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	**Session: Refresher Course Series** **Chair: Prof Pat Neligan** **Prof Pat Neligan:** *Five things you didn't know about IV fluids* **Prof Mike Irwin:** *TIVA/TCI What do the numbers mean?* **Dr Noelle Healy:** *Obstetric Anaesthesia in the mid 20's – what's new?* **Dr Leo Kevin:** *Postoperative nausea and vomiting - a story of lies damned lies and statistics* **Dr Aoife Driscoll:** *Peripheral nerve blocks: less mystery, more mastery*		**14.00 – 17.30** **Introductory USGRA Workshop** **Chair: Dr Su Ng**	**14.00 – 15.30** **Reflective Practice Masterclass** **Chair: Dr Roisin Nee**			
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				08.00-09.00 CAI AGM			
08.30	**Session: Green Horizons** **Chair: Dr Sinead O'Brien** **Prof Brian Chesebro:** *Perioperative sustainability- opportunities for clinicians* **Dr Ola Lokken Nordrum:** *Hacking the System: My Experience as the First HSE Climate and Sustainability Fellow* **Dr Dónal O'Croinín:** *Breaking news: no gowns for spinals*	**Session: ICSI -1** **Intro: Dr Alan Gaffney** **SNAP TALKS: The Forgotten Chamber – The RV** **Moderator: Dr Jennifer Hastings & Peter Moran** *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.* **Dr Peter Moran** **Dr Nessa Dooley** **Dr Deirdre Edgeworth** **Dr Aisling McMahon** **Dr Gabor Zilahi**	08.30-12.00 **Advanced USGRA Workshop** **Chair: Dr Su Ng**		09.00 – 10.00 NAP8 Leads Update Chair: Dr Brian O'Donnell		
10.00	Coffee Break						

10.30	**Opening Address** **Prof Donal Buggy** **President CAI**	**Session: Brian Kavanagh Lecture** **Chair: Dr Alan Gaffney** **Prof John Laffey:** *What have we learned about ARDS since ARMA?*		**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** **Dr Craig Lyons:** *The evolution of airway management* **Ms Sara Grewar:** *The evolution of clinical negligence claims*						
11.15	**Session: Anaesthesiology- We Measure what we value – we value what we measure- the evolution outcomes** **Prof Gudrun Kunst:** *How NAP has evolved our practice* **Prof. Rupert Pearse:** *Perioperative outcomes –why our thinking is evolving* **Dr Andrew Cumpstey:** *The evolution of perioperative fluid management*	**Session: ICSI – 2 Controversies in critical care** **Chair: Dr Bairbre McNicholas** **Prof Pat Neligan:** *When should I start feeding and with what?* **Dr Bairbre McNicholas:** *How do I anticoagulate the acutely ill patient requiring CKRT?* **Prof John Laffey:** *How long should we prone our ARDS patients* **Lecture** **Prof Rob Sladen:** *"My Patient has Vasoplegic Shock: Which Pressor Should I Use?*			**11.00-13.00** **Essentials of QI Workshop** **Chair: Dr Brian McCloskey**		
12.45	**Lunch Break**						

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14.00	**Session: IPOMS** **Chair: Dr Padraig O'Scanaill** **Dr Vanessa Beavis:** **S**hared decision making **Dr Noelle Healy:** *Shared decision making in Obstetrics* **Dr Amanda Lavan:** *Treatment decision-making in frail elderly patients with cancer*	**Session: Plenary** **Chair: Prof John Laffey** **Prof Cliff Deutschman:** *The Evolution of our understanding of sepsis* **14.45-15.30** **Session: The Evolution of Toxicology - when standard therapy fails** **Chair: Dr Edel Duggan** **Dr Barbara Cusack:** *ECMO and Toxicology* **Dr Blathnaid O'Connell:** *Toxicology and Dialysis*		**14.00-16.30** **TIVA Workshop** **Chair: Dr Claire Nestor & Prof Mike Irwin**		**15.00-17.30 Thoracic Workshop** **Chair: Dr Catalin Efrimescu**	**14.00** **Delaney Medal** **Chair: Dr Gabriella Iohom**
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:** *The infant with stridor* **Dr Eamon Coleman:** *Paediatric regional anaesthesia* **Dr Orna Grant:** *Paediatric neuro-anaesthesiologist vs e-scooter*		**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 *90 min session: 10 min each + 10 min Q&A at the end of session*	**SNAP TALKS:** **Controversies in Anaesthesiology** **Chair: Prof John Laffey** **Prof Rupert Pearse:** *Is it better to be read or watched than cited?* **Dr Claire Nestor:** Do I need to change my syringe drivers to provide "modern" TIVA"? **Dr Rosie Hogg:** *Why are there so many different thoracic wall blocks?* **Dr Matt Leonard:** *Mobile epidural: progress or placebo?* **Dr Mo Mostafa:** *L3/4 by default: is it time to level up?* **Dr Ryan Howle:** *Dural puncture: innovation without an indication?*	**Faculty of Pain Medicine ASM** **Chair: Dr Conor Hearty** **Dr Omar Tujjar:** *Artificial Intelligence in Pain Medicine* **Dr Andrew Purcell** Suzetrigine - is it time to change the channel in pain management? **Prof Connail McCrory:** *The role of neuro-immunity in neuropathic pain chronicity in vivo*				**08.30-11.30** **Difficult Airway Workshop** **Chair: Prof Ellen O'Sullivan**	
10.00	Coffee Break						
10.30 10.35	**Opening Address** **Dr Aislinn Sherwin** **CAI Chair Q&S Advisory Committee** **Session: Rynd Lecture** **Chair: Dr Conor Hearty** **Prof Denis Dupoiron:** *Easing the enduring pain*	**Interactive Session** **Dr Craig Lyons** *Why your ASA score is usually wrong?!*			**10.30-11.30** **Credentials Committee Development** **Chair: Dr Gabriella Iohom & Dr Sarah Nicolson**		

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11.15	**Session: The Evolution of Intraoperative Care** **Chair: Dr Aislinn Sherwin** **Rosie Hogg:** *The evolution of fasting* **Dr Cormac Mullins**: *The evolution of Acute Pain Management* **Dr Andrew Cumpstey:** *The evolution of oxygen administration in the operating room*	**Session: The Evolution of Cardiac Anaesthesia** **Chair: Prof Michael Griffin** **Prof Gudrun Kunst:** *The evolution of cardiac bypass* **Dr Jennifer Hastings:** *The management of cardiogenic shock* **Dr Catalin Efrimescu:** *How the Cath Lab has evolved for anaesthesia*	**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:** *The evolution of Perioperative Medicine*					
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**					

18.00 Gala Dinner