



INDIAN COMMITTEE FOR TREATMENT AND  
RESEARCH IN MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS



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# ICTRIMS 2026

Joint Meeting of IAN Sub-Section on CNS Auto-Immune Disorders & ICTRIMS

June 12 - 14, 2026

## Scientific Program

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Venue  
**Hotel Hyatt Regency**



RESEARCH IN MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

## Program At Glance

Time	Hall A	Hall B
	<b>Friday, June 12, 2026</b>	<b>Friday, June 12, 2026</b>
10:30 – 13:00	Basic Science	-
13.45 – 15.45	Neuro-Ophthalmology	Systemic Disorders
16.00 – 18.20	NMOSD and MOGAD	-
	<b>Saturday, June 13, 2026</b>	<b>Saturday, June 13, 2026</b>
08.00 – 08.50	Platform Presentations	Platform Presentations
09.00 – 10.20	Auto-Immune Encephalitis (AIE) I	Auto-Immune Encephalitis (AIE) II
10.45 – 13.45	<b>European Charcot Foundation Symposium</b>	-
14.45 – 16.05	Multiple Sclerosis Therapy - I	Multiple Sclerosis Therapy - II
16.25 – 18.15	Imaging in CNS Inflammatory Disorders	Miscellaneous - I
	<b>Sunday, June 14, 2026</b>	<b>Sunday, June 14, 2026</b>
08.00 – 08.50	Platform Presentations	Platform Presentations
09.00 – 10.40	Miscellaneous - II	Miscellaneous - III
11.00 – 12.40	Multiple Sclerosis Therapy - III	Multiple Sclerosis Therapy - IV
12.40 – 13.15	<b>CPC Analysis</b>	-

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## Hall A - Friday, June 12, 2026

10.30-13.00

### SESSION I - Basic Science

Chairpersons: Brig. S P Gorthi, Dr. Amit Haldar

10.30-10.45

QUIZ - Sensitising to some of the Acronyms

Dr. Prajwal Rao

10.45-11.05

Cell Trafficking and Immune Cells in CNS Inflammatory Disorders

Dr. Benedetta Bodini

11.05-11.25

Knowing IgG subtypes for CNS Inflammatory Disorders

Dr. Sruthi Nair

11.25-12.00

### Inauguration Ceremony

12.00-12.20

Fluid Bio-Markers in Multiple Sclerosis

Dr. Hans-Peter Hartung

12.20-12.35

Audience Interaction

12.35-13.00

Case Presentations

13.00-13.45

### Lunch Break

13.00-13.45

### Lunch Symposium - Redefining Disease Progression in Multiple Sclerosis Beyond Relapses

Moderators - Dr. Samsheer Dwivedi and Dr. Rahul Kulkarni

13.00-13.15

Pivotal Trials - Dr. Anshu Rohatgi

13.15-13.30

Redefining Disease Progression in MS Beyond Relapses - Dr. M V Padma Srivastava

13.30-13.45

Panel Discussion - Dr. Anshu Rohatgi, Dr. M V Padma Srivastava, Dr. Nasli Ichaporia, Dr. Shripad Pujari

13.45-15.45

### SESSION II - NEURO-OPTHALMOLOGY

Chairpersons: Dr. Nilesh Bhandari, Dr. Rupendra Singh Bhatia

13.45-14.05

Differential Diagnosis of Optic Neuritis

Dr. Vivek Lal

14.05-14.25

EOMs in CNS Inflammatory Disorders

Dr. U Meenakshisundaram

14.25-14.45

Painful Ophthalmoplegia

Dr. Sumit Singh

14.45-15.05

Optical Coherence Tomography in CNS Inflammatory Disorders

Dr. Aastha Takkar

15.05-15.25

Audience Interaction

15.25-15.45

Case Presentations

15.45-16.00

### Tea / Coffee Break

16.00-18.20

### Session III - NMOSD and MOGAD

Chairpersons: Dr. Santosh Sontakke, Dr. Ramesh Patankar

16.00-16.20

Pathogenesis of NMOSD and MOGAD

Dr. Suresh Kumar

16.20-16.40

Clinical Features, Radiology and Diagnostic Criteria of NMOSD

Dr. Paulus Rommer

16.40-17.00

Management of NMOSD

Dr. Netravathi M

17.00-17.20

Clinical Features and Diagnosis of MOGAD

Dr. Manish Mahajan

17.20-17.40

Paediatric MOGAD

Brig. Vishal Sondhi

17.40-18.00

**Debate:** Immunotherapy After 1<sup>st</sup> Attack of MOGAD

**For - Dr. Varsha Patil**

**Against - Dr. Soumya Sundaram**

18.00-18.20

Audience Interaction

19.00 onwards Welcome Dinner



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## Hall B - Friday, June 12, 2026

**11.45-12.45** Open Session with Multiple Sclerosis Society of India

**13.00-13.45** Lunch Break

**13.45-15.45** **SESSION II - SYSTEMIC DISORDERS**  
Chairpersons: **Dr. Bhushan Joshi, Dr. Prafulla Shembalkar**

13.45-14.05 Infections and CNS Inflammatory Disorders

14.05-14.25 Auto-Immune Epilepsy

14.25-14.45 Pachymeningitis and Leptomeningitis

14.45-15.05 Rasmussen's Encephalitis

15.05-15.25 Audience Interaction

15.25-15.45 Case Presentations

**Dr. Rahul Kulkarni**

**Dr. Sita Jayalakshmi**

**Dr. R Lakshmi Narasimhan**

**Dr. Sangita Ravat**

**19.00 onwards** Welcome Dinner



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## Hall A - Saturday, June 13, 2026

### 08.00-08.50 Free Papers Platform Presentations I

Judges: **Dr. Paulus Rommer, Dr. Sruthi Nair**

08.00-08.10 Efficacy and Safety of Infliximab in Focal Cerebral Arteriopathy: A Retrospective Cohort Study with One-Year Outcomes

**Dr. Akash J**

08.10-08.20 Relaxed Interval Dosing of Rituximab in Multiple Sclerosis: Real-World Evidence for a Cost-Effective Management Strategy

**Dr. Narendra P**

08.20-08.30 Disentangling Age-Related and Disease-Specific Upper Cervical Cord Atrophy in Multiple Sclerosis

**Dr. Kshiteeja Jain**

08.30-08.40 Diagnostic Utility of Cerebrospinal Fluid Kappa Free Light Chain (KFLC) Index in Patients with Multiple Sclerosis in India: A Cross Sectional Study

**Dr. Prachi Mohapatra**

08.40-08.50 Hit Early, Hit Hard: A Randomized Controlled Trial of Add-on Plasma Exchange in Acute Attacks of NMOSD

**Dr. Pallabi Dash**

### 09.00-10.20 SESSION IV - Auto-Immune Encephalitis ( AIE ) I

Chairpersons: **Dr. Prajwal Rao, Dr. Indrani Dasgupta**

09.00-09.20 Auto Immune Encephalitis - A Panoramic Overview

**Dr. Nasli Ichaporia**

09.20-09.40 Auto-Immune Dementia

**Dr. Suvarna Alladi**

09.40-10.00 Overdiagnosis and Misdiagnosis of AIE

**Dr. Sarosh Irani**

10.00-10.20 Audience Interaction

### 10.20-10.45 Tea / Coffee Break

### 10.45-13.45 Session V - European Charcot Foundation Symposium

Chairpersons: **Dr. Rahul Kulkarni, Dr. J D Mukherjee**

10.45-11.15 2025 Revision of Multiple Sclerosis Diagnostic Criteria

**Dr. Xavier Montalban**

11.15-11.45 Role of MRI in Multiple Sclerosis

**Dr. Cristina Granziere**

11.45-12.15 PET CT in CNS Inflammatory Disorders

**Dr. Benedetta Bodini**

12.15-12.45 Future Immunotherapies for Multiple Sclerosis

**Dr. Hans-Peter Hartung**

12.45-13.15 Investigational Therapies for NMOSD and MOGAD

**Dr. Paulus Rommer**

13.15-13.45 Audience Interaction

### 13.45-14.45 Lunch Break

### 14.45-16.05 SESSION VI - Multiple Sclerosis Therapy - I

Chairpersons: **Dr. Sunil Bandishti, Dr. Anup Kumar Thacker**

14.45-15.05 Concept of PPMS and its Management

**Dr. Andrew Chan**

15.05-15.25 BTK Inhibitors

**Dr. Xavier Montalban**

15.25-15.45 Navigating the MS Treatment Paradigm

**Dr. Nasli Ichaporia**

15.45-16.05 Audience Interaction

### 16.05-16.25 Tea / Coffee Break



## Hall A - Saturday, June 13, 2026

### 16.25-18.15 **Session VII - Imaging in CNS Inflammatory Disorders**

**Chairpersons: Dr. Mangesh Udar, Dr. Tarun Nagpal**

16.25-16.45 AI and Advanced MRI Imaging in CNS Inflammatory Disorders

**Dr. Cristina Granziera**

16.45-17.05 **Debate: Is GAD Essential for Followup MRI in Multiple Sclerosis?**

**For - Dr. Rahul Baviskar      Against - Dr. Pritam Raja**

17.05-17.25 Imaging in Auto-Immune Encephalitis

**Dr. Cristina Granziera**

17.25-17.45 Audience Interaction

17.45-18.15 **Quiz**

19.00 onwards **Banquet Dinner**



## Hall B - Saturday, June 13, 2026

### 08.00-08.50 Free Papers Platform Presentations II

**Judges: Dr. Cristina Granziera, Dr. Sita Jayalakshmi**

- 08.00-08.10 Radiological Abnormalities of Thymus in Patients with CNS Demyelinating Disorders: Case Control Study **Dr. Muhammed Wasiq**
- 08.10-08.20 Cognitive Profile and Evoked Potentials in Primary CNS Demyelinating Disorders: A Prospective Study from Eastern India **Dr. Debasis Maity**
- 08.20-08.30 Spectrum and Clinical Profile of Movement Disorders in Autoimmune Encephalitis: An Observational Study in a Tertiary Care Center of India **Dr. Chaithra R**
- 08.30-08.40 Neurological Spectrum of IgG4 - Related Disease: A Case Series from a Tertiary Care Centre **Dr. Shamisha Khade**
- 08.40-08.50 Impact Of Long-term Yoga Intervention on Neuroimaging and Mental Health Outcomes In Relapsing Remitting Multiple Sclerosis **Dr. Sreedhar P**

### 09.00-10.20 SESSION III - Auto-Immune Encephalitis ( AIE ) II

**Chairpersons: Dr. Sujit Jagtap, Dr. Fiju Chacko**

- 09.00-09.20 AIE Associated with Cell Surface Antigens **Dr. Paulus Rommer**
- 09.20-09.40 What's New in CNS Vasculitides **Dr. P N Sylaja**
- 09.40-10.00 Understanding Pathobiology of SPMS and its Translation Into Management **Dr. Benedetta Bodini**
- 10.00-10.20 Audience Interaction

### 10.20-10.45 Tea / Coffee Break

### 14.45-16.05 SESSION IV - Multiple Sclerosis Therapy - II

**Chairpersons: Dr. Amitkumar Pande, Dr. Rakesh Kumar Singh**

- 14.45-15.05 Remyelination and Neuroprotection in Multiple Sclerosis **Dr. Hans-Peter Hartung**
- 15.05-15.25 Choosing DMTs at the Onset of Multiple Sclerosis **Dr. Dheeraj Khurana**
- 15.25-15.45 Self-Administered HETs **Dr. Anshu Rohatgi**
- 15.45-16.05 Audience Interaction

### 16.05-16.25 Tea / Coffee Break

### 16.25-18.15 Session V - Miscellaneous - I

**Chairpersons: Dr. Satish Nirhale, Dr. Bobby Varkey**

- 16.25-16.45 Approach to Management of AIE **Dr. Mariana Spatola**
- 16.45-17.05 Treatment of MOGAD **Dr. Rohit Bhatia**
- 17.05-17.25 Neurofascin Antibodies in CNS Inflammatory Disorders **Dr. Thomas Mathew**
- 17.25-17.45 Audience Interaction

### 17.45-18.15 Quiz in Hall A

### 19.00 onwards Banquet Dinner



## Hall A - Sunday, June 14, 2026

### 08.00-08.50 Free Papers Platform Presentations III

Judges: **Dr. Xavier Montalban, Brig. S P Gorthi**

- 08.00-08.10 Clinical and Radiological Profile of Longitudinally Extensive Transverse Myelitis (LETM) in a Tertiary Care Cohort
- 08.10-08.20 Co-Existent Autoimmune Diseases and Disease Modifying Therapy in a Large Cohort of MS Patients: A Multicentric Study
- 08.20-08.30 Pregnancy and Multiple Sclerosis: A Prospective Study from a Tertiary Care Hospital
- 08.30-08.40 Role of T Cell Subsets in NMOSD and MOGAD Spectrum Disorders
- 08.40-08.50 Adjunct Yoga Therapy Improves Autonomic Function in Relapsing Remitting Multiple Sclerosis: A 24-Week Interventional Study

**Dr. Sunetra Phulsunge**

**Dr. Aliakbar Netterwala**

**Dr. Javagal Amith Thejas**

**Dr. Lakshmi P**

**Dr. Kankan Gulati**

### 09.00-10.40 SESSION VIII - Miscellaneous - II

Chairpersons: **Dr. Radhika Lotlikar, Dr. Sitla Prasad Pathak**

09.00-09.20 Precipitants of AIE Syndromes

09.20-09.40 GFAP Astrocytopathy

09.40-10.00 **Panel Discussion on AIE**

**Moderators** - Dr. Thomas Mathew and Dr. Deepak Arjundas

**Panelists** - Dr. Rohit Bhatia, Dr. Vikram Kamath, Dr. Prachet Kulkarni

10.00-10.20 **Debate:** Can RAW & PIRA be Separated?

**For** - **Dr. Samsheer Dwivedee**      **Against** - **Dr. Sucharita Ray**

10.20-10.40 Audience Interaction

**Dr. Sarosh Irani**

**Dr. Sudheeran Kannoth**

### 10.40-11.00 Tea / Coffee Break

### 11.00-13.45 Session IX - Multiple Sclerosis Therapy - III

Chairpersons: **Dr. Nilesh Palasdeokar, Dr. Charulata Sankhla**

11.00-11.20 Managing and Preventing HET Associated Risks in CNS Inflammatory Disorders

11.20-11.40 Concept of CIS and it's Management

11.40-12.00 Technological Advances in Rehab in CNS Inflammatory Disorders

12.00-12.20 Audience Interaction

12.20-12.40 Case Presentations

12.40-13.15 CPC Case Analysis - **Dr. M V Padma Srivastava**

CPC Discussion - **Dr. Netravathi M and Dr. Anita Mahadevan**

**Dr. Xavier Montalban**

**Brig. S P Gorthi**

**Dr. Nirmal Surya**

### 13.15-13.45 Quiz

### 13.45-13.50 Valedictory Function

### 13.50 onwards Farewell Lunch



## Hall B - Sunday, June 14, 2026

### 08.00-08.50 Free Papers Platform Presentations IV

Judges: **Dr. Hans-Peter Hartung, Dr. Varsha Patil**

08.00-08.10 Third-Line Therapy in Refractory MOGAD: Evaluating IVIG and Tocilizumab

**Dr. Cheshta Arora**

08.10-08.20 The Effect Of Immunotherapy (IT) on Relapse Rates In Myelin Oligodendrocyte Glycoprotein Antibody Associated Disease (MOGAD)

**Dr. Shreejita Sengupta**

08.20-08.30 Improving Emotional Wellbeing and Resilience in People with Multiple Sclerosis: A Randomised Controlled Trial of a Multimodal Psychological Intervention

**Dr. Sindhura L**

08.30-08.40 Validation of the Clinical Assessment Scale for Autoimmune Encephalitis (CASE) in a Diverse Clinical Cohort

**Dr. Neha Mohite**

08.40-08.50 Autonomic and Cognitive Profiling Based on Constitutional Phenotypes in Multiple sclerosis: A Cross Sectional Analysis

**Dr. Shantanu Singh**

### 09.00-10.40 SESSION VI - Miscellaneous - III

Chairpersons: **Dr. Dhairyashil Saste, Dr. Prosenjit Chakraborty**

09.00-09.20 Outcome Measures in Multiple Sclerosis

**Dr. Kamakshi Dhamija**

09.20-09.40 Multiple Sclerosis Mimics

**Dr. Tapas Banerjee**

09.40-10.00 Neuromodulation for Repair and Restoration of Function

**Dr. Pawan Ojha**

10.00-10.20 **Debate:** Should High EDSS be a Determinant for Future DMT?

**For - Dr. Deepak Arjundas      Against - Dr. Nilesh Palasdeokar**

10.20-10.40 Audience Interaction

### 10.40-11.00 Tea / Coffee Break

### 11.00-12.40 Session VII - Multiple Sclerosis Therapy - IV

Chairpersons: **Surg. VAdm. Shalesh Rohatgi, Dr. Kaustubh Aurangabadkar**

11.00-11.20 Immune Mediated Ataxias

**Dr. Achal Srivastava**

11.20-11.40 Prodromal MS and RIS - Imaging Nuances, Monitoring And Treatment

**Dr. Shripad Pujari**

11.40-12.00 Treatment of Ancillary Symptoms

**Dr. Ayush Agarwal**

12.00-12.20 Audience Interaction

12.20-12.40 Case Presentations

### 12.40-13.15 CPC Case Analysis in Hall A

### 13.15-13.45 Quiz in Hall A

### 13.45-13.50 Valedictory Function in Hall A

### 13.50 onwards Farewell Lunch







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