

# The 5th Congress of APITA 2026

Date — • Friday, October 23, 2026

Venue — • B1 Grand Auditorium, Asan Institute for Life Sciences, Seoul Asan Medical Center

## INVITATION

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Welcome to the APITA Congress.

Since our first meeting in 2019, APITA has progressed through the steady efforts and commitment of many colleagues across the region. It is especially meaningful that we are now meeting for the fifth time, reflecting how the field—and our community—have grown together over the past few years.

Pancreas and islet transplantation remain important treatment options for selected patients with diabetes, particularly those requiring insulin therapy. While these therapies have been more widely established in Western countries, their role in Asia continues to grow, supported by increasing clinical experience and academic interest.

APITA was founded with the goal of sharing this experience across countries and centers in Asia and building a collaborative network in this field. Through ongoing exchange and cooperation, we aim to strengthen regional expertise and contribute to the broader advancement of pancreas and islet transplantation.

At the same time, we recognize that challenges remain. Limited awareness and the relatively low utilization of deceased donor organ donation in some regions continue to hinder the growth of pancreas transplantation. These are issues we must address together, step by step.

This meeting brings together colleagues from across Asia and beyond who are working in pancreas and islet transplantation. We hope it will provide a practical and meaningful opportunity to share experiences, discuss current issues, and learn from one another.

Session I covers advances in islet biology and updates in the medical management of type 1 diabetes. Building on this scientific foundation, Session II presents regional updates and registry data on pancreas transplantation, with discussions on current clinical challenges. Session III then highlights cutting-edge approaches in iPSC-derived islet and xenotransplantation toward clinical translation, and Session IV concludes with the clinical practice of islet transplantation, including isolation, autotransplantation, and registry outcomes.

I would like to thank all APITA members whose dedication has sustained this society, as well as everyone who contributed to organizing this meeting. I also extend my sincere respect to all healthcare professionals who continue their work in transplantation.

Thank you for joining us.

I hope you have a productive and enjoyable meeting in Seoul.

Warm regards,  
Young Hoon Kim  
President, the 5th Congress of APITA 2026

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## INFORMATION

Registration Deadline  
~September 25, 2026

### Domestic Registration Fee

Category	Early Bird	On-site
Specialists	KRW 100,000	KRW 130,000
Residents, Fellows, Military Doctors, Public Health Doctors, Nurses, Researchers, Students, Others	KRW 30,000	KRW 60,000
Members aged 65 and above	Free	Free

### International Registration Fee

Category	Early Bird	On-site
Invited Faculty	Free	Free
Professor, Physician	USD 120	USD 150
Trainee, Resident, Nurse, Technician, Others	USD 60	USD 75
Pharmaceutical & Medical device Company	USD 200	USD 250

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## PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

08:30–08:40	Registration
08:40–08:50	Opening Remark
08:50–09:00	Founding Chair Remark
<b>Session I-A. Islet &amp; Translational Biology</b>	
09:00–09:20	Islet/Beta Cell Research
09:20–09:40	A $\beta$ -Cell-Derived Metabolite Acts as A Signaling Molecule Specifically Targeting Adipocytes to Maintain Metabolic Homeostasis
09:40–10:10	Cadaveric and Stem-Cell-Derived Islet Transplantation in Shanghai
10:10–10:30	History of Islet Transplantation in Japan
10:30–10:50	Future of Islet Transplantation
10:50–11:00	Discussion
<b>Session I-B. Update in Medical Management of Type 1 Diabetes</b>	
09:00–09:20	Artificial Pancreas
09:20–09:40	Continuous Glucose Monitoring
09:40–10:00	Adjunctive Therapy in Type 1 Diabetes
10:00–10:20	Imaging in Pancreas Transplantation
10:20–10:30	Discussion
11:00–11:20	Coffee Break
<b>Session II-A. Solid Organ Transplantation &amp; Latest Updates</b>	
11:20–11:40	Worldwide Activity in Pancreas Transplantation
11:40–12:00	History and Current Status of Organ Transplantation in Japan
12:00–12:20	Pancreas Transplantation in Korea
12:20–12:40	Pancreas Transplantation in Taiwan
12:40–13:00	Outcome of Pancreas Transplantation in Japan: Registry Report
13:00–13:20	Attempts to Expand the Indication Criteria for Pancreas Transplantation in Japan
<b>Session II-B. Solid Organ Transplantation &amp; Challenges</b>	
11:20–11:40	Clinical Experience with Preformed and De Novo Donor-Specific Antibodies in Pancreas
11:40–12:00	Pancreas Re-Transplant at Taipei Veterans General Hospital
12:00–12:20	Current Challenges and Surgical Strategies in Pancreas Transplantation
12:20–12:40	Long-Term Follow-Up after Simultaneous Pancreas and Kidney Composite Graft Transplantation
12:40–13:00	Transplant Potential of Non-Utilized Pancreas Grafts in Japan
13:20–14:20	Lunch
<b>Session III. Advanced Techniques in Islet Transplantation (iPS + Xeno)</b>	
14:20–14:50	Olfactory Receptors and Glucose Metabolism
14:50–15:10	Clinical Translation of Islet Xenotransplantation: Overcoming Immunologic Barriers
15:10–15:30	The Necessity of Xeno-Islet Transplantation: Do We Really Need It?
15:30–15:40	Discussion
15:40–16:00	Coffee Break
<b>Session IV. Clinical Islet Transplantation</b>	
16:00–16:20	Clinical Islet Transplantation
16:20–16:40	Islet Isolation and Clinical Practice
16:40–17:00	Islet Autotransplantation
17:00–17:20	Coordination in Islet Transplantation
17:20–17:40	Islet Registry Outcome in Japan
17:40–17:50	Discussion
17:50–18:00	Closing Remark