

ASIAN PACIFIC  
ORGANIZATION  
FOR CANCER  
PREVENTION  
(APOCP)

13TH GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY & SCIENTIFIC  
CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 28 - 30 2026

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THE WATERFRONT HOTEL,  
KUCHING, SARAWAK, MALAYSIA

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

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MONDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2026 –  
APOCP 25TH CELEBRATION

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**9:00-9:10** Welcome Note  
**Nirmala Bhoo-Pathy**  
*Organising Chair of APOCP 13th General Assembly and Scientific Conference*

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**9:10-9:40** Opening Ceremony  
**YB Datuk Amar Prof. Dr Sim Kui Hian**  
*Deputy Premier of Sarawak*

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**KEYNOTE-ADDRESS 1**

**9:40-10:00** Closing the Gaps: Women, Families, and Equity in Cancer Care  
Speaker: **YB Dato Sri Hajah Fatimah Abdullah** (Malaysia)  
*Minister for Women, Childhood and Community Wellbeing Development, Sarawak, Malaysia*

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**KEYNOTE-ADDRESS 2**

**10:00-10:25** Title: Turning Knowledge into Action: Accelerating Cancer Control in Asia-Pacific  
Speaker: **Prof Jeff Dunn AO** (Australia)  
*Past President, UICC  
Past President, APOCP*

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**10:25-10:40** Tea Break

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**PANEL 1**

**10:40-11:50** Cancer Intelligence, Prevention, and Priority-Setting in Asia-Pacific  
Moderator: **Isabelle Soerjomataram** (France)  
Panelists: **Sue K. Park** (South Korea), **Chien-Jen Chen** (Taiwan), **Shahid Pervez** (Pakistan), **Ophira Ginsburg** (UK), **Le Tran Ngoan** (Vietnam)

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**PANEL 2**

**11:50-13:00** What Worked, What Didn't: Cancer Control Lessons from Asia Pacific  
Moderator: **Abhishek Shankar** (India)  
Panelists: **Keun-Young Yoo** (South Korea), **Kazuo Tajima** (Japan), **Saunthari Somasundaram** (Malaysia), **Bogda Koczwara** (Australia), **Kishore Kumar Pradhananga** (Nepal)

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**13:00-14:00** Lunch

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**PANEL 3**

Future-Ready Cancer Control: A Practical Playbook for Asia-Pacific

**14:00-15:15**

Moderator: **Richard Sullivan** (UK)

Panelists: **You-Lin Qiao** (China), **Malcolm Moore** (Thailand), **Elizabeth A. Mittendorf** (USA), **Maqsood Siddiqi** (India), **Nirmala Bhoo-Pathy** (Malaysia)

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**15:15-16:15** Plenary Industry Symposium 1: Private Health Insurance and Cancer Care: Filling Gaps, Expanding Protection

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**16:15-17:15** Plenary Industry Symposium 2: Closing Access Gaps in Cancer Care with Generics and Biosimilars

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**17:15-17:30** Tea Break

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**17:30-18:15** APOCP General Assembly

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**15:15-18:15** Parallel Workshops

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**19:30 onwards** Conference Gala Dinner

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**TUESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2026 -  
CONFERENCE DAY 1**



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**8:00-8:50** Breakfast Dialogues  
Moderator: **Elil Renganathan** (Malaysia)  
Public-Private Partnerships in Cancer Control:  
What Works Across Sectors

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**KEYNOTE**

**9:00-9:30** **Kara Magsanoc-Alikpala** (Philippines)  
“Nothing About Us Without Us: A People-  
Powered Movement for Cancer Control in Asia-  
Pacific”

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**THEME 1 - THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE OF  
CANCER**

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**9:30-9:35** Chair Introduction  
**Saunthari Somasundaram** (Malaysia)  
**Alireza Mosavi-Jarrahi** (Iran)

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**9:35-9:55** **Jennifer Moodley** (South Africa)  
“Charting the Cancer Journey: Turning Lived  
Experience into Systems Change”

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**9:55-10:15** **Carolyn Taylor** (USA)  
“Meaningful Engagement: Centring Lived  
Experience in Cancer Policy”

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

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

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**10:55-11:15** Discussion and Closing

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

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**THEME 2 - CANCER BURDEN, GAPS &  
PRIORITIES**

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**11:35-11:40** Chair Introduction  
**Sumitra Selvaraj** (Malaysia)  
**Malcolm A. Moore** (Thailand)

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**11:40-12:00** **Isabelle Soerjomataram** (IARC, France)  
“Cancer Burden in Asia Pacific”

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**12:00-12:20** **Yek Ching Kong** (IARC, France)  
“Paid and Unpaid Productivity Losses from Cancer in Asia-Pacific”

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**12:20-12:40** **Karla Unger** (Mexico)  
“Addressing Fragmentation of Care Through Health-System Change”

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**12:40-13:00** **C.S. Pramesh** (India)  
“Earthshot, Not Moonshot: Priorities for Cancer Research in LMICs”

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**13:00-13:20** Discussion and Closing

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**13:20-14:20** Lunch

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### **THEME 3 - PREVENTION, SCREENING & EARLY DETECTION**

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**14:20-14:25** Chair Introduction  
**Shazimah Abdul Samad** (Malaysia)  
**Keun-Young Yoo** (South Korea)

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**14:25-14:45** **Partha Basu** (IARC, France)  
“Cervical Cancer Elimination in Asia-Pacific: Status and Next Steps”

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**14:45-15:05** **Woo Yin Ling** (Malaysia)  
“Redesigning Cervical Cancer Screening Around Women’s Lives”

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**15:05-15:25** **Kim Yeol** (South Korea)  
“Korea’s Lung Cancer Screening Experience: Lessons for the Region”

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**15:25-15:45** **Arunah Chandran** (IARC, France)  
“Implementation Science for Better Prevention and Early Detection”

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**15:45-16:05** Discussion and Closing

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**16:05-16:25** Tea Break

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**16:25-17:55** Competitive Oral Sessions & End of Scientific Programme

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**18:30-21:00** Faculty Dinner

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WEDNESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2026 -  
CONFERENCE DAY 2



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**KEYNOTE**

**8:30-9:00** **Richard Sullivan (UK)**  
“The Politics of Cancer Care: Power, Incentives, and Outcomes”

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**THEME 4 - UHC & CANCER SYSTEMS**

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**9:00-9:05** Chair Introduction  
**Murallitharan Munisamy (Malaysia)**  
**Jeff Dunn (Australia)**

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**9:05-9:25** **Elil Renganathan (Malaysia)**  
“Integrating the Private Sector in Cancer UHC: From Contracts to Human Outcomes”

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**9:25-9:45** **Julie Gralow (USA)**  
“Access is an Outcome: Rewiring Systems to Close the Cancer Care Gap”

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**9:45-10:05** **Piya Hanvoravongchai (Thailand)**  
“Strategic Purchasing for Universal Health Coverage: Lessons from Thailand”

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

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**10:25-10:55** Discussion and Closing

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

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**THEME 5 - BUILDING CAPACITY & DELIVERING CANCER CARE**

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**11:15-11:20** Chair Introduction  
**Vaishnavi Jeyasingam (Malaysia)**  
**Abhishek Shankar (India)**

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

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

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

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

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**12:40-13:10** Discussion and Closing

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

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**THEME 6 - LAW, POLICY AND REFORM IN CANCER CONTROL**

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**14:10-14:15** Chair Introduction  
**Melissa Lim Siaw Han** (Malaysia)  
**Maqsood Siddiqi** (India)

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

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**14:35-14:55** **Yuri Ito** (Japan)  
“Leveraging Population Data to Drive Evidence-Based Cancer Policy”

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

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**15:15-15:35** **Susannah Stanway** (UK)  
Climate Change and Cancer

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**15:35-16:05** Discussion and Closing

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**16:05-17:00** Prize Giving & Closing Ceremony

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**17:00-17:30** Tea Break

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