SIRCON-2026

10th Annual Conference of the Society for Inflammation Research

Celebrating the Silver Jubilee (25 years) of the School of Bio Sciences and Technology

Theme: Molecular and Cellular Language of Inflammation with Clinical Relevance

9th & 10th October 2026 | Venue: Dr. Ambedkar Auditorium, Technology Tower, VIT, Vellore - 632014

Day 1 | Friday, 9th October 2026

TIME	SESSION / ACTIVITY	SPEAKER & PROVISIONAL TOPIC
2:15 – 3:15 PM	**Inaugural Ceremony** *Welcome address · Ceremonial inauguration · Presidential remarks · Chief Guest address*	
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3:15 – 3:45 PM	**SIR Oration Lecture**	Dr. Vir Singh Negi Director, JIPMER, Puducherry.
3:45 – 4:00 PM	***Tea Break*** *— Networking*	
SESSION I | BIOMARKERS IN INFLAMMATION & AUTOIMMUNITY ***Chair: Dr. Deepak Kumar Rathore · Co-Chairs: Dr. Kavitha Thirumurugan, Dr. Suresh PK***		
4:00 – 4:20 PM	**Invited Lecture 1**	**Dr. Amit Awasthi** *Senior Professor, Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI), Faridabad, Haryana* Sex Bias in Autoimmunity: Th17 Cells at the Crossroads
4:20 – 4:40 PM	**Invited Lecture 2**	**Dr. Rupesh K. Srivastava** *Additional Professor, AIIMS, New Delhi* When Bone Loss Meets Immunity: The Autoimmune Face of Post-Menopausal Osteoporosis
4:40 – 5:00 PM	**Invited Lecture 3**	**Dr. Mohan Krishnan** *UT Southwestern Medical Centre, Dallas, USA* The Dangerous Lifeline: Unmasking Monocyte Responses in Preterm Gut-Brain Injury
5:00 – 5:30 PM	**Panel Discussion**	**Dr. Krishnan V., Dr. Geetha Manivasagam, Dr. Chandrashekara. S, Dr. Padmamalini Mahendradas and Dr. B. G. Dharmanand, Moderator: Dr.Pragasam Viswanathan** Connecting basic, translational, and clinical inflammation research
5:30 – 6:30 PM	**Poster presentation and Evaluation**	**Venue: FOODYS**
6:30 – 8:00 PM	**Cultural Program with Dinner**	**Venue: GREENOS, VIT**

Day 2 | Saturday, 10th October 2026

Scientific Sessions, Young Investigator Presentations, Panel Discussion and Valedictory

TIME	SESSION / ACTIVITY	SPEAKER & PROVISIONAL TOPIC
SESSION II | IMMUNE DYSREGULATION & AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE — MORNING *Chair: Dr. Dipankar Nandi · Co-Chairs: Dr. Anbalagan M, Dr. Loganathan Rangasamy*		
9:00 – 9:20 AM	Invited Lecture 4	**Dr. Girdhari Lal** *Scientist-G, BRIC – National Centre for Cell Science (NCCS), Pune* Role of pain receptors in controlling inflammation and autoimmunity
9:20 – 9:40 AM	Invited Lecture 5	**Dr. B. G. Dharmanand** *Senior Consultant in Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology, RheumaCARE, Bengaluru* Women and Autoimmunity
9:40 – 10:00 AM	Invited Lecture 6	**Dr. Sunil K. Raghav** *Scientist-F, Immunogenomics & Systems Biology Laboratory, ILS, Bhubaneswar* Integrative Multi-omics Approach to Identify Prognostic Biomarkers for Precision Therapy in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus
10:00 – 10:20 AM	Invited Lecture 7	**Dr. John Mathew** *Professor and Head, Dept of Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology, Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore* IgG4-Related Disease: Pathogenesis and Biomarkers
10:20 – 10:40 AM	Invited Lecture 8	**Dr. Deepak Kumar Rathore** *Senior Research Scientist, Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI), Faridabad, Haryana* Molecular and Immunological Remodeling Following Yoga Intervention in Alzheimer's Disease
10:40 – 11:00 AM	***Tea Break*** — *Networking*	
SESSION III | HOST DEFENCE, TISSUE INJURY & REPAIR — MORNING *Chair: Dr. Amudhan Murugesan · Co-Chairs: Dr. Anand A, Dr. Jayaprakash N S*		
11:00 – 11:20 AM	Invited Lecture 9	**Dr. Prafullakumar B. Tailor** *Scientist, National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi* Understanding the Role of Interferon Regulatory Factors (IRFs) in Dendritic Cell Differentiation and Innate Immunity
11:20 – 11:40 AM	Invited Lecture 10	**Prof. Dipankar Nandi** *Professor, Indian Institute of Science, Bangaluru* Comparative Analysis of Two In Vitro T-cell Activation Models Reveals Distinct Biochemical and Functional Programs
11:40 – 12:00 PM	Invited Lecture 11	**Dr. Pragyan Acharya** *Additional Professor, AIIMS, New Delhi* Inflamed, Rewired, Exhausted: The Immune Landscape of Acute-on-Chronic Liver Failure

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12:00 – 12:20 PM	Invited Lecture 12	**Dr. Mrinmoy Das** *Assistant Professor, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai* From Skin to Gut: How Cutaneous Immune Programming Drives Food Anaphylaxis
12:20 – 1:20 PM	Young Investigator Session I	**Flash Talks by the Selected Oral Presenters**
1:20 – 2:00 PM	***Lunch Break* — *Networking · Venue: FOODYS***	
SESSION IV | EMERGING & TRANSLATIONAL FRONTIERS — AFTERNOON ***Chair: Dr. Dipankar Nandi · Co-Chairs: Dr. Sudandira Doss C, Dr. Manjubala I***		
2:00 – 2:20 PM	Invited Lecture 13	**Dr. Chandrashekara. S** *Medical Director, ChanRe Rheumatology and Immunology Center and Research, Bangalore* Cytokines as biomarkers for inflammation: the advantages and disadvantages
2:20 – 2:40 PM	Invited Lecture 14	**Prof. M. Balasubramanyam** *Professor & Advisor, Madras Diabetes Research Foundation (MDRF), Chennai* Is anti-inflammation and immunomodulation the key molecular basis of multiple clinical benefits of GLP-1 receptor agonists?
2:40 – 3:00 PM	Invited Lecture 15	**Dr. Vandhana Pradhan** *Scientist E, Deputy Director, ICMR–National Institute for Research on Blood and Immune Disorders (NIRBID), Mumbai* Interferon, Cytokine and Immunologic profile in SLE: their relevance in precision medicine
3:00 – 3:20 PM	Invited Lecture 16	**Dr. Ranita Ghosh Dastidar** *Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry, KMC, Manipal* Decoding the Inflammatory Signaling of Diabetic Nosocomial Infection: Immunometabolic Dysfunction, Mitochondrial Dysregulation and Immune Exhaustion
3:20 – 4:00 PM	Young Investigator Session II	**Flash Talks by the Selected Oral Presenters**
4:00 – 4:15 PM	***Tea Break* — *Networking***	
4:15 – 5:00 PM	**Closing Ceremony** *Awards · Concluding remarks · Vote of thanks*	