

IHPBA World Congress Newsletter

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**IHPBA
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SINGAPORE
28–31 OCTOBER 2026



The global HPB community is heading to Singapore

The countdown to Singapore is on!

From 28–31 October 2026, the IHPBA World Congress will bring the international HPB community together in Singapore for four days of scientific exchange, practical learning and global collaboration.

With delegates already registered from more than 100 countries and territories, and a record-breaking 2,418 abstract submissions received, IHPBA 2026 promises to be a truly global meeting.

Discover new research from around the world

Three *Best of the Best* oral presentation sessions, together with free-paper, competitive video and abstract presentations, will showcase research from across the IHPBA regions.

Delegates will have the opportunity to hear new findings, exchange ideas with researchers and clinicians, and explore work that is helping to shape the future of HPB care.

A world-class scientific programme

The programme spans the full breadth of HPB care, with dedicated content across liver, pancreas, biliary, transplantation and HPB 360. Delegates can look forward to plenary and scientific presentations, operative video sessions, debates, multidisciplinary symposia and interactive discussions.

Topics will include:

- Artificial intelligence, automation and computer-assisted surgery
- Robotic and minimally invasive HPB surgery
- Image-guided and fluorescence-guided surgery
- Advances in HPB oncology and transplantation
- Complex clinical decision-making and operative techniques
- Emerging research and new approaches to improving patient care

Learn from internationally recognised leaders

Three Living Legends will share insights drawn from their distinguished careers:



LAURENCE CHICHE

*Becoming a Liver Surgeon:
Insights and Challenges
of a "Super" Specialization*



KEITH LILLEMOE

*Bile Duct Injuries: Prevention
and Management Over
Three Decades*



SUNG-GYU LEE

*Living Donor Liver
Transplantation: Lessons
and Innovations from Asan
Medical Center*



The programme will also feature the **Thomas Starzl Memorial Lecture**, delivered by Elizabeth Pomfret on The Fusion of East and West to Develop LDLT Programs.

Explore the latest developments in HPB care

State-of-the-Art Lectures will examine subjects including molecular subtypes of pancreatic cancer, current and future generations in robotic transplantation, acute necrotizing pancreatitis, managing bile duct disorders in a resource constraint environment, computer-assisted HPB surgery, surgical strategies for R0 and combined vascular resection, minimally invasive HPB and transplant surgery, and investigating methods to reduce cancer recurrence following liver resection and transplantation.

Our **Meet the Expert** session offers delegates a unique opportunity to connect directly with leaders in the field, ask questions openly, and explore a focused topic in depth where no question is too small and no idea is off-limits; gain practical insights, exchange perspectives, and be inspired through meaningful dialogue that brings expertise to life.

We also have **Master video sessions** that will provide practical technical insight, including How Do I Do It? and Tips and Tricks to Master Your Pancreatic Surgery.

Connect across specialties and borders

The programme includes collaborative “IHPBA Meets” sessions with international organisations, addressing

- Fluorescence-guided surgery
- Transplant oncology
- Laparoscopic and robotic major hepatectomy
- Hot transplant techniques
- Harmonizing East and West perspectives in HPB surgery
- Discussing the cancer grey zone
- Minimally invasive pancreatic surgery
- Colorectal liver metastases
- Bile duct injury and wider developments in gastrointestinal cancer treatment.

These Partner Society sessions reflect the collaborative spirit of the World Congress and create valuable opportunities to learn from different disciplines, regions and healthcare settings.

Dedicated programme for early-career professionals

The **Early Career Group Retreat**, taking place on Wednesday, 28 October, will provide a dedicated forum for early-career HPB professionals to learn, connect and exchange ideas.

The programme will explore the role of artificial intelligence in the operating room, research and professional life; effective use of social media, online resources and peer support; and opportunities to participate in research fellowships, collaborative groups and mentorship programmes.

The Retreat will also include a research workshop, a keynote presentation from Andrew Gumbs on his most important tips and tricks in the era of AI surgery, and an interactive surgical drawing workshop.



Allied Health Professionals: stronger together

Also taking place on Wednesday, 28 October, the **Allied Health Professionals** session will highlight the essential contribution of Allied Health Professionals throughout the HPB patient pathway.

Sessions will address multidisciplinary working, transplant coordination, imaging, robotic surgery, fluorescence-guided surgery, sustainability, quality of life, palliative care, prehabilitation, enhanced recovery, nutrition, patient education and the development of allied health-led programmes.

Bringing together speakers from a wide range of professions and healthcare settings, the programme will offer valuable opportunities to share experience and consider how Allied Health Professionals can continue to strengthen HPB services and patient care.



Make the most of your congress experience

Focused pre-congress courses and workshops will offer further opportunities for practical and interactive learning across liver, pancreas, biliary surgery and liver transplantation.

Availability for pre-congress activities is limited, so early booking is recommended.

Join us in Singapore

IHPBA 2026 is an opportunity to reconnect with colleagues, establish new collaborations and become part of a global exchange of knowledge, experience and ideas.

With more people registering every day, secure your place now and join the international HPB community in Singapore this October.

[Register now](#)[View the Scientific Programme](#)[Travel and Accommodation information](#)

We look forward to welcoming you to Singapore.



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