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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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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 8:30-10:15 am PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium						
Dr B K Aikat Oration Dr Asaranti Kar 10:20-11:05 am PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium						
Tea Break & Poster Walk 11:10-11:25 am						
GUEST LECTURE 1 <i>Evolution of the taxonomy of soft tissue neoplasia in the molecular era: blessing or curse?</i> Dr. Abbas Agaimy Professor and Vice Chair of Pathology University Hospital Erlangen, Germany 11:25 am-12:10 pm PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium						
PANEL DISCUSSION 1 Crafting A career in Pathology: Opportunities & Challenges in the Era of Social Media Influence & AI Shalini Mullick/ S Shanthakumari Panelists: Garima Jain, Scientist E- Medical ICMR-National Institute of Digital Health & Data Science, Delhi Payal Keswarpu, Director, Clinical Science and AI Data Curation, RWE Informatics, Concert AI, Bangalore Sachin Kale, Kale Path Lab and MGM Medical College, Chhatrapati D. Jeevan, Medical University of the Americas, Saint kit and Nevis, West Indies Dr Aneeta Jassar, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Gateshead (UK) 12:15-1:00 pm Main auditorium						
LUNCH & POSTER VIEWING (extended lunch hours for poster presenters & reviewers) 1:00-2:00 pm						
Time	Beginners Café Hall A	Time	Moderated Slide Seminars		CME's Hall D	Hematology Hall E
2:00-2:30	Virtual Tour of Pa- thology Nadeem Tanveer / Tripti Nakra	2:00-3:00	Hematolymphoid Tumors Saumya Ranjan Mallick Expert Panelists: Rakhee Kar Elanthenral Segamani Ganesh K V Faculty participants: Saumyaranjan Prashant Ramteke Ganesh	Nodular Liver Lesions Rachna Chaturvedi Expert Panelists : Siddhartha Datta Gupta Kedar Deodhar Munita Bal Faculty participants : Surbhi Goyal Malini Eapen Subash Yadav Nalini Balsal Chagan Bihari Maurya	Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS) in Diagnostic Pathology Vivek Gupta Anil Traigopula Sushant Vinirkar	MDS/MPN- Smears to sequence Bhushan Asthana S Venkatesan Ankur Ahuja Rama Hariharan
2:30-3:00	Art of Doing a Thesis Ravi Phulware/Mukund N Sable					
3:00-3:30	Morphological approach in soft tissue tumors K. Valarmathi	3:00-4:00	Appendicular Tumors Chaitra V Expert Panelists: Malathi M Ruchi Mittal Shanthi Velusamy Faculty participants: S Shanmuga Priya Sivaranjani S Sujith Sudhir Shalaka A. Deshpande Dr Vidhya	Ear Tumors Varsha Dhume Expert Panelists : Asawari Patil Paromita Roy Anila KR	Pathology of Testis in DSD: Morphology, Mimics, and Malignancy Risk Uttara Chatterjee Seema Kaushal Suravi Mohanty Umamaheswari G	Thalassemia and Hemoglobinopathies Bidyut Krishna Goswami Rupsha Dutta Pal Rashmi Kushwaha Rakhee Kar Jaya Bagchi Samaddar

3:30-4:00	Know your Microscope <i>Shilpi Sahu</i>	4:00-5:00	Skin Appendageal Tumors <i>Uma Nahar Saikia</i> <i>Rajalakshmi Tirumalae</i> <i>Sudheer Ararva</i> <i>Sonal Sharma</i> <i>Reena Tomar</i> <i>Sanjay Sriram</i>	Thyroid Tumours <i>Amit Kumar Adhya</i> Expert Panelists: <i>Suvradeep Mitra</i> <i>Debajyoti Chatterjee</i> Faculty Panelists: <i>TBD</i>	Advances in CNS Tumor Diagnostics in the Molecular Era <i>Vaishali Suri</i> <i>Suvendu Purkait</i> <i>Anila Sharma</i> <i>Megha S. Uppin</i>	Going Beyond PT & aPTT- Viscoelastic Methods for Global Hemostasis Assessment <i>Tushar Sehgal</i> <i>Narender Kumar</i> <i>Jyoti Kotwal</i>
4:00-4:30	Basic Grossing Techniques <i>Sonal Sharma</i> <i>Anju Khairwa</i> <i>Nadeem Tanveer</i>					
4:30-5:00	How to do Autopsy? <i>Nandita Kakkar</i>					
5:00-8:00	Poster Review	5:00-8:00	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 Dr Ranjan Agrawal Dr Saranya Singaravel 8:30-9:15 am PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium	
ICP Oration Dr Vani Santosh Professor, NIMHANS, Bengaluru 9:20-10:05 am TBD - PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium	
Dr C I Jhala Oration Dr Vatsala Misra MLNMC, Prayagraj 10:10-10:55 am TBD - PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium	
Tea Break & Poster Walk 10:55-11:15 am	
Tamil Nadu Puducherry Chapter Oration Prathiba D Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education & Research 11:20-12:05 TBD - PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium	
Hematology Slide seminar/ panel discussion From Flow Cytometry to Genomics: Evolving Diagnostics in Acute Leukemia Mrinalini Kotru Gurmeet singh Shilpi More Shivangi Harankhedhar Hall A PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium	Panel Discussion 3 Assessment Of Pathology Education In India (Panelists 6-3 students/ 3 teachers; 1 moderator) Dr Anshu Siddhartha Dattagupta Asitava Deb Roy K Swaminathan Hall B PSG IMS&R B Block Auditorium
Guest lecture 2 "2026 WHO Update on Classification of Breast Tumors" Dr. Kamaljeet Singh , Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, USA 12:45-1:30 pm PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium	
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 Deepak K Mishra	2:00-3:00	“Real Intelligence” in Unravelling Newly recognized/“provisional” tumor entities in bone and soft tissue tumors Bharat Rekhi Abbas Agaimy Sunil Pasricha Adarsh Barwad	Core Biopsies from Lung Mass Pramita Sahu Gayatri Rath Tummidi Santosh	Spindle Cell tumor of Breast Varuna Mallya Shramana Mandal Monika Singh Anila Sharma J Sree Rekha Aminder Singh	Spotlight on Adrenal Tumours Sandhya Sundaram Chandramouleeshwari Poonam Elhance Swaminathan Usha Kini
2:30-3:00	Understanding Eye Histology Dilip K Mishra					
3:00-3:30	Basics of Confocal Microscopy R Selvakumar	3:00-4:00	Deciphering Urinary Bladder Cancer- Basics, Morphology and Molecular Jitendra Singh Nigam Ashok Singh Jyotsna Naresh Bharti Seema Kaushal Biswajit Dey Tarun Kumar	Case-Based learning in Gynecological Cancer Pathology Santosh Menon Anila Sharma Preethi Divya Midha	Cervical Pathology at the Crossroads: Morphology, Molecular, and Machine Learning Charanjeet Ahluwalia (M) Shilpi Agarwal Sana Ahuja	Trephine biopsies interpretation (Stains, IHC and ISH) Tara Roshni Paul Shantveer G Uppin Faiq Ahmed
3:30-4:00	Skin biopsies: pattern-based approach Amit K Yadav					
4:00 -5:00	Poster Review	4:00 -5:00	Proffered Papers	Proffered Papers	Proffered Papers	Proffered Papers
ICP GBM 4:00-5:00 pm Board Room						
IAPM GBM 5:00-7:00 pm Auditorium						
Banquet Dinner 8:00 pm onwards						

6th December 2026		
Auditorium	TIMELY TOPIC “Quality control of AI assisted pathology” Lt Col (Dr) Parikshit Sanyal Dr Rajiv Kaushal 8:30-9:15 am PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium	
Auditorium	Plenary Poster Award Session 9:20-10:35 am PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium	
10:40-11:40 am	USHA HARDAS INFECTIOUS DISEASE SYMPOSIUM Infections of GIT: Clues under the microscope Karthikeyan TM Sakthisankari Shanmugasundaram Lavanya S, Professor L. Venkatakrishnan PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium	PRACTICING PATHOLOGISTS’ SESSION Adoption of Digital Pathology & AI in the era of Precision Medicine Alok Sharma Sangeeta B Desai Rajeev Kaushal Rajiv Tangri Vinod PK Kunal Sharma PSG IMS&R B Block Auditorium
Tea Break 11:40-12:00		
12:00 - 1:00 pm	APCON UG QUIZ 2026- Platform Round Moderator: Indranil Chakrabarty & Team: Suvendu Purkait Devajit Nath Gunvanti Rathod Parth Rajendragiri Goswami Hall A PSG IMS&R B Block Auditorium	APCON PG QUIZ 2026- Platform Round Moderator: Aditya Agnohotri & Team: Ranjana Ranade Basavaraj Yamkanamardi PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium
Valedictory Function And Installation of New Office Bearers 1:00-1:30 pm		
Concluding Lunch 1:30 pm Onwards		



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