



College of
Anaesthesiologists &
Intensivists of Sri Lanka

42nd Annual Academic Congress

“Innovate, Collaborate & Excel”

30th January - 1st February, 2026
Cinnamon Grand | Colombo

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Accreditation Pending

DAY 1 – Saturday, 31st January, 2026

08.00 - 08.15	Welcome Address by Congress Chair	
08.15 - 08.45	PLENARY 1 Innovate, Collaborate & Excel <i>Dr Claire Shannon</i>	
08.45 - 09.15	PLENARY 2 Advances in resuscitation – Back to the roots or highest performance <i>Dr Carsten Lott</i>	
09.15 - 10.15	SYMPOSIUM 1 – Perioperative Medicine ECMO for acute respiratory failure: Evidence and current indications <i>Prof. Giacomo Grasselli</i> Peri-operative management of the patient with sleep disordered breathing (OSA/OHS) <i>Dr Bran Retnasingham</i> Anaesthetic implications of haemostasis: Unlearning and relearning in perioperative settings <i>Dr Ajay Gandhi</i>	

10.15 - 10.45	TEA
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10.45 - 11.45	SYMPOSIUM 2 – Critical Care Medicine The ESICM and ATS guidelines on ARDS: Same evidence, different recommendations <i>Prof. Giacomo Grasselli</i> Interpreting blood gases in critical care: Beyond the numbers <i>Dr Ashani Rathnayake</i> Dementia and postoperative cognitive changes: Implications for anaesthetic and surgical practice <i>Dr David O'Hara</i>	
11.45 - 12.45	SYMPOSIUM 3 – Perioperative Care in Paediatrics Caring for the vulnerable liver: Anaesthetic perspectives in infant surgery <i>Prof. Anita Shirley Joselyn</i> Oral sedation protocol in children for painful procedures in low resource settings <i>Dr David O'Hara</i> Beyond the vapour: The expanding role of TIVA in paediatric anaesthesia <i>Prof. Anita Shirley Joselyn</i>	

12.45 - 13.30	LUNCH
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13.15 - 17.00	FREE PAPER SESSION (Hall B)	
13.30 - 14.00	PLENARY 3 Challenges in the management of chronic pain <i>Dr Victor Mendis</i>	
14.00 - 15.00	SYMPOSIUM 4 – Neuro Anaesthesia Optimizing perioperative care for patients with traumatic brain injury: The anaesthesiologist's role from emergency department to ICU <i>Prof. Ramamani Mariappan</i> Anaesthetic management for deep brain stimulator (DBS) implantation procedures <i>Prof. Xuesheng Liu</i> Anaesthesia for interventional neuroradiology: Principles and practice <i>Dr Ankur Khandelwal</i>	
15.00 - 16.00	SYMPOSIUM 5 – Organ Donation and Transplant Anaesthesia Contemporary liver transplant anaesthesia in Australia <i>Dr David Story</i> Patient blood management in chronic liver disease and transplantation <i>Dr Klaus Görlinger</i> Perioperative preparation for cardiac transplant anaesthesia: A practical overview <i>Dr Zuzana Blazejova</i>	
16.00 - 17.00	SYMPOSIUM 6 – Training, Education and Collaboration Supporting international medical graduates in UK <i>Dr Ruwanmali De Silva</i> Patients as educators <i>Dr Manisha Shah</i> How to get your manuscript published <i>Prof. Jonathan Thompson</i>	

17.00	TEA
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DAY 2 – Sunday, 1st February, 2026

PLENARY 4 Perioperative medicine in Australia and New Zealand <i>Prof. David story</i>	
PLENARY 5 Important papers in ICM from the recent past years <i>Prof. Jonathan Thompson</i>	
SYMPOSIUM 7 – Obstetric Anaesthesia Left uterine displacement for routine caesarean section - Yes or no? What is the evidence? <i>Prof. Gita Nath</i> Anaesthesia for the obstetric patient living with obesity: Pre-op to labour to operative delivery <i>Dr Bran Retnasingham</i> Crisis resource management in obstetric anaesthesia <i>Prof. Gita Nath</i>	

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SYMPOSIUM 8 – Pain Medicine Opioids, friend or foe? <i>Dr Victor Mendis</i> Evidence for perioperative IV lidocaine infusion <i>Prof. Paul Kessler</i> MSK ultrasound in pain practice: Diagnostics, nerve mapping & guided interventions <i>Dr Sidharth Verma</i>	
SYMPOSIUM 9 – Cardiothoracic Anaesthesia One lung ventilation and hemodynamics made easy <i>Prof. Suraphong Lorsomradee</i> Research progress on early warning of cardiovascular events in non-cardiac surgery <i>Prof. Kexuan Liu</i> Myocardial protection, updates: Anaesthesiologist's role beyond cardioplegia <i>Dr Mathew Paterill</i>	

LUNCH

PLENARY 6 Hybrid intubation technique: An ultimate airway management method in anaesthesia <i>Dr Jay Dasan</i>	
SYMPOSIUM 10 – Innovate, Collaborate & Excel <i>Moderator: Dr Vishaka Kerner</i> Beyond bag and mask talks <i>Prof. David Story</i> <i>Capt. Bimalee Jeewandara</i> <i>Dr Zuzana Blazejova</i>	
SYMPOSIUM 11 – Miscellaneous Applicability of health technology assessment in Sri Lanka with a discussion on the effectiveness of perioperative interventions <i>Dr Sanjeewa Madura Kularatna</i> Midnight laws - Legal issues in ITU: The UK framework! <i>Dr Malaka Munasinghe</i> Non-technical skills that save lives in the operating room <i>Prof. Soumya Sankar Nath</i>	
DR THISTLE JAYAWARDENE MEMORIAL LECTURE Intensive care - A scientific marvel or an unsustainable white elephant <i>Prof. Mahesh Nirmalan</i>	

Closing Remarks /TEA

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Trainee/MO	LKR 8,000	LKR 10,000	LKR 15,000
Join via Zoom	Same rates as in-person participation		

Overseas Delegates	Online - Early *Until 1 st Dec 2025	Online - Standard	On-site
Specialist	USD 240	USD 250	USD 260
COAISL Members	USD 230	USD 240	USD 260
Trainee/MO	USD 230	USD 240	USD 260
Join via Zoom	Same rates as in-person participation		