



**2026 International Headache Academy**  
 UCLA Meyer and Renee Luskin Conference Center  
 Los Angeles, CA  
 February 26-28, 2026

## PROGRAM AGENDA

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

<b>Thursday, February 26, 2026</b>		
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Registration*	Exploration Foyer
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Faculty & Delegate Welcome Reception*	Exploration Room & Patio
<b>Friday, February 27, 2026</b>		
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	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> <u>Speakers:</u> Serena L. Orr, MD, MSc, FAHS and William Renthal, MD, PhD, FAHS	Laureate Classroom
8:05 am – 8:10 am	<b>AHS Presidential Welcome</b> <u>Speaker:</u> Todd J. Schwedt, MD, MS, FAHS	Laureate Classroom
8:10 am – 8:40 am	<b>Top Papers of 2025</b> <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	<b>Debate: Artificial Intelligence</b> <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  9:30 am – 9:45 am 9:45 am – 10:00 am	<b>Clinical Cases: Session 1: TACs</b> <u>Moderator:</u> Joseph Safdieh, MD  Case 1 and Q&A: Katrina Pasao, MD Case 2 and Q&A: Heidi Mueller, MD	Laureate Classroom
10:00 am – 10:20 am	<b>Refreshment Break*</b>	Nutrition Hub (South Lobby)
10:20 am – 10:50 am  10:20 am – 10:35 am 10:35 am – 10:50 am	<b>Clinical Cases: Session 2: Refractory Migraine</b> <u>Moderator:</u> Scott W. Powers, PhD, FAHS  Case 1 and Q&A: Anthony Yan, MD Case 2 and Q&A: Kaitlin Keenan, MD	Laureate Classroom
10:50 am – 11:30 am  10:50 am – 11:20 am 11:20 am – 11:30 am	<b>Funding Your Headache Research</b> <u>Speaker:</u> Richard B. Lipton, MD, FAHS  Lecture Q&A	Laureate Classroom
11:30 am – 12:00 pm  11:30 am – 11:50 am 11:50 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Headache Advocacy</b> <u>Speaker:</u> Amaal Starling, MD, MS, FAHS  Lecture Q&A	Laureate Classroom
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm  12:00 pm – 12:15 pm 12:15 pm – 12:30 pm	<b>Clinical Cases: Session 3: Secondary Headaches</b> <u>Moderator:</u> Amaal Starling, MD, MS, FAHS  Case 1 and Q&A: Naman Shah, DO Case 2 and Q&A: Bryan Canlas, DO	Laureate Classroom
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	<b>Lunch and Group Photo*</b>	Plateia
1:30 pm – 2:10 pm  1:30pm-1:40 pm 1:40 pm-1:50 pm 1:50 pm-2:10pm	<b>Special Session: What is the Most Promising Emerging Target for Migraine Treatment?</b> <u>Speakers:</u> Andrew C. Charles, MD, FAHS and Peter J. Goadsby, MD, PhD, FAHS  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><b>Career Mentorship Breakout Rooms</b> <i>Delegates to choose which breakout to attend</i></p> <p><b>Clinical Research:</b> Scott W. Powers, PhD, FAHS; Serena L. Orr, MD, MSc, FAHS; and Richard B. Lipton, MD, FAHS; Stewart J. Tepper, MD, FAHS</p> <p><b>Basic Science Research:</b> Andrew C. Charles, MD, FAHS; Peter J. Goadsby, MD, PhD, FAHS; Andrea Harriott, MD, PHD; and William Renthal, MD, PhD, FAHS</p> <p><b>Education:</b> Chia-Chun Chiang, MD; Joseph Safdieh, MD</p> <p><b>Advocacy/Practice Management:</b> 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	<b>Refreshment Break*</b>	Nutrition Hub (South Lobby)
3:55 pm – 4 :25 pm  3:55 pm – 4:10pm 4:10 pm – 4:25 pm	<p><b>Clinical Cases: Session 4: Pressure</b> <u>Moderator:</u> Jason J. Sico, MD, FAHS</p> <p>Case 1 and Q&amp;A: Carlos Alves Jesus, PhD Case 2 and Q&amp;A: Monica Kim, DO</p>	Laureate Classroom
4:25 pm – 4:30 pm	<p><b>Conclusion</b> <u>Speakers:</u> Serena L. Orr, MD, MSc, FAHS and William Renthal, MD, PhD, FAHS</p>	Laureate Classroom
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	<p><b>Faculty &amp; Delegate Dinner*</b> <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
<b>Saturday, February 28, 2026</b>		
7:30 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Registration*</b>	Laureate Classroom Foyer
7:30 am – 8:00 am	<b>Continental Breakfast*</b>	Plateia
8:00 am – 8:10 am	<p><b>Introduction and Welcome Back</b> <u>Speaker:</u> Serena L. Orr, MD, MSc, FAHS</p>	Laureate Classroom
8:10 am – 8:50 am  8:10-8:40 am 8:40-8:50 am	<p><b>Special Session: AI &amp; Headache Medicine</b> <u>Speaker:</u> Chia-Chun Chiang, MD</p> <p>Lecture Q&amp;A</p>	
8:50 am – 9:30 am	<b>Research Presentations: Selected from Submitted Abstracts</b>	Laureate Classroom

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

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