



# **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)**  
Eli 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

14:35 - 14:55	<b>Chair Introduction (Nur Aishah Taib, KY Yoo)</b>
14:55 - 15:15	<b>Partha Basu (IARC, France)</b> "Cervical Cancer Elimination in Asia-Pacific: Status and Next Steps"
15:15 - 15:35	<b>Woo Yin Ling (Malaysia)</b> "Redesigning Cervical Cancer Screening Around Women's Lives"
15:35 - 15:55	<b>Kim Yeol (South Korea)</b> "Korea's Lung Cancer Screening Experience: Lessons for the Region"
15:55 - 16:15	<b>Arunah Chandran (IARC, France)</b> "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

**14:10 - 14:15** **Chair Introduction (Murallitharan Munisamy, Maqsood Siddiqi)**

**14:15 - 14:35** **Hayley Jones (Australia)**  
"Using Law to Tame the Commercial Drivers of Cancer"

**14:35 - 14:55** **Dario Trapani (Italy)**  
"From Lists to Lives: Demystifying Essential Medicines for Cancer"

**14:55 - 15:15** **Mei-Ling Yap (Australia)**  
"National Cancer Control Planning and Equity"

**15:15 - 15:35** **Chris Booth (Canada)**  
"When Exercise Become Medicine in Cancer"

**15:35 - 16:05** **Q&A; and Closing**

**16:05 - 17:00** **Prize Giving & Closing Ceremony (End with Tea Break)**