drivers of Cancer"            |
| 14:35 - 14:55 | <b>Dario Trapani (Italy)</b><br>"From Lists to Lives: Demystifying Essential Medicines for Cancer" |
| 14:55 - 15:15 | <b>Mei-Ling Yap (Australia)</b><br>"National Cancer Control Planning and Equity"                   |
| 15:15 - 15:35 | <b>Chris Booth (Canada)</b><br>"When Exercise Become Medicine in Cancer"                           |
| 15:35 - 16:05 | <b>Q&amp;A; and Closing</b>  |
| 16:05 - 17:00 | <b>Prize Giving &amp; Closing Ceremony (End with Tea Break)</b>                                    |