



APCON 2026

74th Annual Conference of Indian Association of Pathologists & Microbiologists
WHERE DIAGNOSTICS EVOLVE AND PERSONALISED CARE BEGINS



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02 Dec 26

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03 – 06 Dec 26

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Dear Friends

It is with great pleasure that we extend a heartfelt invitation to you to join us in Coimbatore city, the "Manchester of South India" for the 74th Annual National Conference of the Indian Society of Pathology and Microbiology- "APCON 2026". This distinguished event will be hosted by the Department of Pathology, PSG Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, Coimbatore and will take place in the campus of this prestigious institute from December 2nd to 6th 2026. This year's conference is centered around the theme: Where Diagnostics Evolve and Personalised Care Begins.

Coimbatore is a city known for its pleasant cool climate and has an interesting amalgamation of industry and natural beauty. It is situated on the banks of river Noyyal. It offers a gateway to the Western Ghats, the "Blue Mountains" (Nilgiris) and hill stations like Ooty. The city has on its outskirts cascading waterfalls (Kovai Kutralam) and dense forests with a variety of flora and fauna.

This conference consists of an array of preconference workshops in some of which participants will get unique hands-on experiences. Delegates can look forward to inspiring sessions by distinguished national and international speakers who will share updated diagnostic criteria in the various divisions of Pathology and present the latest research and technological innovations. The conference will provide a unique platform for pathologists, postgraduates and researchers to interact, update and integrate traditional practices with emerging developments in digitalisation and artificial intelligence in pathology.

We the Organising Committee of APCON 2026 look forward to warmly welcome you all to join us for an enriching experience that blends academic excellence with the beauty of nature and the hospitality of the host city.

Warm Regards

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PSGIMSR

Coimbatore, Tamilnadu

3rd December 2026

7:45 am - 8:30 am	Registration
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Inauguration
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Guest Lecture by Invited Foreign Guest Speaker
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Tea
10:30 am - 12:30 pm	Slide Seminar Topic: "Oddities in the Ordinary: Rare Non-Neoplastic Lesions Unearthed by Routine Needle Biopsy" Moderator: Vinaya Shah and Pradeep Vaideeswar (Mumbai)
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Slide Seminar by Invited Foreign Guest Speaker
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Symposium Topic: "Ancillary Testing in Gastrointestinal Cancers: Guidelines, Practices, and Pitfalls" Moderator: Rajani Yadav (AIIMS, New Delhi)
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm	General Body Meeting of IAP-ID Tim
5:30 pm onwards	Meeting concludes and Tea

Dec 3rd, 2026

6:00 pm Onwards

IAPM Inauguration

4th December 2026

Dr K C Basu Mallick Award Papers (5) and KS Ratnakar Best Paper (4) Award Presentations

PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium

8:30-10:15 am

Dr B K Aikat Oration

Dr Asaranti Kar

PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium

10:20-11:05 am

Tea Break & Poster Walk

11:10-11:25 am

GUEST LECTURE 1

Evolution of the taxonomy of soft tissue neoplasia in the molecular era: blessing or curse?

Dr. Abbas Agaimy

PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium, 11:25 am-12:10 pm

PANEL DISCUSSION 1

Crafting A career in Pathology:

Opportunities & Challenges in the Era of Social Media Influence & AI

Shalini Mullick/ S Shanthakumari

B block auditorium, 12:15-1:00 pm

LUNCH & POSTER VIEWING

(extended lunch hours for poster presenters & reviewers)

1:00-2:00 pm

Time	Beginners Café	Time	Moderated Slide Seminars		CME's	Hematology
	Hall A		Hall B	Hall C	Hall D	Hall E
2:00-2:30	Virtual Tour of Pathology Nadeem Tanveer	2:00-3:00	Oncopathology: Mixed Bag Sumeet Gujral	Liver Nodules Rachna Chaturvedi	Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS) in Diagnostic Pathology Saumya Ranjan Mallick / Vivek Gupta	MDS/MPN-Smears to sequence Bhushan Asthana
2:30-3:00	Art of Doing a Thesis TBD					
3:00-3:30	Morphological approach in soft tissue tumors K. Valarmathi	3:00-4:00	Appendicular Tumors Chaitra V	Ear Tumors Varsha Dhume	Pathology of Testis in DSD: Morphology, Mimics, and Malignancy Risk Uttara Chatterjee	Thalassemia and Hemoglobinopathies Bidyut Krishna Goswami
3:30-4:00	Know your Microscope Shilpi Sahu	4:00-5:00	Skin Appendageal Tumors Nita Khurana	Thyroid Tumours Amit Kumar Adhya	Advances in CNS Tumor Diagnostics in the Molecular Era Vaishali Suri	Going Beyond PT & aPTT- Viscoelastic Methods for Global Hemostasis Assessment Tushar Sehgal
4:00-4:30	Basic Grossing Techniques Sonal Sharma					
4:30-5:00	How to do Autopsy? Nandita Kakkar					
5:00-8:00	Poster Review	5:00-8:00	Proffered Papers	Proffered Papers	Proffered Papers	Proffered Papers

OFFICIAL MEETINGS

IJPM EDITORIAL BOARD MEETING

4:00-5:00 pm

Board Room

IAPM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

5:00-7:00 pm

Board Room

DINNER

8:00 pm Onwards

5th December 2026

Dr Gaya Prasad Memorial Symposium
The Art and Science of Visuals in Pathology
Dr Vijay Shankar S
PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium, 8:30-9:15 am

ICP Oration
TBD - PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium
9:20-10:05 am

Dr C I Jhala Oration
TBD - PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium
10:10-10:55 am

Tea Break & Poster Walk
10:55-11:15 am

Tamil Nadu Puducherry Chapter Oration
TBD - PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium, 11:20-12:05

PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium
Hematology Slide seminar/ panel discussion From Flow Cytometry to Genomics:
Evolving Diagnostics in Acute Leukemia
Mrinalini Kotru

PSG IMS&R B Block Auditorium
Panel Discussion 3
Assessment Of Pathology Education In India
(Panelists 6-3 students/ 3 teachers; 1 moderator)
Dr. Anshu

Guest lecture 2
Dr. Kamaljeet Singh
PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium
12:45-1:30 pm

Lunch & Poster Review
1:30-2:00 pm

Time	Beginners Café	Time	Oncopath Slide Seminars			
	Hall A		Hall B	Hall C	Hall D	Hall E
2.00-2.30	Basic Nomenclature Used in Molecular Pathology TBD	2.00-3.00	"Real Intelligence" in Unravelling Newly recognized/"provisional" tumor entities in bone and soft tissue tumors Bharat Rekhi	Core Biopsies from Lung Mass Pramita Sahu	Spindle Cell tumor of Breast Varuna Mallya	Adrenal Tumours Sandhya Sundaram
2.30-3.00	Understanding Eye Histology Dilip K Mishra					
3.00-3.30	Basics of Confocal Microscopy TBD	3.00-4.00	Deciphering Urinary Bladder Cancer-Basics, Morphology and Molecular Jitendra Singh Nigam	Case-Based learning in Gynecological Cancer Pathology Santosh Menon	Cervical Pathology at the Crossroads: Morphology, Molecular, and Machine Learning Charanjeet Ahluwalia	Trephine biopsies interpretation (Stains, IHC and ISH) Tara Roshni Paul
3.30-4.00	Skin biopsies: pattern-based approach Amit K Yadav					
4 -5 pm	Poster Review	4 -5 pm	Proffered Papers	Proffered Papers	Proffered Papers	Proffered Papers

ICP GBM
4-5 pm
Board Room

IAPM GBM
5-7 pm
Auditorium

Banquet Dinner
8 pm onwards

6th December 2026

Auditorium	TIMELY TOPIC “Quality control of AI assisted pathology” Lt Col (Dr) Parikshit Sanyal PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium 8:30-9:15 am	
Auditorium	Plenary Poster Award Session PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium 9:20-10:35 am	
10:40-11:40 am	PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium : USHA HARDAS INFECTIOUS DISEASE SYMPOSIUM Infections of GIT: Clues under the microscope <i>Sakthisankari Shanmugasundaram</i>	PSG IMS&R B Block Auditorium : PRACTICING PATHOLOGISTS’ SESSION Adoption of Digital Pathology & AI in the era of Precision Medicine <i>Alok Sharma</i>
Tea Break 11:40-12:00		
12.00 - 1.00 pm	PSG IMS&R B Block Auditorium : APCON UG QUIZ 2026- Platform Round Moderator: <i>Indranil Chakraborty & Team</i>	PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium : APCON PG QUIZ 2026- Platform Round Moderator: <i>Aditya Agnohotri & Team</i>
Valedictory Function And Installation of New Office Bearers 1:00-1:30 pm		
Concluding Lunch 1:30 pm Onwards		





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