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FOR CANCER
PREVENTION
(APOCP)

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ASSEMBLY & SCIENTIFIC
CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 28 - 30 2026

THE WATERFRONT HOTEL,
KUCHING, SARAWAK, MALAYSIA

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

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MONDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2026 –
APOCP 25TH CELEBRATION

9:00-9:10 Welcome Note
Nirmala Bhoo-Pathy
Organising Chair of APOCP 13th General Assembly and Scientific Conference

9:10-9:40 Opening Ceremony
YB Datuk Amar Prof. Dr Sim Kui Hian
Deputy Premier of Sarawak

KEYNOTE-ADDRESS 1

9:40-10:00 Closing the Gaps: Women, Families, and Equity in Cancer Care
Speaker: **YB Dato Sri Hajah Fatimah Abdullah** (Malaysia)
Minister for Women, Childhood and Community Wellbeing Development, Sarawak, Malaysia

KEYNOTE-ADDRESS 2

10:00-10:25 Title: Turning Knowledge into Action: Accelerating Cancer Control in Asia-Pacific
Speaker: **Prof Jeff Dunn AO** (Australia)
*Past President, UICC
Past President, APOCP*

10:25-10:40 Tea Break

PANEL 1

10:40-11:50 Cancer Intelligence, Prevention, and Priority-Setting in Asia-Pacific
Moderator: **Isabelle Soerjomataram** (France)
Panelists: **Sue K. Park** (South Korea), **Chien-Jen Chen** (Taiwan), **Shahid Pervez** (Pakistan), **Ophira Ginsburg** (UK), **Le Tran Ngoan** (Vietnam)

PANEL 2

11:50-13:00 What Worked, What Didn't: Cancer Control Lessons from Asia Pacific
Moderator: **Abhishek Shankar** (India)
Panelists: **Keun-Young Yoo** (South Korea), **Kazuo Tajima** (Japan), **Saunthari Somasundaram** (Malaysia), **Bogda Koczwara** (Australia), **Kishore Kumar Pradhananga** (Nepal)



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13:00-14:00 Lunch

PANEL 3

Future-Ready Cancer Control: A Practical Playbook for Asia-Pacific

14:00-15:15

Moderator: **Richard Sullivan** (UK)

Panelists: **You-Lin Qiao** (China), **Malcolm Moore** (Thailand), **Elizabeth A. Mittendorf** (USA), **Maqsood Siddiqi** (India), **Nirmala Bhoo-Pathy** (Malaysia)

15:15-16:15 Plenary Industry Symposium 1: Private Health Insurance and Cancer Care: Filling Gaps, Expanding Protection

16:15-17:15 Plenary Industry Symposium 2: Closing Access Gaps in Cancer Care with Generics and Biosimilars

17:15-17:30 Tea Break

17:30-18:15 APOCP General Assembly

15:15-18:15 Parallel Workshops

19:30 onwards Conference Gala Dinner

**TUESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2026 -
CONFERENCE DAY 1**



8:00-8:50 Breakfast Dialogues
Moderator: **Elil Renganathan** (Malaysia)
Public-Private Partnerships in Cancer Control:
What Works Across Sectors

KEYNOTE

9:00-9:30 **Kara Magsanoc-Alikpala** (Philippines)
“Nothing About Us Without Us: A People-
Powered Movement for Cancer Control in Asia-
Pacific”

**THEME 1 - THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE OF
CANCER**

9:30-9:35 Chair Introduction
Saunthari Somasundaram (Malaysia)
Alireza Mosavi-Jarrahi (Iran)

9:35-9:55 **Jennifer Moodley** (South Africa)
“Charting the Cancer Journey: Turning Lived
Experience into Systems Change”

9:55-10:15 **Carolyn Taylor** (USA)
“Meaningful Engagement: Centring Lived
Experience in Cancer Policy”

10:15-10:35 **Ophira Ginsburg** (Canada)
“Women, Power and Cancer”

10:35-10:55 **Bogda Koczwara** (Australia)
“Back to Work, Back to Life: A Survivorship
Agenda for Asia-Pacific”

10:55-11:15 Discussion and Closing

11:15-11:35 Morning Coffee Break

**THEME 2 - CANCER BURDEN, GAPS &
PRIORITIES**

11:35-11:40 Chair Introduction
Sumitra Selvaraj (Malaysia)
Malcolm A. Moore (Thailand)

11:40-12:00 **Isabelle Soerjomataram** (IARC, France)
“Cancer Burden in Asia Pacific”



12:00-12:20 **Yek Ching Kong** (IARC, France)
“Paid and Unpaid Productivity Losses from Cancer in Asia-Pacific”

12:20-12:40 **Karla Unger** (Mexico)
“Addressing Fragmentation of Care Through Health-System Change”

12:40-13:00 **C.S. Pramesh** (India)
“Earthshot, Not Moonshot: Priorities for Cancer Research in LMICs”

13:00-13:20 Discussion and Closing

13:20-14:20 Lunch

THEME 3 - PREVENTION, SCREENING & EARLY DETECTION

14:20-14:25 Chair Introduction
Shazimah Abdul Samad (Malaysia)
Keun-Young Yoo (South Korea)

14:25-14:45 **Partha Basu** (IARC, France)
“Cervical Cancer Elimination in Asia-Pacific: Status and Next Steps”

14:45-15:05 **Woo Yin Ling** (Malaysia)
“Redesigning Cervical Cancer Screening Around Women’s Lives”

15:05-15:25 **Kim Yeol** (South Korea)
“Korea’s Lung Cancer Screening Experience: Lessons for the Region”

15:25-15:45 **Arunah Chandran** (IARC, France)
“Implementation Science for Better Prevention and Early Detection”

15:45-16:05 Discussion and Closing

16:05-16:25 Tea Break

16:25-17:55 Competitive Oral Sessions & End of Scientific Programme

18:30-21:00 Faculty Dinner

WEDNESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2026 -
CONFERENCE DAY 2



KEYNOTE

8:30-9:00 **Richard Sullivan (UK)**
“The Politics of Cancer Care: Power, Incentives, and Outcomes”

THEME 4 - UHC & CANCER SYSTEMS

9:00-9:05 Chair Introduction
Murallitharan Munisamy (Malaysia)
Jeff Dunn (Australia)

9:05-9:25 **Elil Renganathan (Malaysia)**
“Integrating the Private Sector in Cancer UHC: From Contracts to Human Outcomes”

9:25-9:45 **Julie Gralow (USA)**
“Access is an Outcome: Rewiring Systems to Close the Cancer Care Gap”

9:45-10:05 **Piya Hanvoravongchai (Thailand)**
“Strategic Purchasing for Universal Health Coverage: Lessons from Thailand”

10:05-10:25 **Beverley Essue (Australia/ Canada)**
“Redefining Universal Health Coverage Through a Human Lens for Cancer”

10:25-10:55 Discussion and Closing

10:55-11:15 Morning Coffee Break

THEME 5 - BUILDING CAPACITY & DELIVERING CANCER CARE

11:15-11:20 Chair Introduction
Vaishnavi Jeyasingam (Malaysia)
Abhishek Shankar (India)

11:20-11:40 **Voon Pei Jye (Sarawak)**
“Expanding Cancer Care and Clinical Research Capacity in LMICs”

11:40-12:00 **Nazik Hammad (Sudan/ Canada)**
“Building the Cancer Workforce through Partnership, Education, and Inclusion”

WEDNESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2026 -
CONFERENCE DAY 2



12:00-12:20 **Ednin Hamzah** (Malaysia)
“Early Palliative Care as the Standard in Cancer Care”

12:20-12:40 **Ajay Aggarwal** (UK)
“Doing More with Less: Quality as a System Strategy”

12:40-13:10 Discussion and Closing

13:10-14:10 Lunch

THEME 6 - LAW, POLICY AND REFORM IN CANCER CONTROL

14:10-14:15 Chair Introduction
Melissa Lim Siaw Han (Malaysia)
Maqsood Siddiqi (India)

14:15-14:35 **Hayley Jones** (Australia)
“Using Law to Tame the Commercial Drivers of Cancer”

14:35-14:55 **Yuri Ito** (Japan)
“Leveraging Population Data to Drive Evidence-Based Cancer Policy”

14:55-15:15 **Mei-Ling Yap** (Australia)
“National Cancer Control Planning and Equity”

15:15-15:35 **Susannah Stanway** (UK)
Climate Change and Cancer

15:35-16:05 Discussion and Closing

16:05-17:00 Prize Giving & Closing Ceremony

17:00-17:30 Tea Break

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(USD, 3-DAY PASS)

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Upper-middle-income countries (UMIC)	\$600
Lower-middle-income countries (LMIC)	\$450
Low-income countries (LIC)	\$300
NGO — HIC	\$375
NGO — UMIC	\$300
NGO — LMIC	\$225
NGO — LIC	\$150
Students — HIC	\$300
Students — UMIC	\$225
Students — LMIC	\$180
Students — LIC	\$150

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