



6TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FUNGAL INFECTIONS AND MYCOLOGY MASTERCLASS

by Fungal Infections Study Forum (in collaboration with International Society for Human and Animal Mycology)

MYCOCON 2026 CHANDIGARH

**THEME – "BRIDGING SCIENCE AND PRACTICE IN CLINICAL MYCOLOGY:
DIAGNOSTICS, RESISTANCE, AND MANAGEMENT"**

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP – 26 MARCH 2026

- Fungal sinusitis
- Chronic lung aspergillosis (CPA/ABPA)

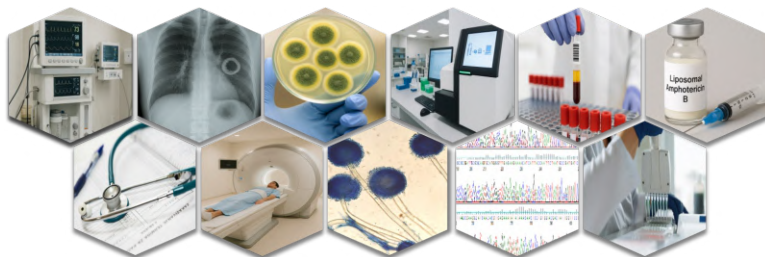
CONFERENCE: 27–29 MARCH 2026

VENUE – RADISSON RED, CHANDIGARH-MOHALI, INDIA

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE
15TH JAN 2026**

**EARLY - BIRD REGISTRATION
Deadline 7th Jan 2026**

14 Credit Hours by Punjab Medical Council



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Welcome Message

Dear Delegates,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the **6th International Conference on Fungal Infections & Mycology Masterclass**, jointly organized by the **Fungal Infections Study Forum (FISF)** and the **Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER)**, Chandigarh. The conference will be held from **March 27–29, 2026**, at **Hotel Radisson Red, Chandigarh–Mohali**, with **Pre-Conference Workshops on March 26, 2026**, at **PGIMER**.

This prestigious scientific meeting brings together leading national and international experts, offering an outstanding platform for the exchange of knowledge, the presentation of cutting-edge research, and collaborative discussions on the management of complex fungal infections. Designed to address current challenges and emerging trends, the program will feature plenary lectures, interactive panel discussions, and hands-on workshops, ensuring a rich and engaging learning experience for all participants.

This flagship meeting of FISF brings together leading intensivists, infectious disease specialists, haematologists, pulmonologists, neurologists, dermatologists and medical microbiologists—professionals at the forefront of managing complex fungal infections. The event serves as a powerful platform for academic exchange, clinical updates, and industry–clinician collaboration.

We also invite you to experience the cultural vibrancy and hospitality of Chandigarh, a city renowned for its unique blend of modernity and tradition, offering the perfect setting for scientific exchange and professional networking.

We look forward to your active participation and valuable contributions to making this conference a milestone event in the field of medical mycology.

Warm regards,

Organizing Committee

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Conference Highlights

PMC Credit Hours are available for all registered delegates, enhancing academic and professional credentials

Travel grants for the 10 best abstracts (INR 10,000/-) to encourage academic excellence and innovation

Plenary and keynote lectures delivered by eminent international and national faculty, covering cutting-edge advancements and future directions in clinical mycology

“Meet the Expert” sessions are designed to facilitate direct interaction with leading specialists and the exchange of practical clinical and diagnostic perspectives

Pre-Conference Workshop on Fungal Sinusitis and Chronic Lung Aspergillosis (CPA/ABPA), featuring practical, case-based discussions and expert insights on diagnostic and management strategies

Thematic symposia focused on ICU infections, fungal diseases in immunosuppressed hosts, emerging diagnostic modalities, antifungal resistance, and stewardship

Structured debates, interactive case discussions, and expert panel sessions addressing real-world challenges and controversies in the field

Excellent networking opportunities with clinicians, microbiologists, researchers, and industry leaders to foster collaboration and knowledge exchange



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Registration Structure

Category	Till 7 th January 2026	8 th January 2026 Onwards	On-Spot
Delegate	INR 10,000	INR 12,500	INR 14,000
ISHAM member	INR 9,000	INR 11,500	INR 14,000
Student /Young ISHAM member	INR 8,000	INR 10,000	INR 12,000
Accompanying person	INR 8,000	INR 8,000	INR 8,000

Workshop Charges:- INR 2,500 (Any one)

(limited seats available on first come first serve basis)

1.Fungal sinusitis

2.Chronic lung aspergillosis (CPA/ABPA)

- **GST shall be charged extra on registration fee mentioned in the table.**
- **Internet Transaction Charges shall be charged extra as applicable.**

Payment Details:

Account Name: Fungal Infection Study Forum (FISF)
Account Number: 3736 1569 176
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Cancellation & Refund Policy

- Requests for cancellation for refunds must be made through e-mail to the conference secretariat at mycocon2026@gmail.com.
- 50% refund will be given if request of cancellation received before or on 27th February 2026.
- 50% of the registration would be deducted as processing charges and rest will be refunded one month after completion of the conference.
- No refund of registration fee will be provided for cancellation request received after 27th February 2026.

Please Note:-

- Registration is mandatory for all the Faculty, Delegates, and presenters of Scientific paper/poster.
- Registration cannot be transferred.
- Registration fee does not include travel and accommodation; these should be arranged by participants themselves.

Abstract Submission Guidelines

- Abstract submission ends on 15th January 2026.
- Presenting author must submit the abstract.
- Decision of the scientific committee regarding acceptance of the abstract will be communicated by e-mail to the presenting author.
- Abstracts are being invited for Oral Paper/Poster presentations.
- Abstracts must be submitted online only through the website, abstracts submitted via email/fax or any other means will not be accepted.
- All abstracts must be submitted in English language only.
- Registration is mandatory for any kind of participation during the conference.
- Abstracts of both Oral Papers & Posters must be restricted upto 350 words.
- The title of the abstract must be concise, avoid using abbreviations.
- Oral Papers/Posters should have the following headings: Aim/purpose, methods, results and conclusions. For Case report: Introduction, Case description, Conclusion.
- Do not include graphs/tables/images/references in the abstract. Do not mention the name of the institute or any author names in the abstract body.
- The abstract submission is open till 15th January 2026 midnight (IST). Late submissions will NOT be accepted.
- Categories: Clinical (original research), Laboratory (original research), Case report, Others.
- The submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the scientific committee. The review process is confidential, and the committee's decision is final.
- In case of any further query please write an email to mycocon2026@gmail.com
- Certificate of presentation will be awarded to the presenting author only.

Award:

- Best ten abstracts will be selected for travel awards.

27th March 2026 | DAY-1

Time		HALL-A	HALL-B
09.00 AM-09.45 AM	Meet the expert	Basics of TDM and utility in clinical practice: Ram Gopalakrishnan, Hansraj Choudhary	Pitfalls in managing cryptococcosis: Atul Patel, Vikas Suri
09.45 AM-10.00 AM	Inauguration		
10.00 AM - 11.00 AM	Plenary/ Keynote (Hall A)	1) Challenges and opportunities for research in clinical mycology in India: Arunaloke Chakrabarti 2) New twist in managing malignancy mayhem - Fungi in hematological malignancies: Oliver A. Cornely	
11.00 AM-11.30 AM	Tea Break		
11.30 AM - 01.10 PM	Symposium	Fungal infections in ICU a) Current epidemiology of Yeast infection in India: Umabala Pamidimukkala b) Current epidemiology of Mould infection in India: Gagandeep Singh c) Update on diagnosis: Pradip Bhattacharya d) Diagnostic and management challenges in intra-abdominal candidiasis: Prakash Shastri e) PK/PD of antifungal optimizing therapy in critical illness: Subhash Todi	Advances in diagnosis of invasive mycoses: Biomarkers and molecular tools a) From colony to spectrum: rapid fungal diagnosis & antifungal resistance detection by MALDI: Anup Ghosh b) Fungal fingerprints: Biomarker tell the tale: Jaswinder Kaur Oberoi c) Molecular diagnosis of fungal infections: techniques, challenges and clinical impact: Sanjay Bhattacharya d) Host based biomarker: Transcriptomics, metabolomics and immune signature: Manpreet Dhaliwal e) Sponsored session: Fujifilm
01.10 PM-02.00 PM	Lunch Break & Poster Presentation		

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Time		HALL-A	HALL-B
02.00 PM - 02.30 PM	Plenary/Keynote (Hall A)	The many 'faces' of aspergillosis in COPD patients – a globally neglected topic - David Denning	
02.30 PM- 04.10 PM	Symposium	Fungal infections in Immunosuppressed a) Epidemiology of solid organ transplant in India: Subramanian Swaminathan b) Epidemiology of hematological malignancy in India: Sachin Jadav c) Beyond traditional risk, emerging factors driving fungal infections: Martin Hoenigl d) Prophylaxis: choosing the right patient, right time: Subhash Chander Varma e) Emerging Rare Fungi: Challenges for Diagnosis and Management: Malini Capoor	Free Oral papers
04.10 PM- 04.30 PM	Tea Break		
04.30 PM- 05.30 PM	Case discussions- Fungal infection in the critically ill: Rethinking risk beyond neutropenia	Lead: Ramasubramaniam V, Inderpaul Singh Panelists: Pradip Bhattacharya, Prakash Shastri, Randeep Guleria, Ritesh Agarwal, Ranjana Khuraijam, Bansidhar Tarai	
05.30 PM - 06.00 PM	Industry talk or symposium		

28th March 2026 | DAY-2

Time		HALL-A	HALL-B
09.00 AM- 09:45 AM	Meet the expert	Hidden spores, vulnerable kids tackling pediatric fungal infections: Andreas Groll, Tanu Singhal	Antifungal susceptibility testing in modern era: Techniques, trends and challenges: Immaculata Xess and Jayanthi Savio
09.50 AM- 11.00 AM	Plenary/ Keynote (Hall A)	1) Candida auris: An update on emerging global threat: Jacques F. Meis 2) Progress in laboratory diagnosis: can we perform better in missing 50%? : Cornelia Lass Flori	
11.00 AM- 11.30 AM	Tea Break		
11.30 AM- 01.10 PM	Symposium	<p>Fungal outbreaks and containment:</p> <p>a) COVID associated mucormycosis: Valliappan Muthu</p> <p>b) Yeast outbreaks in developing countries: Archana Keche</p> <p>c) Advances in molecular typing techniques: Bram Spruijtenburg</p> <p>d) Containment fungal outbreaks in healthcare settings: Manisha Biswal</p> <p>e) Bridging the gap in fungal infection containment: insight on global disparities: Jayakeerthi Rangaiah</p>	<p>Superficial and subcutaneous fungal infections – clinical and diagnostic perspectives</p> <p>a) Emergence and globalization of dermatophytosis: Lessons learned from India: Shivaprakash M Rudramurthy</p> <p>b) Dermatophytosis in modern era-Management, difficulties and solutions” : Sunil Dogra</p> <p>c) Navigating Diagnosis and treatment challenges in vulvovaginal candidiasis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical perspective: Tarun Narang Microbiology perspective: Rakesh Singh <p>d) Mycetoma: Global burden and evolving therapeutic strategies: Borna Nyaoke-Anoke</p> <p>e) Update on Pythiosis: Ariya Chindamporn</p>

28th March 2026 | DAY-2

Time		HALL-A	HALL-B
01.10 PM-02.00 PM	Lunch Break & Poster Presentation		
02.00 PM-03.30 PM	Debates (45 Minutes each)	1) Routine antifungal susceptibility testing does not help in patient management For: Sourabh Dutta and Sayantan Banerjee Against: Nandini Sethuraman and Anjali Shetty 2) Antifungal stewardship should be distinct and not included under antimicrobial stewardship For: Pratibha Kale and Rimjhim Kanaujia Against: Anita Sharma and Parvinder Chawla	Free oral papers
03.30 PM-04.00 PM	Tea Break		
04.00 PM-05.00 PM	Challenges and case insights (Neutropenic)	Lead: Suneetha Narreddy and Vasant Nagvekar Panelists: Oliver A. Cornely, Sanjay Jain, Pankaj Malhotra, Joseph John, Rungmei Marak, Shivshekhar Chatterjee	
05.00 PM - 06.00 PM	Industry talk or symposium		

29th March 2026 | DAY-3

Time		HALL-A	HALL-B
09.00 AM - 09:45 AM	Meet the expert	Unlocking next generation sequencing to decode fungal mysteries: Cornelia Lass Florl, Vinaykumar Hallur	AI in mycology – opportunities and challenges: Nidhi Singla, Harsimran Kaur
09.50 AM - 11.00 AM	Plenary/ Keynote (Hall A)	How management of fungal infections in children differs from adults?: Andreas Groll Progress in optimal management of fungal infections: Martin Hoenigl	
11.00 AM - 11.30 AM	Tea Break		
11.30 AM - 01.10 PM	Symposium	Guidelines without borders- One world approach? a) How difficult & useful it is: Oliver A. Cornely b) 'Beyond guideline how do I manage my cases?': Rajeev Soman c) Will the guideline be useful in India?: Parikshit Prayag d) Striking the balance: Guideline or individualized medicine?: OC Abraham e) TBD	Antifungal Resistance a) AFR in India- lessons learnt from antifungal programme in India: Kamini Walia b) Emerging antifungal resistance in India: Shukla Das c) Combating AFR through one health Approach: Jacques F. Meis d) New antifungal options for fungal infections: Anupma J Kindo e) Update on detection of antifungal resistance: Geethu Joe
01.10 PM - 01.30 PM	Valedictory and awards		
1.30 PM	Lunch		

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