IRISH ASSOCIATION OF PHARMACOLOGISTS

(X Anniversary)

ANNUAL MEETING 2026

"Transforming Healthcare Through Science, Technology & Education"

Friday, 6th November 2026 Wellcome–Wolfson Institute, Queen's Belfast, UK

Time	SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME *AT A GLANCE*
9:00 (15')	**Registration** at reception desk Location: Outer foyer
9:15 (15')	**Opening Remarks** **IAP President, Dr Monica de Gaetano (UCD SBBS, Dublin)** Location: Basement Seminar Room
9:30 (1h 05')	***Session 1 (EXPERIMENTAL PHARMACOLOGY):*** *Next-Generation Experimental Pharmacology: Intelligent Drug Delivery, Therapeutics and Precision Medicine* Location: Basement Seminar Room / Chair: Dr Christopher Grigsby, QUB, Belfast **9:30 – 10:00 (Keynote 1): Prof. Silvia Giordani (School of Chem. Sc., DCU, Dublin)** *"Carbon Nano-Onions as Smart Nanocarriers for Targeted and Controlled Drug Delivery"* **10:00 – 10:15 (Selected Speaker 1): Prof. David Brayden, UCD** *"Pharmacokinetic assessment of the delivery of a GLP-1 RA semaglutide peptide analogue from a dissolving sub-lingual bilayer film in pigs"* **10:15 – 10:30 (Selected Speaker 2): Dr Ciarán Kennedy, UCD** *"Lipoxin A4 and synthetic mimetics remodel inflammatory pathways in human atherosclerotic plaques: Towards targeted nano-delivery"* **10:30 – 10:35 am (5' Sponsor Flash Talk)** ● **GPE Scientific (Conor Fennell) -** *"Life Science Expertise. Local Support"*
10:35 (45')	**Coffee Break & Moderated Poster Session 1** (Even numbers) Location: Inner & Outer foyer
11:20 (1h 05')	***Session 2 (CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY):*** *Advancing Therapeutic Care at Intersections of Pharmacology, Technology & Medicine* Location: Basement Seminar Room / Chair: Dr Aisling Croke, SETU, Waterford **11:20 – 11:50 (Keynote 2): Clinical Prof. Richard Turkington (School of Medicine, Dentistry & Biomed. Sc, QUB, Belfast)** *"From Biomarker to Bedside: Precision Medicine in Drug Development"*

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	11:50 – 12:05 (Selected Speaker 3): Dr Raveena Dwarika, UCD *"Guidelines can recommend a drug- but have prescribing habits changed? An analysis of cardiovascular drug prescribing (2008 – 2025) in Ireland, as it relates to the HSE Preferred Drugs Initiative"* **12:05 – 12:20 (Selected Speaker 4): Ms Anisha Pattanayak, TCD** *"Sick Day Rules in the Real World: Medication Use and Management in Acute Admissions"* **12:20 – 12:30 (Sponsor Flash Talk)** ● **Agilent (Nick Howe) -** *"Seahorse and xCELLigence; Two Routes to Study Modes of Action"* ● **GeneWiz (Katie Scholefield) -** *"GENEWIZ – Your Multiomics and Synthesis Partner"*
12:30 (45') **13:15** (45')	**12:30 – 13:15 Lunch, Sponsored by Novogene** Location: Inner & Outer foyer ***John Feely Lecture & Award*** Location: Basement Seminar Room / Chair: Prof. David Williams, RCSI/Beaumont Awardee: **Prof. Alice Stanton (School of Med & Health Sc., RCSI) [Emeritus Prof. of Cardiovascular Therapeutics / Consultant in Healthy Sustainable Diets]** *"Dose Response Curves, Food Systems Transformation and Nutritional Security"*
14:00 (45'h)	***Session 3 (EDUCATIONAL PHARMACOLOGY):*** ***Re-imagining Pharmacology Education Through*** ***Connected Learning & Digital Innovation*** Location: Basement Seminar Room / Chair: Dr Rosemary Smyth, ATU, Sligo **14:00 – 14:30 (Keynote 3): Prof. Sharon Haughey, Dean of Education (School of Pharmacy, QUB)** *"From Mechanism to Medicine: Bridging Pharmacological Theory and Clinical Practice Through Simulation"* **14:30 – 14:45 (Selected Speaker 5): Dr Katie Coubrough, Strathclyde, UK** *"Bridging the Theory-Practice Gap: A Mixed Methods Linguistic Framework for Analysing Undergraduate Practical Pharmacology Competencies"*
14:45 (35')	**Coffee Break & Moderated Poster Session 2** (Odd numbered) Location: Inner & Outer foyer
15:20 (40')	***'Educational Showcase'*** Location: Basement Seminar Room / Chair: Mrs Clare Murray, QUB, Belfast **15:20 – 15:25 (Invited Speaker 1): Prof. Emeritus Cherry Wainwright (BPS President)** *"BPS Educational Initiatives 2026"* **15:25 – 15:30 (Invited Speaker 2): Dr Roisin Kelly-Laubscher (IPEN)** *"Creating a*

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	Community of Practice for Irish Pharmacology Educators" **15:30 – 15:45 (Invited Speaker 3): Dr Jack Carey (Anytime Creativity**) *"Beyond the textbook: Turning pharmacology students into practitioners"* **15:45 – 16:00 (Invited Speaker 4): Azgi Almamedova (JoVE)** *"Bringing Science to Life: How JoVE Transforms Teaching, Learning and Research"*
16:00 (15')	**16:00 – 16:20 Annual General Meeting (AGM)** Location: Basement Seminar Room Chair: Dr Cormac Kennedy, IAP VP (TCD) Co-Chair: Dr Monica de Gaetano, IAP President (UCD)
16:15 (45')	**16:20 – 16:40 IAP X ANNIVERSARY:** ***"Reeling in the years... what's next?"*** Location: Basement Seminar Room Chair: Dr Monica de Gaetano, UCD (Current IAP President) Co-Chair: Prof. David Williams, RCSI/Beaumont (Former IAP President) *"A Decade of the Irish Association of Pharmacologists (IAP) Reflecting on Our Progress and Shaping the Next 10 Years"* **16:40 – 16:45 Prof. Emeritus Cherry Wainwright (BPS President)** *"The BPS and the Pharmacology Annual Meeting"* **16:45 – 16:55 BPS-sponsored Best Oral & Poster Presentation Prizes** **16:55 – 17:00 Closing Remarks** by IAP President
From 18:00	**Networking Evening** *(Light Refreshments will be served)* Location: The Linen Hall Bar, Belfast