College of Anaesthesiologists & Intensivists of Sri Lanka

43rd Annual Academic Congress

"Enhancing the future of perioperative care"

5th February - 7th February, 2027

Cinnamon Grand Colombo

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Royal College of Anaesthetists

DAY 1 - Saturday, 06th February, 2027

08.00 - 08.15 — Welcome Address by Congress Chair

08.15 - 08.45
PLENARY 1
Enhancing the Future of Perioperative Care
Dr Sarah Thornton

08.45 - 09.15
PLENARY 2
How to Teach Resuscitation in Adults
Dr Carsten Lott

09.15 - 10.15
SYMPOSIUM 1 - Perioperative Medicine
Contemporary Perioperative Risk Prediction
Prof Duminda Wijeysundera
The Resurgence of Ketamine
Dr Chris Bowden
Perioperative Lung Protection in Surgical Patients
Prof Chen Wankun

10.15 - 10.45 — TEA

10.45 - 11.45
SYMPOSIUM 2 - Critical Care Medicine
Release and Recruit – Mastering APRV
Dr Mohamad Aly
The Ageing Patient in the ICU: From Survival to Meaningful Recovery
Prof Laurence Weinberg
Haemodynamics-Guided Precision Medicine in Critical Patient Management
Dr Yasser Naseef

11.45 - 12.45
SYMPOSIUM 3 - Perioperative Care in Paediatrics
Beyond the Operating Room: Making Paediatric NORA Safer
Dr Ekta Rai
Anaesthesia and the Developing Brain: What Do We Really Know?
Dr Ilavajady Srinivasan
Anaesthesia Challenges in Children with Cancer
Prof Smitha Elizabeth George

12.45 - 13.30 — LUNCH

13.15 - 17.00 — FREE PAPER SESSION (Hall B)

13.30 - 14.00
PLENARY 3
Anaesthesiology Along the Patient Pathway: A Continuum of Care
Prof Naveen Malhotra

14.00 - 15.00
SYMPOSIUM 4 - Pain Medicine
Continuous Catheter Techniques in Regional Analgesia
Dr Prasadini Karunarathna
Challenging Pain: Management and Newer Solutions in Paediatric Patients
Dr Ilavajady Srinivasan
The Changing Face of Chronic Pain Management: From Drugs to Precision Pain Medicine
Prof Naveen Malhotra

15.00 - 16.00
SYMPOSIUM 5 - Multidisciplinary Approach to PBM in Perioperative Low-Resource Settings: Case Discussion
Moderator
Dr Nilmini Wijesuriya
Panellist
- *Dr Ajay Gandhi*
- *Dr Klaus Görlinger*
- *Dr Chamindi Seneviratne*
- *Dr U D P Ratnasiri*

16.00 - 17.00
SYMPOSIUM 6 - Training, Education, and Collaboration
Learning from Errors: Turning Adverse Events into Educational Opportunities
Prof Anuja Abayadeera
High-Impact, Low-Cost Strategies for Engaging Learners
Prof Wayne Morriss
Psychological Safety in Anaesthesia Training: Can Trainees Speak Up?
Dr Sriganesh Kamath

17.00 — TEA

DAY 2 - Sunday, 07th February, 2027

PLENARY 4
From a Sleeping Giant to a Visionary Leader: Redefining Leadership in Anaesthesia
Dr Chris Bowden

PLENARY 5
Essential Emergency Care Related to Anaesthesia and Intensive Care in LMIC Health Care Systems
Prof Wayne Morriss

SYMPOSIUM 7 - Obstetric Anaesthesia
High Risk Obstetric Patient
Dr Sarah Armstrong
Labour Analgesia: What's New?
Dr Asadh Mohamed Shaheed
When Good Spinals Go Bad
Dr Sarah Armstrong

TEA

SYMPOSIUM 8 - Neuroanaesthesia
Anaesthetic Challenges in Brain Tumour Surgery
Dr Sriganesh Kamath
Perioperative Brain Protection in Elderly Patients
Prof Xiao Wei
When the Brain Doesn't Wake Up Right
Prof Ramamani Mariappan

SYMPOSIUM 9 - Cardiothoracic Anaesthesia
From Macro to Microcirculation: Optimising Perfusion During Cardiac Surgery
Dr Suraphong Lorsomradee
My Patient Is on the Pump – Can I Have a Coffee?
Dr Mathew Patteril
VATS and ERAS in Thoracic Surgery: Perioperative Optimisation and Early Recovery
Dr Xavier Falières

LUNCH

PLENARY 6
Intraoperative Hypotension: What Do We Know, and What Should We Know?
Prof Duminda Wijeysundera

SYMPOSIUM 10 - Emerge as a Future-Proof Anaesthetist
AI in the Operating Room
Dr Ekta Rai
The Future of Research and Publications with AI
Dr Senani Samarasinghe
Pharmacological Advances in Anaesthesia
Dr Dilusha Gunarathne

SYMPOSIUM 11 - Trauma
Initial Trauma Resuscitation – What Really Makes a Difference?
Dr Carsten Lott
"The Tube Went In, but My Patient Collapsed": Managing the Difficult Airway
Dr Mohamad Aly
Damage Control Surgery: What Anaesthetists Should Know
Dr Ranjith Ellawala

DR THISTLE JAYAWARDENE MEMORIAL LECTURE
New Liver, New Challenges: Navigating the Post-Transplant ICU
Prof Laurence Weinberg

Closing Remark / TEA

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Local Delegates	Online - Early *Until 31st Dec 2026	Online - Standard	On-site
Specialist	LKR 10,000	LKR 12,000	LKR 15,000
Trainee/MO	LKR 8,000	LKR 10,000	LKR 15,000

Overseas Delegates	Online - Early *Until 31st Dec 2026	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

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