



APACI Respiratory Diseases Conference 2026

Collaborative Responses to Fresh Challenges

25 June 2025 | Hong Kong

InterContinental Grand Stanford Hong Kong Hotel, Picasso Room

All presentations are 20 mins and include 5 mins Q&A

08:30 Welcome

Dr John Ryan McLane, Executive Director, APACI

08:40 Vaccine Hesitancy in East and Southeast Asia

Professor Joseph Wu

Session 1 — Influenza: New Threats and Fresh Approaches

Chaired by Director Kim Sampson

09:00 Re-evaluating influenza vaccine strategy in Korea: Evidence for improved protection in older adults

Professor Ji Yun Noh

09:25 Estimating the severity and impact of influenza

Professor Jessica Wong

09:50 2025 Update to the WHO Public Health Research Agenda for Influenza

Professor John Tam

10:15 The research response to pandemic influenza

Professor Paul Tambyah

10:40 *Coffee Break*

Session 2 — RSV, COVID, Pneumococcal and Emerging Threats

Chaired by Professor John Tam

11:05 Post-COVID persistence and migration dynamics of influenza and RSV

Professor Vijaykrishna Dhanasekaran

11:30 Advances in RSV and pertussis prevention in adults

Professor Terapong Tantawichien (virtual)

11:55 Vector-borne diseases as an emerging threat in the Asia-Pacific

Professor Tommy Lam

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12:20 ISRV Hong Kong School of Respiratory Viruses for early career scientists

Professor Sook San Wong

12:45 Lunch Break

Session 3 — Vaccines for the Lifespan: Combinations, Enhancements, and what the Future Holds

Chaired by Professor Paul Tambyah

13:45 The Future of Respiratory Virus Prevention: Burden, Coexistence, and Vaccine Innovation

Dr Leong Hoe Nam

14:10 Elderly and Frail Populations, Balancing Efficacy and Safety

Dr Raja Dhar (virtual)

14:35 H5N1 risk assessment: viral evolution, H5 attachment pattern to avian and mammalian tissues, and cross-protective by pre-existing immunity

Professor Hui-Ling Yen

15:00 Leveraging Combination Vaccines for Global Health Impact

Professor Colin Russell (virtual)

15:25 Coffee Break

Session 4 — Treatment for Severe Respiratory Disease

Chaired by Professor Hui-Ling Yen

15:50 The impact of vaccination and long-acting monoclonal antibodies for RSV epidemics across Hong Kong, Beijing, and Thailand

Professor Ivan FN Hung

16:15 The role of immuno-modulating agents for influenza

Professor David SC Hui

16:40 Wrap up & next steps

Dr John Ryan McLane, Executive Director, APACI

16:50 — End of Conference

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