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# RHEUMATOLOGY MASTERCLASSES

**Myositis**

**14th - 15th  
March  
2026**

**Psoriatic  
Arthritis**

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 **Mayfair Lake Resort, Raipur, Chhattisgarh**



Dear friends,

We cordially invite you to the "World Rheumatology Forum Summit 2026 - Rheumatology Masterclasses." This engaging program brings together clinicians, researchers, trainees, and allied health professionals for a valuable exchange of knowledge and ideas.

We are delighted to invite you to an in-depth exploration of two significant areas in rheumatology: **"Myositis" and "Psoriatic Arthritis."**

This Masterclass format offers an excellent opportunity to engage directly with leading experts, examining the latest advancements in diagnosis and management to enhance practical clinical skills. Through interactive sessions and case-based discussions, we aim to translate knowledge into improved patient care.

The meeting features experts from radiology, dermatology, and histopathology, whose insights will highlight the importance of collaborating with them for accurate diagnosis and personalised management strategies. The line-up also includes a light-hearted and engaging Fun Rheumatology Quiz.

We request trainees and consultants to submit cases and research abstracts for oral and e-poster presentations.

We trust these sessions will inspire new insights, foster collaboration, and help you provide the highest standard of care for patients with myositis and psoriatic arthritis.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Raipur.

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# SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Day 1 – Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026 | Session I

**09:00 am - 10:00 am**    **Abstract Presentation by MD Trainees**  
Chairs : Mukhyaprana Prabhu (Manipal), Sunil Kumar Singh (Mumbai), Meghna Gavali (Hyderabad)  
Judges : Aashish Kumar Badika (Indore), Ghanshyam Pangtey (New Delhi), Pratyusha Rajavarapu (Guntur)

**10.00 am - 10.45 am**    **State of the Art Lecture-1**  
Chairs : Sukumar Mukherjee (Kolkata), KM Mahendranath (Bengaluru), URK Rao (Hyderabad), Jyotsna Oak (Mumbai)

**10:00-10:30 am**    **Therapeutic roadmap for Idiopathic Inflammatory Myositis**    **Hector Chinoy (UK)**  
· Genetics, autoantibodies and clinical implications  
· Choosing between targeted DMARDs  
· Refractory muscle disease

**10:30-10:45 am**    Q & A

**10.45 am - 11.30 am**    **Challenging Cases 1**  
Chairs : Krishnamurthy V (Chennai), Smruti Ramteke (Nagpur), Rajendra Varaprasad (Hyderabad)  
Judges : Jyoti Ranjan Parida (Bhubaneswar), Narendra Kumar Bagri (New Delhi), Spoorthy Kothapalli (Hyderabad)

**10:45-11:10 am**    **An Unyielding Enemy**    **Kavya Devi (Vijayawada)**  
**Wolf in Brown Clothing**    **Sanket Shah (Ahmedabad)**  
**Serendipity and a therapeutic answer**    **Pallavi Pimpale (Mumbai)**

**11:10-11:30 am**    Discussion and Q &A    **Hector Chinoy**  
Discussants    **Anita Mahadevan**

**11:30-12:00 pm**    **Inauguration**  
**Tea-break**

**12.00 pm - 12.30 pm**    **Cross Talk 1**  
Chairs : Able Lawrence (Lucknow), Lalit Duggal (New Delhi), Manish Bavaliya (Rajkot)

**12:00-12:20 pm**    **Interpreting histopathology in inflammatory myositis**    **Anita Mahadevan (India)**  
· Histopathologic spectrum  
· Differentiating features  
· Tips for sampling and transport

**12:20-12:30pm**    Q & A

**12.30 pm - 1.15 pm**    **Challenging Cases 2**  
Chairs : Madhumita Priyadarshini Das (Guwahati), Paramjeet Singh (Haldwani), Mithun CB (Cochin)  
Judges : Divya Agarwal (New Delhi), Lubna Khurshid (Srinagar), Nachiket Kulkarni (Pune)

**12:30-12.55 pm**    **Rare and scary**    **Sandeep Yadav (Mumbai)**  
**Trigger, Mimic or Coincidence**    **Shubha Bhalla (New Delhi)**  
**The face tells a different story**    **Shivraj Padiyar U (Mangalore)**

**12.55-01:15pm**    Discussion and Q &A    **Hector Chinoy**  
Discussants    **Anita Mahadevan**

**01:15-02:30pm**    **Lunch and Poster Viewing**

# SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Day 1 – Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026 | Session II

2.30 pm - 3.15 pm

## State of the Art Lecture-2

Chairs : AN Malaviya (New Delhi), Porkodi R (Chennai), Alakendu Gosh (Kolkata)

02:30-03:00 pm

### Selecting drugs to optimise outcomes in Psoriatic arthritis

William Tillett (UK)

- Treatment strategy
- Differential efficacy of targeted DMARDs
- Response to advanced lines of therapy

03:00-03:15 pm

Q & A

3.15 pm - 4.00 pm

## Challenging Cases 3

Chairs : Arul Raja Murugan (Chennai), Kavita Krishna (Pune), Varun Dhir (Chandigarh)

Judges : Ajit Nalawade (Pune), Aarti Sharma (Noida), Dantis Emmanuel (Alappuzha)

03:15-03:40 pm

### A Real-World Challenge

#### The road to the Axis

#### Ammunition running out, and a war to wage

Saranya C (Chennai)

Sree Devi S (Trivandrum)

Raghavendra H (Bangalore)

03:40-04:00 pm

Discussion and Q &A

Discussants

William Tillett

Rajiv Sekhri

04:00-04:30 pm

## Tea and Poster Judging

4.30 pm - 5.00 pm

## Cross Talk 2

Chairs : Uma Kumar (New Delhi), Indrajit Agrawal (Gurugram), Shashank Akerkar (Mumbai)

04:30-04:50 pm

### Psoriasis – what a rheumatologist should know?

Rajiv Sekhri (India)

- Clues to early diagnosis of Psoriasis
- Identifying and managing triggers
- Prioritizing dermatology referral – when?

04:50-05:00 pm

Q & A

5.00 pm - 5.45 pm

## Challenging Cases 4

Chairs : Ravichandran R (Chennai), Gurmeet Singh (Jammu), Shivaprasad BN (Mysuru)

Judges : Amit Kansal (Ludhiana), Abraham Mohan (Kottayam), Natasha Negalur More (Mumbai)

05:00-05:25pm

### Overcoming a Herculean Task

#### Takes two to tango

#### Surviving the therapy, not the disease

Kasturi Hazarika (Guwahati)

Nikhil Gupta (New Delhi)

Vishnu Priya S (Salem)

05:25-05:45pm

Discussion and Q &A

Discussants

William Tillett

Rajiv Sekhri

5.45 pm - 6.30 pm

## FUN QUIZ

Chairs : Ajaz Kariem Khan (Srinagar), Kiran Seth (Noida), Vijaya Prasanna (Hyderabad)

Quiz Master : Sri Anusha Matam (Bengaluru), Devender Bairwa (Faridabad), Sushant Shinde (Mumbai), Niladri Bhowmick (Hyderabad)

# SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Day 2 – Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026

8.00 am - 9.00 am

## Meet the Masters

### Hall A: Mimics, Malignancy and Imaging in Myositis

- Inflammatory vs non-inflammatory myopathies
- Risk stratification and screening for malignancy
- MRI in muscle disease

**Faculty:** Hector Chinoy, Khushboo Pilonia

**Chairs :** Shefali K Sharma (Chandigarh), Raheesh Ravindran (Mumbai), Hema M (Chennai)

**Coordinator :** Meha Sharma (New Delhi), Phanikumar Devarasetti (Hyderabad)

### Hall B: Clinical conundrums in Psoriatic arthritis and Psoriasis

- Suspecting and diagnosing axial psoriatic arthritis
- Smart use of imaging in psoriatic arthritis
- What is and what is not psoriasis?

**Faculty:** William Tillett, Rajiv Sekhri

**Chairs :** John Mathew (Vellore), PD Rath (New Delhi), Hemant Gopal (Bathinda)

**Coordinator :** Priyanka Kharbanda (New Delhi), Vikramraj Jain (Bengaluru)

9.30 am - 10.30 am

## Abstract Presentation by Rheumatology Trainees

**Chairs :** K Shanmuganandam (Chennai), Uma Karjigi (Bengaluru), Balaji C (Chennai)

**Judges :** Raja N (Vellore), Chethana Dharmapalaiah (Bengaluru), Naval Mendiratta (Gurugram)

10.30 am - 11.00 am

## Master Class - 1

**Chairs :** BG Dharmanand (Bengaluru), Ved Chaturvedi (New Delhi), Amita Agarwal (Hyderabad)

10:30-10:50 am

### Myositis-associated Interstitial lung disease

Hector Chinoy

- Clinical phenotypes and classification challenges
- Autoantibody-guided prognostication
- Therapeutic strategies

10:50-11:00 am

Q & A

11:00-11:30 am

Tea

11.30 am - 12.00 pm

## Master Class - 2

**Chairs :** Vikas Agarwal (Lucknow), Anupam Wakhlu (Lucknow), Sameer Gulati (New Delhi)

11:30-11:50am

### Comorbidities in Psoriatic Arthritis

William Tillett

- Spectrum of comorbidities
- Screening strategies
- Therapeutic balancing

11:50-12:00pm

Q & A

# SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Day 2 – Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026

12.00 pm - 12.30 pm

## Cross Talk 3

Chairs : Sundeep Upadhyaya (Noida), Kaushik Bhojani (Mumbai), Arun Hegde (Belgavi)

12.00-12.20 pm

## HRCT in Myositis-associated Interstitial Lung Disease

**Khushboo Pilania (India)**

- Decoding the reporting terminologies
- Imaging patterns
- Disease monitoring

12.20-12.30 pm

Q & A

12.30 pm - 1.00 pm

## Challenging Cases 5

Chairs : Bhakuni DS (Newdelhi), Ashit Syngle (Chandigarh), Shailee Chandak (Nagpur)

Judges : Ajit Kumar Surin (Bhubaneshwar), Nagaraj S (Bengaluru), Shaloo Bhasin (New Delhi)

12.30-12.50 pm

## Double trouble Deceptive Beginnings

**Harikrishnan G (Kottayam)  
Rahul Bisaralli (Dharwad)**

12.50-1.00 pm

Discussion and Q &A  
Discussants

**Hector Chinoy  
Khushboo Pilania**

01:00-01:15 pm

## Valedictory and Awards

01:15pm

## Lunch

## Poster Judges

Abhishek Patil, Abhra Chowdhury, Akhil Goel, Ankit Patwari, Anupama Swamy, ARK Naidu, Arun Tiwari, Ashwin M Nair, Daisy Doley, Deonis Xess, Divya Lala, Gautam Panjabi, Hemant Sharma, Jagbir Singh, Jithin Mathew, Joydeep Samanta, Juhi Dixit, Kishore Babu, Kunal Chandwar, Nagaprabhu VN, Paresh Jena, Piyush Jain, Princi Jain, Pulin Gupta, Radhakrishna B, Ravi Kumar, Raviraj Acharya, Rebecca Marak, Ritasman Baisya, Sabarinath M, Sachin Dhote, Sandeep Kharkar, Sanjay Dubey, Shailaja Sabnis, Saumya Ranjan Tripathi, Sundaram TG, Thilagavathi N, Varsha Bhatt, Venkatesh S Pai, Vidya S.

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## AWARDS

**Prof. A N Chandrasekaran prize for**

*“Best case presentation by young consultant”*

**Prof. V R Joshi prize for**

*“Best abstract - Oral presentation by Rheumatology trainee”*

**Prof. Sukumar Mukherjee prize for**

*“Best abstract - Oral presentation by Medicine trainee”*

**Prof. A N Malaviya prize for**

*“Best abstract - Poster presentation” (Rheumatology and Medicine trainee each)*

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