



30TH CONGRESS OF THE ASIAN PACIFIC SOCIETY OF RESPIROLOGY 2026

REIMAGINING RESPIRATORY CARE

19 - 22
NOVEMBER 2026

 **SETIA SPICE
CONVENTION CENTRE,
PENANG, MALAYSIA**

IMPORTANT DATES:

15 January 2026

Abstract Submission Opens

05 March 2026

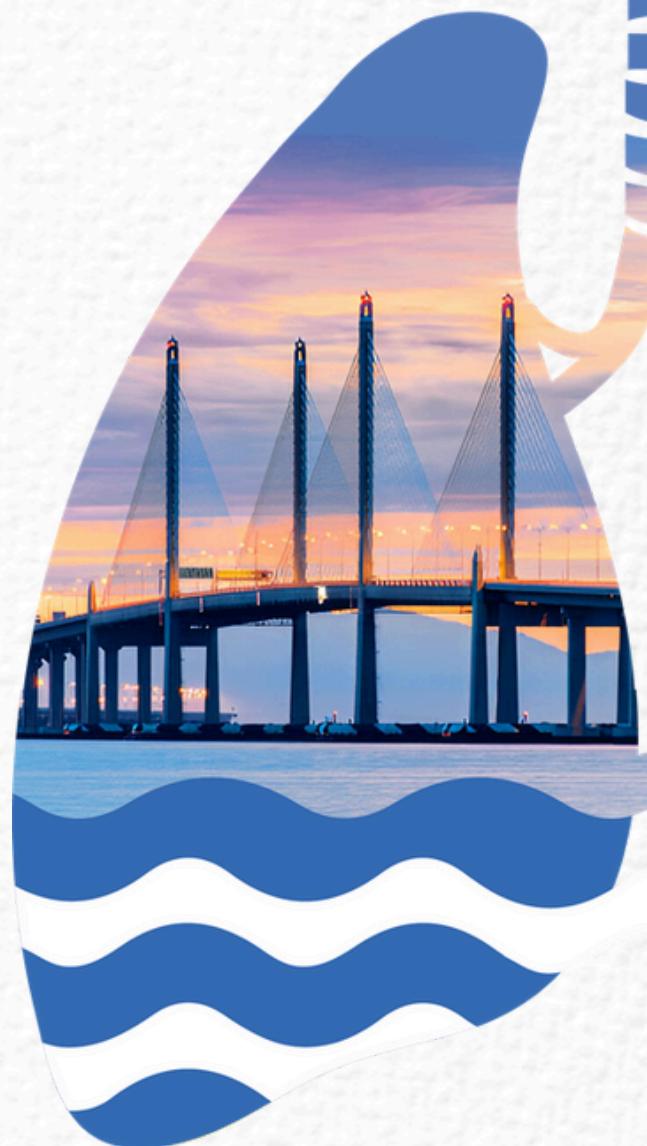
Deadline for Abstract Submission

01 April 2026

Early Bird Registration Opens

10 August 2026

Early Bird Registration Ends



First Announcement

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Welcome Message

from the Congress President

Selamat Datang and a warm welcome to the 30th Congress of the Asian Pacific Society of Respirology (APSR), to be held from 19 – 22 November 2026 in Penang, Malaysia.

With the theme “Reimagining Respiratory Care,” APSR 2026 invites clinicians, researchers, nurses, allied health professionals, and industry partners to rethink how we prevent, diagnose, and treat respiratory diseases. Our vision is to advance care that is innovative, patient-centred, equitable, and sustainable—reshaping respiratory medicine for the future.

Malaysia has been a pioneer in lung health, from tobacco control to research on air quality, COPD, asthma, and TB. Hosting APSR 2026 offers us the chance to showcase these achievements, while learning from global best practices to strengthen respiratory care across the Asia-Pacific.

The scientific programme will feature state-of-the-art plenaries, symposia, workshops, guideline updates, and oral and poster sessions spanning the full spectrum of respiratory medicine. Special tracks for early-career professionals and multidisciplinary teams, alongside cross-cutting themes such as digital health, climate, and value-based care, will ensure a rich and relevant experience for all.

Set in Penang—home to the George Town UNESCO World Heritage site—the Congress promises not only scientific excellence but also a setting that inspires fresh ideas, collaboration, and lasting connections.

We warmly invite you to join us in Penang, share your work, and partner with us in reimagining respiratory care for our region and the world.



Prof. Dr. Ahmad Izuanuddin Ismail
Congress President,
Asian Pacific Society of Respirology (APSR), 2026

About the Event

The 30th Congress of the Asian Pacific Society of Respirology (APSR), marking a milestone 30th anniversary for the society, will be held from 19 - 22 November 2026 in Penang, Malaysia. Organised by the APSR and hosted by the Malaysian Thoracic Society, the event will bring together over 2,000 delegates and more than 100 world-renowned speakers from around the world.

With the theme of 'Reimagining Respiratory Care', the congress will showcase the latest developments in respiratory medicine, from breakthroughs in basic sciences and clinical research to innovations in patient care and public health. The comprehensive scientific programme will feature plenary sessions, symposia, workshops, guideline updates and oral and poster presentations, providing a dynamic platform for scientific exchange and collaboration.

Congress Venue

Setia SPICE Convention Centre, located in Pulau Pinang (Penang), Malaysia, is a modern and eco-friendly venue designed for hosting large-scale events, conferences, and exhibitions. As part of the SPICE (Subterranean Penang International Convention and Exhibition) complex, it features state-of-the-art facilities, including a pillarless ballroom, flexible meeting spaces, and a unique green roof garden. Strategically situated near the airport and major hotels, it offers convenience and sustainability, making it a popular choice for both local and international events.



Why Attend APSR 2026?

Global Experts

Hear from 100+ international speakers on the latest research and clinical innovations.

Future of Respiratory Care

Explore digital health, climate change, and value-based care shaping tomorrow's practice.

Dynamic Programme

Join plenaries, symposia, workshops, and poster sessions covering key topics.

Network Widely

Connect with 2,000+ delegates from across the Asia-Pacific region.

Event Objectives

Advance respiratory science and practice: Present the latest research, discoveries and clinical innovations in respiratory medicine.

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Foster regional and global collaboration: Strengthen ties among healthcare professionals, researchers and industry leaders from the Asia-Pacific region and beyond.

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Support early career development: Provide opportunities for young clinicians and researchers to learn, share and grow within an international community.

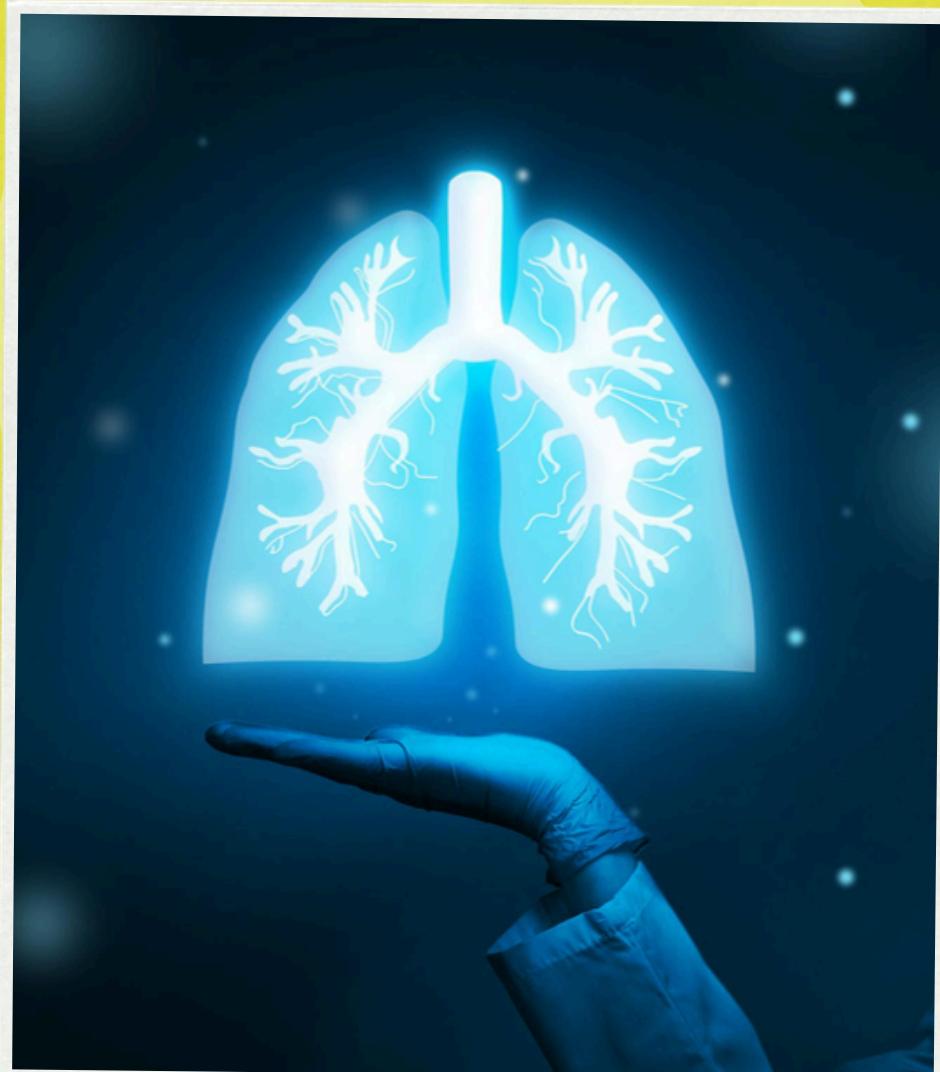
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Highlight emerging priorities: Address cross-cutting issues such as digital health, climate change and value-based care, which are shaping the future of respiratory medicine.

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Celebrate three decades of progress. Honour APSR's 30-year legacy of advancing respiratory health across the Asia-Pacific region.

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Reimagining Respiratory Care

SAVE THE DATE
19 - 22 November 2026

Registration Information

Category	Early Bird 01 Apr 26 - 10 Aug 26	Standard 11 Aug 26 - 13 Nov 26	Onsite
APSR Ordinary Member	US\$650	US\$750	US\$850
APSR Associate Member	US\$250	US\$300	US\$350
APSR Undergraduate Member	US\$200	US\$200	US\$200
Non-APSR Member	US\$750	US\$850	US\$950

For MTS Members

APSR Ordinary Member	US\$520	US\$600	US\$680
APSR Associate Member	US\$200	US\$240	US\$280

Accompanying Person	US\$150
Gala Dinner	US\$100

Registration fees are inclusive of 8% SST

**SCAN TO
REGISTER:**



<https://2026.apsr.org/>

Abstract Submission

KEY DATES: REGULAR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

15 January 2026

Open for Abstract Submission

05 March 2026

Deadline for Abstract Submission

Mid-May 2026

Notification of Result

KEY DATES: LATE-BREAKING ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

01 June 2026

Open for Abstract Submission

16 June 2026

Deadline for Abstract Submission

Mid-July 2026

Notification of Result

Award Categories

The APSR offers a variety of award opportunities for those presenting their research at the annual congress:

- APSR / ATS Young Investigator Award (Please contact the ATS directly)
- APSR / ERS Young Investigator Award
- APSR / JRS Young Investigator Award
- APSR Travel Award
- APSR Young Investigator Travel Award
- APSR / KYF Young Investigator Award for Geriatric Respirology
- APSR / Malcolm Winterburn Lung Cancer Young Investigator Award
- APSR / KF-CB Lung Cancer Research Young Investigator Award
- APSR / J Patrick Barron Medical Education Young Investigator Award
- APTA Young Investigator Award
- APSR / KATRD Young Investigator Award
- APSR / PCCP Young Investigator Award
- APSR / VNRS Young Investigator Award
- APSR / Woolcock Vietnam Young Investigator Award
- APSR Clean Air Congress Abstract Award
- APSR / PE Young Investigator Award for Clinical Resp Medicine Research
- APSR / June Grenow Young Investigator Award
- Frank Thien-APSR-MTS Young Investigator Award
- Early Career Excellence Award sponsored by APSR and BLF
- Early Career Excellence Award sponsored by APSR and HKTS
- Early Career Excellence Award sponsored by APSR and MTS
- Early Career Excellence Award sponsored by APSR and STS
- APSR Assembly Education Award
- Respirology Case Reports Poster Award
- APSR Teaching Library Case Submission Award

Programme Highlight

Time	19 Nov 2026 (Thu)	20 Nov 2026 (Fri)	21 Nov 2026 (Sat)	22 Nov 2026 (Sun)
07:30 - 17:00	Registration	Registration	Registration	
08:00 - 08:30		Presidential Lecture (Plenary 1)		
08:30 - 09:00		Ann Janet Woolcock Memorial Lecture	ERS Presidential Lecture (Plenary 2)	ATS Presidential Lecture (Plenary 3)
09:00 - 09:30	Concurrent Workshops: Part I (WS1 - WS4)	Coffee Break	Michiyoshi Harasawa Memorial Lecture	
09:30 - 10:00			Concurrent Sessions (4A - 4D) & Oral/Poster Sessions	
10:00 - 10:30				Concurrent Sessions (8A - 8C) & Oral/Poster Sessions
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break		Coffee Break	Coffee Break
11:00 - 11:30		Concurrent Sessions (2A - 2D) & Oral/Poster Sessions	Concurrent Sessions (5A - 5D) & YIA Session	Concurrent Sessions (9A - 9C) & Oral/Poster Sessions
11:30 - 12:00			& Oral/Poster Sessions	
12:00 - 12:30		Lunch Symposia (1-3)		Concurrent Sessions (10A - 10C) & Oral/Poster Sessions
12:30 - 13:00	Lunch		Lunch Symposia (4-6)	
13:00 - 13:30				
13:30 - 14:00			Lunch	Closing Ceremony
14:00 - 14:30	Concurrent Workshops: Part II (WS1 - WS4)	Concurrent Sessions (3A - 3D) & Oral/Poster Sessions	Concurrent Sessions (6A - 6D) & YIA Session	
14:30 - 15:00			& Oral/Poster Sessions	
15:00 - 15:30		Evening Symposia (1-3)		
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break			
16:00 - 16:30		Coffee Break		
16:30 - 17:00				
17:00 - 17:30				
17:30 - 18:00		8 Assembly Members' Meetings with Education Award Sessions	8 Assembly Members' Meetings with Education Award Sessions	
18:00 - 18:30	Opening Plenary, Opening Ceremony, Welcome Reception			
18:30 - 19:00				
19:00 - 19:30				Gala Dinner
19:30 - 21:30				

The programme may be subject to change.

About Penang, Malaysia

Penang, often referred to as the 'Pearl of the Orient', offers a unique combination of old-world charm and modern sophistication. Its capital, George Town, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a living museum of culture, where colonial architecture, street art, temples and cafés sit side by side. The island is also renowned for its vibrant food scene, which is considered one of the best in Asia, offering everything from hawker favourites to fine dining.

Beyond the historic city centre, Penang boasts scenic coastlines, lush hills and a thriving innovation and convention hub. With its warm hospitality, efficient transport links, and unique cultural energy, Penang provides an inspiring setting in which delegates can learn, collaborate, and experience the best of Malaysia.





Cultural Diversity

Penang's population is a harmonious blend of various ethnicities, including Malays, Chinese, Indians, and Eurasians. This multiculturalism is reflected in the state's festivals, traditions, and culinary scene. Visitors can experience a myriad of cultural events throughout the year, from the vibrant Thaipusam festival to the colorful Chinese New Year celebrations and the serene Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

Culinary Paradise

Penang is renowned for its street food and has earned a reputation as one of Asia's top food destinations. The state offers a tantalizing array of local delicacies such as Char Kway Teow, Assam Laksa, Hokkien Mee, and Nasi Kandar. The fusion of flavors and cooking techniques from different cultures creates a unique and unforgettable gastronomic experience.





Natural Beauty

The natural beauty of Penang is evident in its lush landscapes, pristine beaches, and scenic hills. Penang Hill offers breathtaking views of the island, while the Penang National Park is a haven for nature lovers and adventure seekers. The island's botanical gardens and tropical spice garden showcase the region's rich flora and fauna.

Modern Attractions

Beyond its historical and natural attractions, Penang also boasts modern amenities and attractions. George Town, the capital city, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its well-preserved colonial architecture and vibrant street art. The state is also home to contemporary shopping malls, world-class hotels, and a burgeoning arts and culture scene.





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