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13TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY & SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 28 - 30 2026

THE WATERFRONT HOTEL,
KUCHING, SARAWAK, MALAYSIA

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

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MONDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2026 –
APOCP 25TH CELEBRATION



9:00-9:10	Welcome Note Nirmala Bhoo-Pathy <i>Organising Chair of APOCP 13th General Assembly and Scientific Conference</i>
9:10-9:40	Opening Ceremony YB Datuk Amar Prof. Dr Sim Kui Hian <i>Deputy Premier of Sarawak</i>
	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) <i>Minister for Women, Childhood and Community Wellbeing Development, Sarawak, Malaysia</i>
	KEYNOTE-ADDRESS 2
10:00-10:25	Title: Turning Knowledge into Action: Accelerating Cancer Control in Asia-Pacific Speaker: Jeff Dunn AO (Australia) <i>Past President, UICC Past President, APOCP</i>
10:25-10:40	Morning Tea Break
	PANEL 1 Cancer Intelligence, Prevention, and Priority-Setting in Asia-Pacific
10:40-11:50	Moderator: Isabelle Soerjomataram (France) Panelists: Melissa Lim Siaw Han (Malaysia), Muthukkumaran Thiagarajan (Malaysia), Shahid Pervez (Pakistan), Ophira Ginsburg (UK), Le Tran Ngoan (Vietnam)
	PANEL 2 What Worked, What Didn't: Cancer Control Lessons from Asia-Pacific
11:50-13:00	Moderator: Abhishek Shankar (India) Panelists: Soehartati Gondhowiardjo (Indonesia), Carmen Auste (Philippine), Saunthari Somasundaram (Malaysia), Bogda Koczwara (Australia), Chew Lee Ping (Malaysia)

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13:00-14:00 Lunch

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)

ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL SYMPOSIUM

Policy to Bedside: The Cancer Care Continuum

15:30-17:15

Chair: **Prof. Cheng-Har Yip** (Malaysia) & **Dr. Malcolm Moore** (Thailand)
Panelist: **Keun-Young Yoo** (South Korea), **Dr. Paulus Ripa** (Papua New Guinea), **Datuk Dr. Radzi** (Malaysia), **Dr. Tajima** (Japan)

Parallel Workshops

Workshop 1: Implementation Research in Cancer Control

Workshop 2: Cancer Survivorship in Asia-Pacific: From Evidence to Engagement

15:15-18:00

Workshop 3: Integrated Community Palliative Care: Global Standards & Local Realities

Workshop 4: Work, Wellbeing and Livelihood After Cancer: Envisioning a Pink Employer Ecosystem

Workshop 5: Beyond Survival: Can Asia Measure What Prevention Truly Protects? Connecting Three Evidence Streams through BETTER TOGETHER

17:15-18:00 APOCP General Assembly

**18:00
onwards**

Welcoming Cocktail

TUESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2026 -
CONFERENCE DAY 1



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

KEYNOTE
9:00-9:30 **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**

9:30-9:35 Chair Introduction
Yolanda Augustin (UK)
Alireza Mosavi-Jarrahi (Iran)

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

9:55-10:15 **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”

10:55-11:00 Discussant Commentary
Haniza Sahdi (Malaysia)

11:00-11:20 Panel Q&A

11:20-11:40 Morning Tea Break

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

11:40-11:45 Chair Introduction
Sumitra Selvaraj (Malaysia)
Malcolm A. Moore (Thailand)

11:45-12:05 **Isabelle Soerjomataram** (IARC, France)
“Cancer Burden in Asia Pacific”

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12:05-12:25 **Ajay Aggarwal (UK)**
“Doing More with Less: Quality as a System Strategy”

12:25-12:45 **C.S. Pramesh (India)**
“Earthshot, Not Moonshot: Priorities for Cancer Research in LMICs”

12:45-13:05 **Dr. Andi Saguni (Indonesia)**
“Translating cancer burden and health-system gaps into national cancer-control priorities in Indonesia”

13:05-13:10 Discussant Commentary
Ngian Hie Ung (Malaysia)

13:10-13:30 Panel Q&A

PARALLEL ABSTRACT PRESENTATION

9:30-11:30 Policy, Capacity Building & Sustainable Cancer Control

9:30-12:00 Health Systems, Universal Health Coverage & Cancer Care

9:30-12:45 Screening & Early Detection (Part 1)

13:30-14:30 Lunch

THEME 3 - PREVENTION, SCREENING & EARLY DETECTION

14:30-14:35 Chair Introduction
Shazimah Abdul Samad (Malaysia)
Keun-Young Yoo (South Korea)

14:35-14:55 **Partha Basu (IARC, France)**
“Cervical Cancer Elimination in Asia-Pacific: Status and Next Steps”

14:55-15:15 **Woo Yin Ling (Malaysia)**
“Redesigning Cervical Cancer Screening Around Women’s Lives”

15:15-15:35 **Kim Yeol (South Korea)**
“Korea’s Lung Cancer Screening Experience: Lessons for the Region”

15:35-15:55 **Arunah Chandran (IARC, France)**
“Implementation Science for Better Prevention and Early Detection”

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15:55-16:00	Discussant Commentary Emmanuel Joseph Fong (Malaysia)
16:00-16:20	Panel Q&A
16:20-16:40	Afternoon Tea Break
16:40-18:00	Competitive Oral Sessions (Proffered Papers) End of Scientific Programme
19:00-22:00	Faculty Dinner at Kantin (By Invitation Only)

WEDNESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2026 - CONFERENCE DAY 2



KEYNOTE

8:30-9:00

Richard Sullivan (UK)
“The Politics of Cancer Care: Power, Incentives, and Outcomes”

THEME 4 - UHC & CANCER SYSTEMS

9:00-9:05

Chair Introduction
Murallitharan Munisamy (Malaysia)
Nirmala Supramaniam (Malaysia)

9:05-9:25

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

9:25-9:45

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

9:45-10:05

Piya Hanvoravongchai (Thailand)
“Strategic Purchasing for Universal Health Coverage: Lessons from Thailand”

10:05-10:25

Beverley Essue (Australia/ Canada)
“Redefining Universal Health Coverage Through a Human Lens for Cancer”

10:25-10:30

Discussant Commentary
Izzuna Mudia Mohamed Ghazali (Malaysia)

10:30-10:50

Panel Q&A

10:50-11:10

Morning Tea Break

THEME 5 - BUILDING CAPACITY & DELIVERING CANCER CARE

11:10-11:15

Chair Introduction
Vaishnavi Jeyasingam (Malaysia)
Abhishek Shankar (India)

11:15-11:35

Voon Pei Jye (Sarawak)
“Expanding Cancer Care and Clinical Research Capacity in LMICs”

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11:35-11:55	Nazik Hammad (Sudan/ Canada) “Building the Cancer Workforce through Partnership, Education, and Inclusion”
11:55-12:15	Ednin Hamzah (Malaysia) “Early Palliative Care as the Standard in Cancer Care”
12:15-12:35	Yek Ching Kong (France) “Paid and Unpaid Productivity Losses from Cancer in Asia-Pacific”
12:35-12:40	Discussant Commentary Ong Ee Yan (Malaysia)
12:40-13:00	Panel Q&A

PARALLEL ABSTRACT PRESENTATION

9:00-12:15	Screening & Early Detection (Part 2)
9:00-12:15	Cancer Burden, Inequities & Priority Setting
9:00-12:15	The Human Experience of Cancer
13:00-14:00	Lunch

THEME 6 - LAW, POLICY AND REFORM IN CANCER CONTROL

14:00-14:05	Chair Introduction Ooi Chor Yau (Malaysia) Maqsood Siddiqi (India)
14:05-14:25	Hayley Jones (Australia) “Using Law to Tame the Commercial Drivers of Cancer”
14:25-14:45	Yuri Ito (Japan) “Leveraging Population Data to Drive Evidence-Based Cancer Policy”
14:45-15:05	Mei-Ling Yap (Australia) “National Cancer Control Planning and Equity”
15:05-15:25	Susannah Stanway (UK) “Climate Change and Cancer”

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15:25-15:30	Discussant Commentary Ranjit Kaur Pritam Singh (Malaysia)
15:30-15:50	Panel Q&A
15:50-17:00	Prize Giving & Closing Ceremony
17:00-18:00	Evening Tea Break & Conference Ends