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BATHINDA  
&  
SOCIETY OF ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP PRACTICES  
(SASPI) IN INDIA



cordially invite you to the

# 8<sup>th</sup> National Conference of the Society of Antimicrobial Stewardship Practices in India

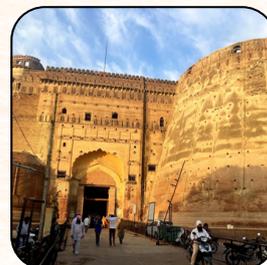
Integrated Antimicrobial Stewardship:  
Protecting Care, Preserving Future

 **Venue:** AIIMS Bathinda, Punjab

**ASPICON 2026**

Pre-conference workshops: 8<sup>th</sup> October 2026

Main conference: 9-11<sup>th</sup> October 2026



# Welcome Message

*Dear colleagues,*

It gives us immense pleasure to welcome you to **ASPICON 2026, the 8th National Conference of the Society of Antimicrobial Stewardship Practices in India (SASPI)**, being hosted at the **All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Bathinda**.

With the theme **“Integrated Antimicrobial Stewardship: Protecting Care, Preserving the Future,”** ASPICON 2026 aims to bring together clinicians, microbiologists, pharmacologists, infection prevention teams, nurses, researchers, and public health professionals on a common platform to strengthen antimicrobial stewardship efforts and address the growing challenge of antimicrobial resistance.

The conference has been thoughtfully designed to provide a rich academic experience through expert lectures, interactive panel discussions, and scientific presentations. In addition, **eight pre-conference workshops** have been planned, focusing on key components of **Integrated Antimicrobial Stewardship, incorporating Diagnostic Stewardship, Antimicrobial Stewardship, and Nursing Stewardship**, to encourage evidence-based practices and collaborative learning.

We look forward to your active participation, valuable contributions, and meaningful interactions throughout the conference. We also hope you take time to experience the rich cultural heritage of Bathinda, a city known for its historical significance, vibrant Punjabi traditions, warm hospitality, and distinctive local cuisine, making your visit both academically rewarding and culturally enriching.

**Warm regards,**

**Organizing Committee**

**ASPICON 2026, Bathinda**



**Dr. Gagandeep Kwatra**  
Organizing Chairperson



**Dr. Rachna Rohilla**  
Organizing Secretary



# Call for Pre-Conference Workshops

The Organising Committee of ASPICON 2026 invites expressions of interest/proposals for pre-conference workshops to be held as part of the conference academic activities.

In line with the theme **“Integrated Antimicrobial Stewardship (IAS): Protecting Care, Preserving Future,”** we aim to conduct eight to nine one-day, hands-on workshops, designed to build practical skills, promote interdisciplinary learning, and strengthen Integrated Antimicrobial Stewardship across healthcare settings.

## Suggested Workshop Tracks

We encourage submissions that are innovative, multidisciplinary, and relevant to the following themes, although we welcome proposals on all aspects of Integrated Antimicrobial Stewardship.

**Topics may include various aspects of IAS, including Diagnostic Stewardship, Infection Prevention and Antimicrobial Stewardship (but are not limited to):**

- AMS in paediatrics/ neonatology/ oncology
- Surgical prophylaxis and perioperative stewardship
- Stewardship in OPD and community practice
- Stewardship in resource-limited settings
- Surveillance, antibiograms, and data-driven AMS
- Quality improvement aspects in resource-limited settings

Interested faculty/teams are requested to submit their proposals. Proposals should include a **title, brief description, learning objectives and proposed structure along with the team members (if finalised)**. The topics should not overlap with the four proposed pre-conference workshops mentioned below in this brochure. The scientific committee of ASPICON 2026 will examine the submitted proposals.

**Selection criteria:** The submitted proposals shall be examined for relevance to the conference theme, practical utility, feasibility and expected participant engagement and learning outcomes.

**Deadline for submission:** 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026

Kindly email the proposals to: [aspicon2026@gmail.com](mailto:aspicon2026@gmail.com)

We look forward to your enthusiastic participation in shaping impactful learning experiences at ASPICON 2026 and strengthening stewardship efforts for a safer future.

**Warm regards,**

**Organizing Committee**

**ASPICON 2026**

# ASPICON 2026

## PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

### Implementing antimicrobial stewardship in hospital settings: Core principles and practical nuances of rational antimicrobial therapy

Implementation of prospective audit and feedback  
Resource persons



Prof. (Dr.) Nusrat Shafiq  
Professor  
Department of Pharmacology  
PGIMER, Chandigarh



Dr. Rachna Rohilla  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Pharmacology  
AIIMS, Bathinda

& more...



Dr. Naveen Murali  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Pharmacology  
MMIMSR, Ambala



Dr. Soumya Vij  
Senior Resident  
Department of Pharmacology  
PGIMER, Chandigarh

### Anaerobes in clinical practice: Identification, AST and therapeutic challenges

Resource persons



Dr. Archana Angrup  
Additional Professor  
Department of Medical Microbiology  
PGIMER, Chandigarh



Dr. Shaswati  
Additional Professor  
Department of Microbiology  
AIIMS, Bhopal

& more...



Dr. Jai Ranjan  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Microbiology  
AIIMS, Bathinda



Dr. Bhawna Sharma  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Microbiology  
AIIMS, Bathinda



# ASPICON 2026

## PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

### Strengthening nursing practices through antimicrobial stewardship

Resource persons



Prof. (Dr.) Kamlesh Sharma  
Principal  
INER  
AIIMS, Bathinda



Dr. Narinder Kaur Walia  
Associate Professor  
INER  
AIIMS, Bathinda



Mr. Deepender Bishnoi  
Nursing Tutor  
INER  
AIIMS, Bathinda



& more...

### IPC Audit Mastery: Turning data into sustainable infection prevention and control stewardship

Resource persons



Prof. (Dr.) Manisha Biswal  
Professor  
Department of Medical Microbiology  
PGIMER, Chandigarh



Dr. Sivanantham Krishnamoorthi  
Associate Professor  
Department of Microbiology  
AIIMS, Bathinda



& more...

4-5 more workshops planned  
Send your proposals now!!



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# Registration details

Category*	SASPI affiliation	Designation	Early bird Till 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Prime Bird 1 <sup>st</sup> May to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2026	Late bird 1 <sup>st</sup> September to 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2026	On-spot registration
Conference only	SASPI members	Faculty/Consultants	₹6,500	₹8,000	₹9,600	₹12,800
	Non-SASPI members		₹8,000	₹10,000	₹12,000	₹16,000
	SASPI members	Residents (JR/SR)/ Nurses	₹4,000	₹5,600	₹7,200	₹8,000
	Non-SASPI members		₹5,000	₹7,000	₹9,000	₹10,000
	-	Students (nursing/MBBS/PhD scholars) #	₹1,500	₹2,000	₹2,500	₹3,000
Pre-Conference Workshop only	SASPI members	Faculty/Consultants	₹1,600	₹2,400	₹2,800	₹3,200
	Non-SASPI members		₹2,000	₹3,000	₹3,500	₹4,000
	SASPI members	Residents (JR/SR)/ Nurses	₹1,200	₹1,600	₹2,000	₹2,400
	Non-SASPI members		₹1,500	₹2,000	₹2,500	₹3,000
	-	Students (nursing/MBBS/PhD scholars) #	₹500	₹650	₹800	₹1,000
Conference + Pre-Conference Workshop	SASPI members	Faculty/Consultants	₹7,600	₹9,600	₹11,200	₹15,200
	Non-SASPI members		₹9,500	₹12,000	₹14,000	₹19,000
	SASPI members	Residents (JR/SR)/ Nurses	₹4,800	₹6,800	₹8,400	₹9,600
	Non-SASPI members		₹6,000	₹8,500	₹10,500	₹12,000
	-	Students (nursing/MBBS/PhD scholars) #	₹2,000	₹2,500	₹3,000	₹4,000
International Participants (Conference only)	-	Faculty/Consultants	\$150	\$200	\$250	\$300
	-	Residents/ Nurses/ Students	\$70	\$100	\$120	\$140
International Participants (Conference +Pre-Conference Workshop)	-	Faculty/Consultants	\$200	\$250	\$300	\$400
	-	Residents/ Nurses/ Students	\$100	\$125	\$150	\$200

All registration fees are inclusive of 18% GST.  
Registration fee is non-refundable.

\*Workshop options can be selected during online registration.  
 #Registration of students (MBBS, nursing and PhD scholars) only upon showing a valid institutional ID card. A 50% discount on registration fees for students (MBBS and nursing) whose abstract has been selected for presentation.  
 \$A discount of 10% is available on group registration (≥5 persons). However, categories cannot be clubbed. Contact organizers for the same.

**Mode of Payment: Bank UPI/ NEFT/ RTGS**

**Payment can be made at**

Account No. : 00000044884594759	Branch: Milk Plant, Bhatinda, Ganpati Enclave,
Account name: Pharmacology Education and Research Trust	Dabwali Road
Bank Name: State Bank of India	IFSC Code : SBIN0050872

Click here for registration: [Link for registration](#)

# Abstract submission

As part of the scientific programme of **ASPICON 2026**, oral and poster presentations are planned. Abstract submissions are invited from participants for consideration.

Abstracts are welcome on all aspects of infectious diseases, including (but not limited to):

- Antimicrobial Resistance
- Emerging and Re-emerging Infectious Diseases: Surveillance and Management
- Infection Control and Prevention in Healthcare Settings
- Antimicrobial Stewardship: Optimizing antimicrobial use
- Infectious Disease Informatics: Role of Big Data and Artificial Intelligence
- HIV/AIDS: Recent advances and therapeutic approaches
- Tuberculosis: Advances in diagnostics and treatment
- Surgical Site Infections: Prevention and management
- Fungal Infections: Challenges in diagnosis and treatment
- Viral Hepatitis: Evolving strategies in management

## Submission Guidelines

1. Abstracts must be submitted as a **PDF file** named:  
**Poster/Oral\_Name\_Institute\_ASPICON2026**
2. The abstract should include the **title, author names, affiliations, and email address of the presenting author.**
3. **Maximum word limit:** 300 words. Abstracts must be structured under **Background, Methods, Results, and Conclusion.**
4. For **Case Reports**, the structure should include **background, case summary, key findings, and conclusion.**
5. **Narrative review abstracts will not be accepted.**
6. All abstracts will be reviewed by the **Scientific Committee**, and acceptance of shortlisted abstracts will be communicated via email.
7. The **Scientific Committee's decision** regarding oral or poster presentation will be **final.**
8. **Conference registration is mandatory within two weeks of abstract acceptance** to confirm participation.

**Abstract submission deadline: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

Abstract submission: [Link for abstract submission](#)



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## How to reach Bathinda

### By Rail

- **Bathinda Junction (BTI)**
- **Vande Bharat Express**  
*(as per schedule)*

### By Air

- **Bathinda airport (BUP)**  
Limited connectivity (via Delhi)  
*(Flights operate as per schedule)*
- **Amritsar airport (ATQ)/ Chandigarh airport (IXC)**  
~200 km away

## Places to visit

### Spiritual and Heritage

- **Takht Sri Damdama Sahib**  
*(Talwandi Sabo)*
- **Qila Mubarak (Bathinda Fort)**

### Local Highlights

- **Bathinda Lake**
- **Rose Garden**
- **Punjabi cuisine**
- **Traditional Phulkari handicrafts**