

**International Digestive Disease Forum 2026**  
**27 – 28 June 2026, Hong Kong**  
Programme

Date: 27 June 2026 (Saturday) Venue: N100 Series, Level 1, Phase II (New Wing), HKCEC				
Time	Room N101A	Room N101B	Room N102 & 3	Room N111 & 12
09:00 - 10:30	<p><b>Endoscopy Live Demonstration from Prince of Wales Hospital, Hong Kong</b> Chair: Yuk-tong Lee</p> <p>Alex Leow (Malaysia) Parit Mekaroonkamol (Thailand) Ichiro Yasuda (Japan)</p>	<p><b>State Key Lab Meeting cum the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Asia Pacific Microbiota Consortium (1): Microbiome and Cancer</b> Chairs: Mathias Heikenwalder and Emad El-Omar</p> <p><b>Helicobacter pylori and colorectal cancer – Is it all microbiome</b> Markus Gerhard (Germany)</p> <p><b>Diet, Dysbiosis, and Dysplasia: Unmasking the Exposome</b> Yeong-yeh Lee (Malaysia)</p>	<p><b>GUT-IDDF Young Investigator Award: Oral Presentation I</b> Chair: Jun Yu Chief Adjudicator: William Grady Panelist: Sunny Wong, Chunying Wu</p>	<p><b>Liver Session (1) - Practical Management of Steatotic Liver Disease</b> Chair: Terry Yip</p> <p><b>Case presentation (a patient with MetALD and LSM 18 kPa)</b> Karen Lai (Hong Kong)</p> <p><b>Assessment of alcohol consumption and transition across subtypes of steatotic liver disease</b> Yu-jun Wong (Singapore)</p> <p><b>Diagnosis and management of clinically significant portal hypertension in obese patients</b> Jimmy Lai (Hong Kong)</p> <p><b>Use of GLP-1 receptor agonists in patients with advanced liver disease</b> Alice Kong (Hong Kong)</p> <p><b>Debate: Vibration-controlled transient elastography can be used to assess response to GLP-1 receptor agonists in patients with MASLD</b> (For) Anand Kulkarni (India) (Against) Vincent Wong (Hong Kong) (Rebuttal)</p>
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Tea Break</b>			
11:00 – 12:30	<p><b>Endoscopy Live Demonstration from Prince of Wales Hospital, Hong Kong (2)</b> Chair: Yuk-tong Lee</p> <p>Alex Leow (Malaysia) Parit Mekaroonkamol (Thailand) Ichiro Yasuda (Japan)</p>	<p><b>State Key Lab Meeting cum the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Asia Pacific Microbiota Consortium (2): Microbiome/Metabolites, Gut-liver Axis and Liver Diseases</b> Chairs: Markus Gerhard, Jennifer Zhang</p> <p><b>Perspective on liver transplantation: innovation, education and beyond</b> Chao-long Chen (Taiwan)</p> <p><b>Microbiome in cancer: From scientific discovery to potential clinical application</b> Jun Yu (Hong Kong)</p>	<p><b>GUT-IDDF Young Investigator Award: Oral Presentation II</b> Chair: Dennis Wong Chief Adjudicator: William Grady Panelist: Sunny Wong, Chunying Wu</p>	<p><b>Liver Session (2) - Hepatology Updates: What’s New at International Conferences and Major Journals?</b> Chairs: Michael Ko, Henry Liu</p> <p><b>HBV in Focus: Key updates from APASL &amp; EASL 2026</b> Grace Wong (Hong Kong)</p> <p><b>What can we learn from the Baveno VIII consensus</b> Thomas Reiberger (Austria)</p> <p><b>Advances in autoimmune and cholestatic liver diseases</b> Yu-jun Wong (Singapore)</p>
12:30 - 14:00	<b>Lunch Symposium (A)</b> Chair: Yuk-tong Lee	<b>Lunch Symposium (B)</b>  <b>Translating evidence into practice: Potassium-competitive acid blocker (PCAB) as first-line therapy for H. pylori eradication and erosive esophagitis management</b> Dr. Andrew Ong (Singapore)		
14:00 - 14:20		<b>Opening Ceremony</b> <b>Welcome Speech</b>		
14:20 - 14:50		<b>Dr S H Ho Memorial Lecture</b>  Topic TBC Mathias Heikenwalder (Germany)		
14:50 - 15:20		<b>Joseph Sung Distinguished Lecture</b>  <b>Endo-Histo-Barrier-Omics and AI: Towards a new era of precision disease</b> Marietta Iacucci (Ireland)		
15:20 - 15:50	<b>Tea Break</b>			

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15:50 - 17:20	<p><b>Liver Session (3) - Cirrhosis and Portal Hypertension</b>  Chairs: Michael Li, Vincent Wong</p> <p><b>Incretin therapies to prevent cirrhosis and complications</b>  Rohit Loomba (USA)</p> <p><b>Expanding recompensation criteria to all liver disease aetiologies: Insights from Baveno VIII consensus</b>  Jimmy Lai (Hong Kong)</p> <p><b>Dissecting the interplay between circulatory alteration and systemic inflammation in cirrhosis and ACLF</b>  Anand Kulkarni (India)</p>	<p><b>IBD Session (1) - Breaking Barriers in IBD</b>  Chairs: Joyce Mak, Siew Ng</p> <p><b>Evolving treatment targets in IBD: Beyond mucosal healing</b>  Walter Reinisch (Austria)</p> <p><b>Choosing the right drug at the right time in CD: Optimizing sequencing and positioning</b>  Alex Leow (Malaysia)</p> <p><b>Precision medicine in IBD: Ready for prime time</b>  Marietta Iacucci (Ireland)</p>	<p><b>JGH-IDDF Case / Video Champion: Oral Presentation</b>  Panelist: Kelvin Lam, Sunny Wong</p>	
17:20 - 18:20	<p><b>Liver Session (4) – Management of Viral Hepatitis</b>  Chairs: Rashid Lui, Wai-kay Seto</p> <p><b>The updated HBV guidelines – APASL, AASLD, CSH, EASL, WHO, and more</b>  Terry Yip (Hong Kong)</p> <p><b>HBV cure – are we getting close?</b>  Henry Chan (Hong Kong)</p>	<p><b>IBD Session (2) - Shaping IBD Care with Microbiome and Beyond</b>  Chairs: Agnes Ho</p> <p><b>Advanced combination therapy in IBD - Hope or hype?</b>  Walter Reinisch (Austria)</p> <p><b>Microbiome biomarkers in IBD diagnosis and prognosis</b>  Joyce Mak (Hong Kong)</p>		

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09:00 - 10:30	<b>IDDF-TTSH Live Transmission</b> Chair: Sunny Wong	<b>State Key Lab Meeting cum the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Asia Pacific Microbiota Consortium (3): Microbiome and Host Response</b> Chair: William Grady, Chao-long Chen, Yeong-yeh Lee  <b>Latest updates on the microbiome: where are we in 2026?</b> Emad El-Omar (Australia)  <b>From dysbiosis to longevity: The roles of gut microbiota on aging</b> Chun-ying Wu (Taiwan)  <b>Host–Microbiome interactions in liver disease</b> Jennifer Zhang (Hong Kong)	<b>Asian EUS Group – CUHK / PWH Interventional EUS Workshop</b>	<b>ANBIIG Workshop</b> Parit Mekaroonkamol (Thailand)
10:30 - 11:00		<b>Tea Break</b>		
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11:00 - 12:30		<b>State Key Lab Meeting cum the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Asia Pacific Microbiota Consortium (4): Gastrointestinal Cancer Biology</b> Chairs: William Wu, Dennis Wong  <b>Age related mechanisms of GI cancer initiation and progression</b> William Grady (USA)	<b>Asian EUS Group – CUHK / PWH Interventional EUS Workshop</b>	<b>ANBIIG Workshop</b> Parit Mekaroonkamol (Thailand)
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13:00 – 14:00				
Time	Room N101A	Room N101B	Room N102 & 3	Room N111 & 12
14:00 – 17:00 (3hr)	<b>ANBIIG Workshop Hands-on Training</b> Parit Mekaroonkamol (Thailand)  <b>Asian EUS Group – CUHK / PWH Interventional EUS Workshop Hands-on Training</b>  <i>(by invitation only)</i>			<b>GI Motility Workshop</b>

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