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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



Program At Glance

Time	Hall A	Hall B
	Friday, June 12, 2026	Friday, June 12, 2026
10:30 – 13:00	Basic Science	-
13.45 – 15.45	Neuro-Ophthalmology	Systemic Disorders
16.00 – 18.20	NMOSD and MOGAD	-
	Saturday, June 13, 2026	Saturday, June 13, 2026
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	European Charcot Foundation Symposium	-
14.45 – 16.05	Multiple Sclerosis Therapy - I	Multiple Sclerosis Therapy - II
16.25 – 18.15	Imaging in CNS Inflammatory Disorders	Miscellaneous - I
	Sunday, June 14, 2026	Sunday, June 14, 2026
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	CPC Analysis	-

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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 Halдар**

- 10.30-10.45 QUIZ - Sensitising to some of the Acronyms
- 10.45-11.05 Cell Trafficking and Immune Cells in CNS Inflammatory Disorders
- 11.05-11.25 Knowing IgG subtypes for CNS Inflammatory Disorders
- 11.25-12.00 **Inauguration Ceremony**
- 12.00-12.20 Fluid Bio-Markers in Multiple Sclerosis
- 12.20-12.35 Audience Interaction
- 12.35-13.00 Case Presentations

Dr. Prajwal Rao
Dr. Benedetta Bodini
Dr. Sruthi Nair

Dr. Hans-Peter Hartung

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-OPHTHALMOLOGY** **Chairpersons: Dr. Nilesh Bhandari, Dr. Rupendra Singh Bhatia**

- 13.45-14.05 Differential Diagnosis of Optic Neuritis
- 14.05-14.25 EOMs in CNS Inflammatory Disorders
- 14.25-14.45 Painful Ophthalmoplegia
- 14.45-15.05 Optical Coherence Tomography in CNS Inflammatory Disorders
- 15.05-15.25 Audience Interaction
- 15.25-15.45 Case Presentations

Dr. Vivek Lal
Dr. U Meenakshisundaram
Dr. Sumit Singh
Dr. Aastha Takkar

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
- 16.20-16.40 Clinical Features, Radiology and Diagnostic Criteria of NMOSD
- 16.40-17.00 Management of NMOSD
- 17.00-17.20 Clinical Features and Diagnosis of MOGAD
- 17.20-17.40 Paediatric MOGAD
- 17.40-18.00 **Debate: Immunotherapy After 1st Attack of MOGAD**
For - Dr. Varsha Patil Against - Dr. Soumya Sundaram
- 18.00-18.20 Audience Interaction

Dr. Suresh Kumar
Dr. Paulus Rommer
Dr. Netravathi M
Dr. Manish Mahajan
Brig. Vishal Sondhi

19.00 onwards **Welcome Dinner**



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



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
- 08.10-08.20 Relaxed Interval Dosing of Rituximab in Multiple Sclerosis: Real-World Evidence for a Cost-Effective Management Strategy
- 08.20-08.30 Disentangling Age-Related and Disease-Specific Upper Cervical Cord Atrophy in Multiple Sclerosis
- 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
- 08.40-08.50 Hit Early, Hit Hard: A Randomized Controlled Trial of Add-on Plasma Exchange in Acute Attacks of NMOSD

Dr. Akash J

Dr. Narendra P

Dr. Kshiteeja Jain

Dr. Prachi Mohapatra

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
- 09.20-09.40 Auto-Immune Dementia
- 09.40-10.00 Overdiagnosis and Misdiagnosis of AIE
- 10.00-10.20 Audience Interaction

Dr. Nasli Ichaporia

Dr. Suvarna Alladi

Dr. Sarosh Irani

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
- 11.15-11.45 Role of MRI in Multiple Sclerosis
- 11.45-12.15 PET CT in CNS Inflammatory Disorders
- 12.15-12.45 Future Immunotherapies for Multiple Sclerosis
- 12.45-13.15 Investigational Therapies for NMOSD and MOGAD
- 13.15-13.45 Audience Interaction

Dr. Xavier Montalban

Dr. Cristina Granziera

Dr. Benedetta Bodini

Dr. Hans-Peter Hartung

Dr. Paulus Rommer

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
- 15.05-15.25 BTK Inhibitors
- 15.25-15.45 Navigating the MS Treatment Paradigm
- 15.45-16.05 Audience Interaction

Dr. Andrew Chan

Dr. Xavier Montalban

Dr. Nasli Ichaporia

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

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| 08.00-08.10 | Radiological Abnormalities of Thymus in Patients with CNS Demyelinating Disorders: Case Control Study | Dr. Muhammed Wasiaq |
| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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. Samsher Dwivedee **Against** - Dr. Sucharita Ray
- 10.20-10.40 Audience Interaction

Dr. Sarosh Irani

Dr. Sudheeran Kannothe

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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