

**FINAL PROGRAMME SCHEDULE****INTERNATIONAL NEUROIMMUNOLOGY WORKSHOP 2026**

Day 1 07 March 2026		
TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
7.15AM - 7.45AM	REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST	
SESSION 1		
Visual Dysfunction: A Core Component in the Evaluation of Demyelinating Disorders		
7.45AM - 8.00AM	Brief introduction -Scope & focus of the workshop	Dr. Lekha Pandit
8.00AM - 8.20AM	Understanding the etiology of visual dysfunction through clinical assessment, VEP, and OCT	Dr. Ambika Selvakumar
8.20AM - 8.40AM	The 2024 McDonald criteria - vision as the 5th dimension and diagnostic implications	Dr. Shruthi Nair
8.40AM - 9.00AM	Optic Nerve evaluation in the background of new NMOSD & MOGAD criteria	Dr. Sharik Mustafa
9.00AM - 9.10AM	Q&A	
9.10AM - 9.50AM	INAUGURATION	
9.50AM - 10.05AM	COFFEE BREAK	
SESSION 2		
Visual tools in diagnosis - Optical coherence Tomography and visual evoked potentials		
10.05AM - 10.25AM	Anatomical considerations in visual diagnostics	Dr. Fiona Costello
10.25AM - 10.50AM	OCT for the Neurologists -Live streaming with explanation of basic principles	Dr. Rachel Kenney
10.50AM - 11.10AM	OCT Interpretation pitfalls - what can go wrong ?	Dr. Rachel Kenney
11.10AM - 11.30AM	VEP testing in the clinic - Indications and limitations	Dr. Lekha Pandit
11.30AM - 11.50AM	Differentiating MS from other disorders: OCT & VEP as Diagnostic Tools	Dr. Fiona Costello
11.50AM - 12.10PM	Interactive cases with voting	
12.10PM - 12.30PM	Q&A	
12.30PM - 1.00PM	LUNCH	
SECTION 3		
Differential diagnosis of nondemyelinating disorders -Utility of visual diagnostics & imaging		
1.00PM - 1.20PM	Case series 1	Dr. Soumya Sundaram
1.20PM - 1.40PM	Case series 2	Dr. Rajesh Kumar Singh
1.40PM - 1.55PM	Q&A	
SESSION 4		
International viewpoints - Diagnosis, Treatment & Monitoring		
1.55PM - 2.15PM	Delivering comprehensive care amid resource constraints- Insights from Nepal	Dr. Ayush Chandra
2.15PM - 2.35PM	Care practices in a dedicated multiple sclerosis center in the UAE	DR. Halprashanth
2.35PM - 2.55PM	Demyelinating disease spectrum and management approaches in SriLanka	Dr. Bimsara Senanayake
2.55PM - 3.15PM	Q&A	
3.15PM - 3.30PM	TEA	

## SESSION 5

### Disease Registries Driving Health Care Improvement: “The Mangalore Registry”

3.30PM - 3.45PM	Genesis & Brief Overview	Dr. Lekha Pandit
4.00PM - 4.15PM	Learning through experience-Evolution of risk mitigation strategies at MANDDIR	Dr. Niraja Agasti
4.15PM - 4.30PM	Relaxed Interval generic Rituximab therapy- High efficacy at low cost.	Dr. Narendra
3.45PM - 4.00PM	Pregnancy registry at MANDDIR - what have we learned?	Dr. Monalisa
4.30PM - 4.45PM	JCV virus prevalence in MANDDIR patients-Implications .	Dr. Abhijna Ballal
4.45PM - 5.00PM	Q&A	
5.30PM	Assemble at exit for gala dinner (latest by 5.45pm)	
<b>7.00PM – 10.00PM</b>	<b>DINNER at Beach side Resort (50 minutes away)</b>	

## Day 2

### 08 March 2026

7.30AM - 8.00AM	BREAKFAST	
SESSION 6 Keynote Addresses		
8.00AM - 8.25AM	Integrating AI, VR, and Modern Imaging: Building the Neuro-Ophthalmic Clinic of Today	Dr. Fiona Costello
8.25AM - 8.50AM	Applications of Artificial Intelligence and OCT in Diagnostic and Research Settings	Dr. Rachel Kenney
8.50AM - 9.00AM	Q&A	
SESSION 7 Biomarkers in Demyelinating disorders		
9.00AM - 9.20AM	Cell based assays -setup, validation & interpretation - <i>MANDDIR experience.</i>	Dr. Chaithra Malli
9.20AM - 9.40AM	CSF biomarkers- Oligo clonal bands & kappa free light chains - <i>Real world data</i>	Dr. Abhijna Ballal
9.40AM - 10.00AM	Neurofilament light chain and GFAP - <i>Utility in clinical practice</i>	Dr. Sruthi Nair
10.00AM - 10.20AM	Challenges & Pitfalls in Biomarker interpretation	Dr. Lekha Pandit
10.20AM - 10.40AM	Interactive session with Voting	
10.40AM - 10.55AM	TEA	
SESSION 8 Neuroradiology of demyelinating disorders		
10.55AM - 11.15AM	Imaging of Demyelinating Diseases: Revised MAGNIMS 2024 Criteria	Dr. Raghuraj
11.15AM - 11.35AM	McDonald criteria 2024 -Radiological highlights	Dr. Sharath Kumar
11.35AM - 11.55AM	Radiology of MOGAD & NMOSD -some key highlights	Dr. Muralidhar Reddy
11.55AM - 12.15PM	Interactive cases with voting	
12.15PM – 12.30PM	Q&A	
SESSION 9 Expanding spectrum of demyelinating disorders		
12.30PM - 12.50PM	Spectrum of NMOSD in the background of the 2025 revised IPND criteria	Dr. Fiona Costello
12.50PM - 1.10PM	Expanding spectrum of MOGAD and "overlap" syndromes	Dr. Lekha Pandit
1.10PM - 1.20PM	Q&A	
1.20PM - 1.50PM	LUNCH	



<b>SESSION 10</b> <b>Interactive panel discussions with real world case scenarios</b>		<b>Discussants &amp; Moderator</b>
1.50PM - 2.20PM	<b>MOGAD:</b> Case 1- Relapse management beyond conventional therapy Case 2 -Relapsing MOGAD Treatment - what, when & how long?	Dr. Muralidhar Reddy Dr. Rajesh Kumar Singh Dr. Fiona Costello  <b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Manjari Tripathi
2.20PM - 2.50PM	<b>AQP4-IgG NMOSD</b> Case 1- Acute therapy - "One size fits all" approach not helpful. Case 2 - RTX resistant NMOSD - management in India	Dr. Shruti Nair Dr. Gautham Ganguly Dr. Sharik Mustafa  <b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Subhash Kaul
2.50PM - 3.20PM	<b>MS</b> Case 1 -When neither patient nor doctor can decide on initiating DMT. Case 2- A case of Pediatric onset MS on Natalizumab with rising JCV index	Dr. Halprashanth Dr. Kadam Nagpal Dr. Soumya Sundaram  <b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Sharik Mustafa
3.20PM - 3.30PM	Highlights of the meeting & feedback	Dr. Lekha Pandit
3.30PM - 3.40PM	<b>VOTE OF THANKS</b>	Dr. Suhan/Dr. Lobo
3.40PM - 4.00PM	<b>TEA &amp; DEPARTURE.</b>	

