



INTERNATIONAL HEADACHE ACADEMY 2026

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February 26-28, 2026

PROGRAM AGENDA

Program Chairs: Serena L. Orr, MD, MS, FAHS and William Renthal, MD, PhD, FAHS

Thursday, February 26, 2026		
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Registration*	Exploration Foyer
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Faculty & Delegate Welcome Reception*	Exploration Room & Patio
Friday, February 27, 2026		
7:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration*	Laureate Classroom Foyer
7:00 am – 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast*	Plateia
8:00 am – 8:05 am	Welcome and Introduction <u>Speakers:</u> Serena L. Orr, MD, MSc, FAHS and William Renthal, MD, PhD, FAHS	Laureate Classroom
8:05 am – 8:10 am	AHS Presidential Welcome <u>Speaker:</u> Todd J. Schwedt, MD, MS, FAHS	Laureate Classroom
8:10 am – 8:40 am	Top Papers of 2025 <u>Moderator:</u> Andrea Harriott, MD, PhD 8:10 am – 8:25 am Best Basic Research Science and Q&A: Sylvia Escolero, MD 8:25 am – 8:40 am Best Clinical Research and Q&A: Avneet Hans, MD	Laureate Classroom
8:40 am – 9:30 am	Debate: Artificial Intelligence <u>Moderator:</u> Chia-Chun Chiang, MD 8:40 am – 8:50 am Delegate PRO: Derek Pyland, MD 8:50 am – 9:00 am Delegate CON: Stephen Powell, MD 9:00 am – 9:05 am Rebuttal PRO: Derek Pyland, MD 9:05 am – 9:10 am Rebuttal CON: Stephen Powell, MD	Laureate Classroom

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9:10 am – 9:30 am	Discussion: Questions and Experience from Faculty and Delegates	
9:30 am – 10:00 am	Clinical Cases: Session 1: TACs <u>Moderator:</u> Joseph Safdieh, MD 9:30 am – 9:45 am 9:45 am – 10:00 am Case 1 and Q&A: Katrina Pasao, MD Case 2 and Q&A: Heidi Mueller, MD	Laureate Classroom
10:00 am – 10:20 am	Refreshment Break*	Nutrition Hub (South Lobby)
10:20 am – 10:50 am	Clinical Cases: Session 2: Refractory Migraine <u>Moderator:</u> Scott W. Powers, PhD, FAHS 10:20 am – 10:35 am 10:35 am – 10:50 am Case 1 and Q&A: Anthony Yan, MD Case 2 and Q&A: Kaitlin Keenan, MD	Laureate Classroom
10:50 am – 11:30 am	Funding Your Headache Research <u>Speaker:</u> Richard B. Lipton, MD, FAHS 10:50 am – 11:20 am 11:20 am – 11:30 am Lecture Q&A	Laureate Classroom
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Headache Advocacy <u>Speaker:</u> Jessica Ailani, MD, FAHS 11:30 am – 11:50 am 11:50 am – 12:00 pm Lecture Q&A	Laureate Classroom
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	Clinical Cases: Session 3: Secondary Headaches <u>Moderator:</u> Amaal Starling, MD, MS, FAHS 12:00 pm – 12:15 pm 12:15 pm – 12:30 pm Case 1 and Q&A: Naman Shah, DO Case 2 and Q&A: Bryan Canlas, DO	Laureate Classroom
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch and Group Photo*	Plateia
1:30 pm – 2:10 pm	Special Session: What is the Most Promising Emerging Target for Migraine Treatment? <u>Speakers:</u> Andrew C. Charles, MD, FAHS and Peter J. Goadsby, MD, PhD, FAHS 1:30pm-1:40 pm 1:40 pm-1:50 pm 1:50 pm-2:10pm Lecture – Andrew C. Charles, MD, FAHS Lecture – Peter J. Goadsby, MD, PhD, FAHS Q&A and Discussion	Laureate Classroom

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2:10 pm – 3:40 pm	<p>Career Mentorship Breakout Rooms <i>Delegates to choose which breakout to attend</i></p> <p>Clinical Research: Scott W. Powers, PhD, FAHS; Serena L. Orr, MD, MSc, FAHS; and Richard B. Lipton, MD, FAHS; Stewart J. Tepper, MD, FAHS</p> <p>Basic Science Research: Andrew C. Charles, MD, FAHS; Peter J. Goadsby, MD, PhD, FAHS; Andrea Harriott, MD, PhD; and William Renthal, MD, PhD, FAHS</p> <p>Education: Jessica Ailani, MD, FAHS; Chia-Chun Chiang, MD; Joseph Safdieh, MD</p> <p>Advocacy/Practice Management: Rashmi B. Halker Singh, MD, FAHS; Amaal Starling, MD, MS, FAHS; Todd J. Schwedt, MD, MS, FAHS; and Jason J. Sico, MD, FAHS</p>	Pathways Odyssey Innovation Pinnacle
3:40 pm – 3:55 pm	Refreshment Break*	Nutrition Hub (South Lobby)
3:55 pm – 4:25 pm <i>3:55 pm – 4:10pm</i> <i>4:10 pm – 4:25 pm</i>	<p>Clinical Cases: Session 4: Pressure <u>Moderator:</u> Jason J. Sico, MD, FAHS</p> <p>Case 1 and Q&A: Carlos Alves Jesus, PhD Case 2 and Q&A: Monica Kim, DO</p>	Laureate Classroom
4:25 pm – 4:30 pm	<p>Conclusion Speakers: Serena L. Orr, MD, MSc, FAHS and William Renthal, MD, PhD, FAHS</p>	Laureate Classroom
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	<p>Faculty & Delegate Dinner* <i>Delegates and Faculty are invited to retire to the Lobby Bar for additional socializing after dinner. Please note drinks are on own.</i></p>	Legacy
Saturday, February 28, 2026		
7:00 am – 12:00 pm	Registration*	Laureate Classroom Foyer
7:00 am – 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast*	Plateia
8:00 am – 8:10 am	<p>Introduction and Welcome Back <u>Speaker:</u> Serena L. Orr, MD, MSc, FAHS</p>	Laureate Classroom
8:10 am – 8:50 am <i>8:10-8:40 am</i> <i>8:40-8:50 am</i>	<p>Special Session: AI & Headache Medicine <u>Speaker:</u> Chia-Chun Chiang, MD</p> <p>Lecture Q&A</p>	

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8:50 am – 9:30 am	Research Presentations: Selected from Submitted Abstracts <u>Moderator:</u> Stewart J. Tepper, MD, FAHS	Laureate Classroom
8:50 am – 9:10 am	Research Presentation 1 and Q&A: Keva Klamer, BSc, MSc <i>Migraine-related differences in connectivity patterns during emotional audiovisual processing revealed by functional connectivity multivariate pattern analysis</i>	
9:10 am – 9:30 am	Research Presentation 2 and Q&A: Rachel Knopp, MD <i>Patient experiences and treatment for migraine before consultation at a tertiary headache center</i>	
9:30 am – 10:00 am	Publishing and Reviewing in Headache Medicine <u>Speaker:</u> Rashmi Halker Singh, MD, FAHS	Laureate Classroom
9:30 am – 9:50 am 9:50 am – 10:00 am	Lecture Q&A	
10:00 am-10:20 am	Refreshment Break*	Nutrition Hub (South Lobby)
10:20 am – 11:00 am	Research Presentations: Consideration for IHA Grant <u>Moderator:</u> Joseph Safdieh, MD	Laureate Classroom
10:20 am – 10:40 am 10:40 am – 11:00 am	Research Presentation 1 and Q&A: Akhilesh Kotiyal, PhD <i>Development of Animal Model for Migraine-Associated Cognitive Dysfunction</i> Research Presentation 2 and Q&A: Bradley Ong, MD <i>Hormonal exposures during in vitro fertilization and their impact on migraine activity</i>	
11:00 am – 11:45 am	Clinical Cases: Session 5: Potpourri <u>Moderator:</u> Rashmi B. Halker Singh, MD, FAHS	Laureate Classroom
11:00 am – 11:15 am 11:15 am – 11:30 am 11:30 am – 11:45 am	Case 1 & Q&A: Shiv Jha, MBBS Case 2 & Q&A: Christian Loveland, MD Case 3 & Q&A: Michael Witt, MD	
11:45 am – 11:50 am	Conclusion <u>Speakers:</u> Serena L. Orr, MD, MSc, FAHS and William Renthal, MD, PhD, FAHS	Laureate Classroom

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