

CONGRESS 2026 – IRISH CONGRESS OF ANAESTHESIOLOGY, INTENSIVE CARE AND PAIN MEDICINE
“THE EVOLUTION OF ANAESTHESIOLOGY”
PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

Wednesday 20th May 2026

TIME	O'REILLY HALL (400 pax)	GEORGE MOORE AUDITORIUM (250 pax)	CEDAR ROOM (70 pax Theatre) Workshops with beds	BIRCH ROOM (50 pax Theatre) Workshops Classroom	ROBIN ROOM (40 pax Theatre) Classroom smaller	H1.51 Airways in other building	MINI STAGE
8.30-12.00	Set up						
13.00	Welcome Coffee						
13.30 – 17.30	<p>Session: Refresher Course Series Chair: Prof Pat Neligan Prof Pat Neligan: <i>Five things you didn't know about IV fluids</i> Prof Mike Irwin: <i>TIVA/TCI What do the numbers mean?</i> Dr Noelle Healy: <i>Obstetric Anaesthesia in the mid 20's – what's new?</i> Dr Leo Kevin: <i>Postoperative nausea and vomiting - a story of lies damned lies and statistics</i> Dr Aoife Driscoll: <i>Peripheral nerve blocks: less mystery, more mastery</i></p>		<p>14.00 – 17.30 Introductory USGRA Workshop Chair: Dr Su Ng</p>	<p>14.00 – 15.30 Reflective Practice Masterclass Chair: Dr Roisin Nee</p>			
17.30	End of Day 1						

Thursday 21st May 2026

TIME	O'REILLY HALL (400 pax)	GEORGE MOORE AUDITORIUM (250 pax)	CEDAR ROOM (70 pax Theatre) Workshops with beds	BIRCH ROOM (50 pax Theatre) Workshops Classroom	ROBIN ROOM (40 pax Theatre) Classroom smaller	H1.51 Airways in other building	MINI STAGE
7.00	CAT Charity Fun Run						
7.30	Welcome Coffee						
08.00							
08.30	<p>Session: Green Horizons Chair: Dr Sinead O'Brien Prof Brian Chesebro: <i>Perioperative sustainability-opportunities for clinicians</i> Dr Ola Lokken Nordrum: <i>Hacking the system: my experience as the first HSE Climate and Sustainability Fellow</i> Dr Dónal O'Cróinín: <i>Breaking news: no gowns for spinals</i></p>	<p>Session: ICSI -1 Intro: Dr Alan Gaffney SNAP TALKS: The Forgotten Chamber – The RV Moderator: Dr Jennifer Hastings & Peter Moran</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How to assess the right ventricle 2. The right ventricle in pulmonary embolism 3. RV infarct - fluid load? diuresis? hemofiltration? inotropes? What do I do 4. Pulmonary Hypertension in the OR, what you need to know? 5. ARDS and RV failure 6. Clinical cases. <p>Peter Moran Nessa Dooley Deirdre Edgeworth Aisling McMahon Gabor Zilahi</p>	<p>08.30-12.00 Advanced USGRA Workshop Chair: Dr Su Ng</p>	<p>08.00-09.00 CAI AGM</p>			
10.00	Coffee Break						

10.30	Opening Address Prof Donal Buggy President CAI	Session: Brian Kavanagh Lecture		10.30-12.00 The future of Simulation in Ireland: Challenges and Opportunities Chair: Prof Crina Burlacu CAI: Prof Maya Contreras RCSI: Dr Dara O'Keeffe RCPI: Dr Anabela Serranito RCSI: Prof John Cronin NSO: Prof Dara Byrne			10.30 Poster Elevator Pitch Chair: Dr Sinead Egan
10.35	Session: Evolution of Anaesthesiology Chair: Dr Brian O'Donnell Craig Lyons: <i>The evolution of airway management</i> Ms Sara Grewar: <i>The evolution of clinical negligence claims</i>	Chair: Alan Gaffney Prof John Laffey: <i>What have we learned about ARDS since ARMA?</i>		11.00-13.00 Essentials of QI Workshop Chair: Dr Brian McCloskey			
11.15	Session: Anaesthesiology- We Measure what we value – we value what we measure- the evolution outcomes Prof Gudrun Kunst: <i>How NAP has evolved our practice</i> Prof. Rupert Pearse: <i>Perioperative outcomes –why our thinking is evolving</i> Dr Andrew Cumpstey: <i>The evolution of perioperative fluid management</i>	Session: ICSI – 2 Controversies in critical care Chair: Dr Bairbre McNicholas Prof Pat Neligan: <i>When should I start feeding and with what?</i> Dr Bairbre McNicholas: <i>How do I anticoagulate the acutely ill patient requiring CKRT?</i> Prof John Laffey: <i>How long should we prone our ARDS patients</i> Lecture Dr Rob Sladen: <i>"My Patient has Vasoplegic Shock: Which Pressor Should I Use?</i>					
12.45	Lunch Break						

14.00	Session: IPOMS Chair: Padraig O'Scanail Dr Vanessa Beavis: <i>Shared decision making</i> Dr Noelle Healy: <i>Shared decision making in Obstetrics</i> Dr Amanda Lavan: <i>Treatment decision-making in frail elderly patients with cancer</i>	Session: Plenary Chair: John Laffey Prof Cliff Deutschman: <i>The Evolution of our understanding of sepsis</i>	Sim Wars	14.00-16.30 TIVA Workshop Chair: Dr Claire Nestor & Prof Mike Irwin			14.00 Delaney Medal Chair: Dr Gabriella Iohom
		14.45-15.30 Session: The Evolution of Toxicology - when standard therapy fails Chair: Dr Edel Duggan Dr Barbara Cusack: <i>ECMO and Toxicology</i> Dr Blathnaid O'Connell: <i>Toxicology and Dialysis</i>				15.00-17.30 Thoracic Workshop Chair: Dr Aoife Lavelle & Dr Catalin Efrimescu	
15.30	Coffee Break						
16.00	16.00-17.30 Session: CAT Chair: Dr Nicola Duffy The case I'll never forget Case presentations by Anaesthesiology and Critical Care Trainees	Session: The Evolution of Paediatric Anaesthesia Chair: Dr Laura Marshall Ms Lina Woods & Dr Aidan Magee: <i>The infant with stridor</i> Dr Eamon Coleman: <i>Paediatric regional anaesthesia</i> Dr Orna Grant: <i>Paediatric neuro-anaesthesiologist vs e-scooter</i>			16.00-17.00 How can we get Perioperative and Critical care research done Chair: Dr Bairbre McNicholas & Dr Ger Curley		
17.30	End of day 2				ICSI AGM		

19.00 Speakers' Dinner

Friday 22nd May 2026

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08.00	Welcome Coffee						
08.30 <i>90 min session: 10 min each + 10 min Q&A at the end of session</i>	SNAP TALKS: Controversies in Anaesthesiology Chair: Prof John Laffey Prof Rupert Pearse: <i>Is it better to be read or watched than cited?</i> Dr Claire Nestor: Do I need to change my syringe drivers to provide "modern" TIVA"? Dr Rosie Hogg: <i>Why are there so many different thoracic wall blocks?</i> Dr Matt Leonard: <i>Mobile epidural: progress or placebo?</i> Dr Mo Mostafa: <i>L3/4 by default: is it time to level up?</i> Dr Ryan Howle: <i>Dural puncture: innovation without an indication?</i>	Faculty of Pain Medicine ASM Chair: Dr Conor Hearty Dr Omar Tujjar: <i>Artificial Intelligence in Pain Medicine</i> Dr Andrew Purcell Suzetrigine - is it time to change the channel in pain management? Prof Connail McCrory: <i>The role of neuro-immunity in neuropathic pain chronicity in vivo</i>				08.30-11.30 Difficult Airway Workshop Chair: Prof Ellen O'Sullivan	
10.00	Coffee Break						
10.30	Opening Address Dr Aislinn Sherwin CAI Chair Q&S Advisory Committee	Interactive Session Dr Craig Lyons <i>Why your ASA score is usually wrong?!</i>			10.30-11.30 Credentials Committee Development Chair: Dr Gabriella Iohom & Dr Sarah Nicolson		
10.35	Session: Rynd Lecture Chair: Dr Conor Hearty Prof Denis Dupoirion: <i>Easing the enduring pain</i>						

11.15	Session: The Evolution of Intraoperative Care Chair: Dr Aislinn Sherwin Rosie Hogg: <i>The evolution of fasting</i> Cormac Mullins: <i>The evolution of Acute Pain Management</i> Dr Andrew Cumpstey: <i>The evolution of oxygen administration in the operating room</i>	Session: The Evolution of Cardiac Anaesthesia Chair: Prof Michael Griffin Prof Gudrun Kunst: <i>The evolution of cardiac bypass</i> Dr Jennifer Hastings: <i>The management of cardiogenic shock</i> Dr Catalin Efrimescu: <i>How the Cath Lab has evolved for anaesthesia</i>	11.30-14.30 PoCUS Workshop Chair: Dr Gábor Zilahi		11.30-12.30 Tutors Session Chair: Dr Rachel Jooste		
12.45	Lunch Break						
14.30	Plenary Session: Keynote Chair: Prof. Donal Buggy Dr Vanessa Beavis: <i>The evolution of Perioperative Medicine</i>						
15.15	Session: Fireside chat – Hot Topics in Perioperative Medicine Dr Vanessa Beavis Dr Rosie Hogg Dr Matt Leonard Prof Rupert Pearse Dr Craig Lyons						
16.00	Prize Giving Ceremony				Societies Session (meeting of representatives from the anaesthesia and associated societies to plan the upcoming year)		
16.30	End of day 3						