



DAY 1 – Saturday, 31st January, 2026

08.00 - 08.15	Welcome Address by Congress Chair	
08.15 - 08.45	PLENARY 1 Innovate, Collaborate & Excel Dr Claire Shannon	UK
08.45 - 09.15	PLENARY 2 Advances in resuscitation – Back to the roots or highest performance Dr Vihara Dassanayake	SRI LANKA
09.15 - 10.15	SYMPORIUM 1 – Perioperative Medicine ECMO for acute respiratory failure: Evidence and current indications Prof. Giacomo Grasselli Peri-operative management of the patient with sleep disordered breathing (OSA/OHS) Dr Bran Retnasingham Anaesthetic implications of haemostasis: Unlearning and relearning in perioperative settings Dr Ajay Gandhi	ITALY UK INDIA
10.15 - 10.45	TEA	

DAY 2 – Sunday, 1st February, 2026

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

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

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

12.45 - 13.30 LUNCH

13.15 - 17.00 FREE PAPER SESSION (Hall B)

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

LUNCH

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

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Trainee/MO	LKR 8,000	LKR 10,000	LKR 15,000	COAISL Members	USD 230	USD 240	USD 260
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