



## 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 in Hong Kong**

*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)*

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

*Professor Tommy Lam*

**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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