

SIRCON-2026

10th Annual Conference of the Society for Inflammation Research

Celebrating the Silver Jubilee (25 years) of the School of Bio Sciences and Technology

Molecular and Cellular Language of Inflammation with Clinical Relevance

9th & 10th October 2026 | Venue: Dr. Ambedkar Auditorium, Technology Tower, VIT, Vellore - 632014

Day 1 | Friday, 9th October 2026

TIME	SESSION / ACTIVITY	SPEAKER & PROVISIONAL TOPIC
2:30 – 3:15 PM	Inaugural Ceremony <i>Welcome address · Ceremonial inauguration · Presidential remarks · Chief Guest address</i>	
3.15-3.20 PM	Group Photo	
3:20 – 3:40 PM	Tea Break — Networking	
SESSION I BIOMARKERS IN INFLAMMATION & AUTOIMMUNITY <i>Chair: Dr. Deepak Kumar Rathore · Co-Chairs: Dr. Anand A, Dr. Suresh PK</i>		
3:40 – 4:00 PM	Invited Lecture 1	Dr. Amit Awasthi <i>Senior Professor, Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI), Faridabad, Haryana</i> Sex Bias in Autoimmunity: Th17 Cells at the Crossroads
4:00 – 4:20 PM	Invited Lecture 2	Dr. Rupesh K. Srivastava <i>Additional Professor, AIIMS, New Delhi</i> When Bone Loss Meets Immunity: The Autoimmune Face of Post-Menopausal Osteoporosis
4:20 – 4:40 PM	Invited Lecture 3	Dr. Mohan Krishnan <i>UT Southwestern Medical Centre, Dallas, USA</i> The Dangerous Lifeline: Unmasking Monocyte Responses in Preterm Gut-Brain Injury
4:40 – 5:30 PM	Panel Discussion	Dr. Krishnan V., Dr. Geetha Manivasagam, Dr. S. Chandrashekara and Dr. B. G. Dharmanand. Moderator: Dr. Pragasam Viswanathan Connecting basic, translational, and clinical inflammation research
5:30 – 6:30 PM	Poster presentation and Evaluation	Venue: FOODYS
6:30 – 8:00 PM	Cultural Program with Dinner	Venue: GREENOS, VIT

Day 2 | Saturday, 10th October 2026

Scientific Sessions, Young Investigator Presentations, Panel Discussion and Valedictory

TIME	SESSION / ACTIVITY	SPEAKER & PROVISIONAL TOPIC
SESSION II IMMUNE DYSREGULATION & AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE — MORNING		
Chair: Dr. Dipankar Nandi · Co-Chairs: Dr. Anbalagan M, Dr. Loganathan Rangasamy		
9:00 – 9:20 AM	Invited Lecture 4	Dr. Girdhari Lal <i>Scientist-G, BRIC – National Centre for Cell Science (NCCS), Pune</i> Role of pain receptors in controlling inflammation and autoimmunity
	Invited Lecture 5	Dr. B. G. Dharmanand <i>Senior Consultant in Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology, RheumaCARE, Bengaluru</i> Women and Autoimmunity
	Invited Lecture 6	Dr. Sunil K. Raghav <i>Scientist-F, Immunogenomics & Systems Biology Laboratory, ILS, Bhubaneswar</i> Integrative Multi-omics Approach to Identify Prognostic Biomarkers for Precision Therapy in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus
	Invited Lecture 7	Dr. John Mathew <i>Professor and Head, Dept of Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology, Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore</i> IgG4-Related Disease: Pathogenesis and Biomarkers
	Invited Lecture 8	Dr. Deepak Kumar Rathore <i>Senior Research Scientist, Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI), Faridabad, Haryana</i> Molecular and Immunological Remodeling Following Yoga Intervention in Alzheimer's Disease
10:40 – 11:00 AM	Tea Break — Networking	
SESSION III HOST DEFENCE, TISSUE INJURY & REPAIR — MORNING		
Chair: Dr. Amudhan Murugesan · Co-Chairs: Dr. Kavitha Thirumurugan, Dr. Jayaprakash N S		
11:00 – 11:20 AM	Invited Lecture 9	Dr. Prafullakumar B. Tailor <i>Scientist, National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi</i> Understanding the Role of Interferon Regulatory Factors (IRFs) in Dendritic Cell Differentiation and Innate Immunity
	Invited Lecture 10	Prof. Dipankar Nandi <i>Professor, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru</i> Comparative Analysis of Two In Vitro T-cell Activation Models Reveals Distinct Biochemical and Functional Programs
	Invited Lecture 11	Dr. Pragyan Acharya <i>Additional Professor, AIIMS, New Delhi</i> Inflamed, Rewired, Exhausted: The Immune Landscape of Acute-on-Chronic Liver Failure

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12:00 – 12:20 PM	Invited Lecture 12	Dr. Mrinmoy Das <i>Assistant Professor, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai</i> From Skin to Gut: How Cutaneous Immune Programming Drives Food Anaphylaxis
12:20 – 1:20 PM	Young Investigator Session I	Flash Talks by the Selected Oral Presenters
1:20 – 2:00 PM	Lunch Break — Networking · Venue: FOODYS	
SESSION IV EMERGING & TRANSLATIONAL FRONTIERS — AFTERNOON <i>Chair: Dr. Dipankar Nandi · Co-Chairs: Dr. Sudandira Doss C, Dr. Manjubala I</i>		
2:00 – 2:20 PM	Invited Lecture 13	Dr. S. Chandrashekara <i>Medical Director, ChanRe Rheumatology and Immunology Center and Research, Bangalore</i> Cytokines as biomarkers for inflammation: the advantages and disadvantages
2:20 – 2:40 PM	Invited Lecture 14	Prof. M. Balasubramanyam <i>Professor & Advisor, Madras Diabetes Research Foundation (MDRF), Chennai</i> Is anti-inflammation and immunomodulation the key molecular basis of multiple clinical benefits of GLP-1 receptor agonists?
2:40 – 3:00 PM	Invited Lecture 15	Dr. Vandhana Pradhan <i>Scientist E, Deputy Director, ICMR–National Institute for Research on Blood and Immune Disorders (NIRBID), Mumbai</i> Interferon, Cytokine and Immunologic profile in SLE: their relevance in precision medicine
3:00 – 3:20 PM	Invited Lecture 16	Dr. Ranita Ghosh Dastidar <i>Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry, KMC, Manipal</i> Decoding the Inflammatory Signaling of Diabetic Nosocomial Infection: Immunometabolic Dysfunction, Mitochondrial Dysregulation and Immune Exhaustion
3:20 – 4:00 PM	Young Investigator Session II	Flash Talks by the Selected Oral Presenters
4:00 – 4:15 PM	Tea Break — Networking	
4:15 – 5:00 PM	Closing Ceremony <i>Awards · Concluding remarks · Vote of thanks</i>	