

**ISPPD-14 Programme at a Glance**  
17-21 May 2026

Plenary Session	Meet-the-Expert Session	Pre-Conference Workshop	Ceremony / Networking Event	Break
Special Session	Parallel Session	Poster Session	Industry-Sponsored Symposium	 Tickets available for purchase during registration

**SUNDAY, 17 MAY 2026 (Pre-Conference Workshops)**

Time (Start - End)		Duration (min)	Hall D1	Auditorium 10	Auditorium 11	Auditorium 12	Offsite
9:00	12:00	180		<b>Workshop: Getting the most out of conferences</b> (3 hours)  	<b>Workshop: WGS-based pneumococcal species and strain characterization</b> (3 hours)  	<b>Workshop: Target Trial Emulation</b> (3 hours)  	<b>Workshop: Back to basics – pneumococcal identification and serotyping with classic techniques</b> (6 hours + 1-hour break)
12:00	13:00	60	<i>Break</i>				
13:00	16:00	180		<b>Workshop: How well do pneumococcal vaccines really work? Connecting trial immunogenicity with real-world outcomes</b> (3 hours)  - Immunogenicity - How to use observational studies for real-world effectiveness  	<b>Workshop: Advances in metagenomics, syndromic panels, and PCR for diagnosing airway infections</b> (3 hours)  	<b>Workshop: Sustaining Strong Pneumonia Control Programs in Low- and Middle-Income Countries</b> (3 hours)  	
16:00	16:15	15	<i>Break</i>				
16:15	17:15	60		<b>Industry Sponsored Symposium 01</b> <i>(not included in the main event CME/CPD credit)</i>			
17:15	17:20	5	<i>Break</i>				
17:20	18:00	40	<b>Opening Ceremony</b>				
18:00	19:00	60	<b>Welcome Reception (in Exhibition)</b>				

MONDAY, 18 MAY 2026

Time (Start - End)		Duration (min)	Hall D1	Auditorium 10	Auditorium 11	Auditorium 12
8:00	9:00	60	Industry Sponsored Symposium 02 <i>(not included in the main event CME/CPD credit)</i>			
9:00	9:05	5	Transition Break			
9:05	10:35	90	Plenary 01: Preventing pneumonia and pneumococcal disease in special populations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Malnourished children</li> <li>-Role of pneumococcal infections in HIV deaths in Africa</li> <li>-Indigenous populations</li> <li>-Risk and prevention in an aging society</li> </ul>			
10:35	11:05	30	Coffee Break, Visit Exhibition and Poster Viewing			
11:05	12:20	75	Parallel 01: Oral Abstract Presentations	Parallel 02: Oral Abstract Presentations	Parallel 03: Oral Abstract Presentations	Parallel 04: Oral Abstract Presentations
12:20	13:20	60	12:35-13:35 Lunch Break (Exhibition Area), Visit Exhibition and Poster Viewing			
12:35	14:05	90	Industry Sponsored Symposium 03 <i>(not included in the main event CME/CPD credit)</i> 90 minutes from 12:35 to 14:05			
14:05	14:15	10	Transition Break			
14:15	15:45	90	Plenary 02: Diagnostic and treatment dilemmas posed by changes in pneumonia etiology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-New approaches to improve diagnosis and treatment of children with pneumonia</li> <li>-New approaches to improve diagnosis and treatment of adults with pneumonia</li> <li>-Metagenomics</li> <li>-The RESPIRE Network – improving survival from pneumonia in Asia</li> </ul>			
15:45	16:15	30	Poster Coffee Break, Visit Exhibition and Poster Viewing			
16:15	17:05	50	Poster Viewing & E-Poster Discussions <i>(Poster Area)</i> E-Poster Spotlight 01 <i>(Station 01)</i> E-Poster Spotlight 02 <i>(Station 02)</i> E-Poster Spotlight 03 <i>(Station 03)</i> E-Poster Spotlight 04 <i>(Station 04)</i>			
17:05	17:15	10	Transition Break			
17:15	18:15	60	Meet-the-Expert 01: Implementation and uptake of new pneumococcal vaccines in immunocompromised populations – barriers and solutions	Meet-the-Expert 02: What to pick – conventional or molecular methods for pneumococcal surveillance	Meet-the-Expert 03: The difficult <i>Streptococcus mitis</i> group	Meet-the-Expert 04: Mediators of mucosal immunity to pneumococcus
19:00	20:30	90	Early Career Networking Night <i>(Offsite)</i>			



TUESDAY, 19 MAY 2026						
Time (Start - End)		Duration (min)	Hall D1	Auditorium 10	Auditorium 11	Auditorium 12
8:00	9:00	60	<b>Industry Sponsored Symposium 04</b> <i>(not included in the main event CME/CPD credit)</i>			
9:00	9:05	5	<i>Transition Break</i>			
9:05	10:35	90	<b>Plenary 03: Pneumonia and pneumococcal vaccines in a changing world – climate, conflict, and coverage</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New findings in the epidemiology of pneumonia as a cause of death in children and new tools for triaging cases</li> <li>How well do pneumococcal vaccination campaigns work in humanitarian settings – a model's predictions</li> <li>Climate change and emerging pneumonia patterns</li> <li>Results of cluster RCT of mass campaigns of fractional dose PCV in children aged 1-9 in Niger</li> </ul>			
10:35	11:05	30	<i>Coffee Break, Visit Exhibition and Poster Viewing</i>			
11:05	12:20	75	<b>Parallel 05: Oral Abstract Presentations</b>	<b>Parallel 06: Oral Abstract Presentations</b>	<b>Parallel 07: Oral Abstract Presentations</b>	<b>Parallel 08: Oral Abstract Presentations</b>
12:20	13:20	60	12:35-13:35 <i>Lunch Break (Exhibition Area), Visit Exhibition and Poster Viewing</i>			
12:35	14:05	90	<b>Industry Sponsored Symposium 05</b> <i>(not included in the main event CME/CPD credit)</i> 90 minutes from 12:35 to 14:05			
14:05	14:15	10	<i>Transition Break</i>			
14:15	15:45	90	<b>Plenary 04: Optimising the infant PCV schedule</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reaching all children with pneumococcal vaccines – why reduced dose schedules are an important issue</li> <li>Efficacy of 3 vs 2 dose schedules</li> <li>The impact of a 2-dose schedule, UK experience</li> <li>NITAG's role in optimising the PCV program in Lao PDR</li> </ul>			
15:45	16:15	30	<i>Poster Coffee Break, Visit Exhibition and Poster Viewing</i>			
16:15	17:05	50	<b>Poster Viewing &amp; E-Poster Discussions</b> <i>(Poster Area)</i>			
			<b>E-Poster Spotlight 05</b> <i>(Station 01)</i>			
			<b>E-Poster Spotlight 06</b> <i>(Station 02)</i>			
			<b>E-Poster Spotlight 07</b> <i>(Station 03)</i>			
<b>E-Poster Spotlight 08</b> <i>(Station 04)</i>						
17:05	17:15	10	<i>Transition Break</i>			
17:15	18:15	60	<b>Meet-the-Expert 05: Pneumococcal disease in an aging world and vaccination strategies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding pneumococcal infection in older adults</li> <li>Vaccination strategies for adults in the era of childhood vaccination</li> </ul>	<b>Meet-the-Expert 06: Pneumococcal serotype-specific epidemiology – outbreaks</b>	<b>Meet-the-Expert 07: Pneumococcal pneumonia and evaluation of the immune system – primary immune defects</b>	<b>Meet-the-Expert 08: Pneumococcal vaccine coverage and equity in a changing world</b>
19:00	20:30	90	<b>Networking Event TBA</b> <i>(Offsite)</i>			



WEDNESDAY, 20 MAY 2026

Time (Start - End)		Duration (min)	Hall D1	Auditorium 10	Auditorium 11	Auditorium 12	
8:00	9:00	60				Industry Sponsored Symposium 06 <i>(not included in the main event CME/CPD credit)</i>	
9:00	9:05	5	Transition Break				
9:05	10:35	90	<b>Plenary 05: Bacterial and viral interactions</b> -Coinfections, coprotections – interactive effects between detecting and preventing viral and bacterial pneumonia -Update on strategies to prevent RSV disease – what works and when will they be globally available? -Characterization of nasal microbial dynamics and related host response in children -Real-world evidence for potential mutual RSV-pneumococcus protection by vaccines				
10:35	11:05	30	Coffee Break, Visit Exhibition and Poster Viewing				
11:05	12:20	75	Parallel 09: Oral Abstract Presentations	Parallel 10: Oral Abstract Presentations	Parallel 11: Oral Abstract Presentations	Parallel 12: Oral Abstract Presentations	
12:20	13:20	60	12:35-13:35 Lunch Break (Exhibition Area), Visit Exhibition and Poster Viewing				
12:35	13:50	75	<b>Bill &amp; Melinda Gates Foundation Session</b> 75 minutes from 12:35 to 13:50				
13:50	14:00	10	Transition Break				
14:00	15:30	90	<b>Plenary 06: Hot topics and new ideas – results from Robert Austrian Research Award winners</b>				
15:30	16:00	30	Coffee Break, Visit Exhibition and Poster Viewing				
16:00	17:00	60	<b>Meet-the-Expert 09: Global pneumococcal sequence clusters – a guide for the perplexed</b>	<b>Meet-the-Expert 10: The microbiome and pneumococcal carriage – emerging insights</b>	<b>Meet-the-Expert 11: Pro and con – adjunctive macrolide for CAP</b>	<b>Meet-the-Expert 12: Hib Initiative Reunion Session</b>	
17:00	17:10	10	Transition Break				
17:10	18:10	60	<b>Robert Austrian Lecture and Awards</b>				
19:30	23:30	240	<b>Networking Event (Offsite)</b>				

THURSDAY, 21 MAY 2026

Time (Start - End)		Duration (min)	Auditorium 11&12
8:00	9:30	90	<b>Plenary 07: Combatting antimicrobial resistance in pneumonia and pneumococcal disease</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can vaccines against AMR shape future policy</li> <li>Pneumococcal genomics for public health and surveillance of antimicrobial resistance</li> <li>Addressing the problem of antimicrobial resistant pathogens causing severe pneumonia and meningitis in Low and middle income countries</li> <li>How antibiotic treatment affects detection of pneumococci by urine antigen and other diagnostic methods</li> </ul>
9:30	9:40	10	<i>Transition Break</i>
9:40	11:10	90	<b>Plenary 08: Pneumococcal carriage – guidelines, gaps, and global use</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WHO Epidemiological carriage standards</li> <li>Scientific and methodological discussion</li> <li>Clinical and epidemiological overlap with acute respiratory infections</li> <li>Application of carriage data to guide policy</li> </ul>
11:10	11:30	20	<i>Coffee Break (Foyer Area)</i>
11:30	13:00	90	<b>Plenary 09: Extended-valency pneumococcal vaccines – opportunities and immunological challenges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What 15, 20, and 24-valent vaccines promise</li> <li>Biocreep and replacement</li> <li>Reduced immune responses with additional antigen(s)</li> <li>Modelling the public health impact of extended-valency vaccines</li> </ul>
13:00	13:20	20	<b>Closing Ceremony</b>