



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 Renthall, MD, PhD, FAHS

Thursday, February 26, 2026		
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Faculty & Delegate Welcome Reception*	Exploration Room & Patio
Friday, February 27, 2026		
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 Renthall, 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	Laureate Classroom
8:10 am – 8:25 am 8:25 am – 8:40 am	Best Basic Research Science and Q&A: Delegate 1 Best Clinical Research and Q&A: Delegate 2	
8:40 am – 9:30 am	Debate: Artificial Intelligence <u>Moderator:</u> Chia-Chun Chiang, MD	Laureate Classroom
8:40 am – 8:50 am 8:50 am – 9:00 am 9:00 am – 9:05 am 9:05 am – 9:10 am 9:10 am – 9:30 am	Delegate Team 1 PRO Delegate Team 2 CON Rebuttal: PRO Rebuttal: CON Discussion: Questions and Experience from Faculty and Delegates	
9:30 am – 10:00 am	Clinical Cases: Session 1: Topic TBD <u>Moderator:</u> Joseph Safdieh, MD	Laureate Classroom
9:30 am – 9:45 am 9:45 am – 10:00 am	Case 1 and Q&A: Delegate 1 Case 2 and Q&A: Delegate 2	

10:00 am – 10:20 am	Refreshment Break*	Nutrition Hub (South Lobby)
10:20 am – 10:50 am <i>10:20 am – 10:35 am</i> <i>10:35 am – 10:50 am</i>	Clinical Cases: Session 2: Topic TBD <u>Moderator:</u> Scott W. Powers, PhD, FAHS Case 1 and Q&A: Delegate 1 Case 2 and Q&A: Delegate 2	Laureate Classroom
10:50 am – 11:30 am <i>10:50 am – 11:20 am</i> <i>11:20 am – 11:30 am</i>	Funding Your Headache Research <u>Speaker:</u> Richard B. Lipton, MD, FAHS Lecture Q&A	Laureate Classroom
11:30 am – 12:00 pm <i>11:30 am – 11:50 am</i> <i>11:50 am – 12:00 pm</i>	Publishing and Reviewing in Headache Medicine <u>Speaker:</u> Rashmi Halker Singh, MD, FAHS Lecture Q&A	Laureate Classroom
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm <i>12:00 pm – 12:15 pm</i> <i>12:15 pm – 12:30 pm</i>	Clinical Cases: Session 3: Topic TBD <u>Moderator:</u> Amaal Starling, MD, MS, FAHS Case 1 and Q&A: Delegate 1 Case 2 and Q&A: Delegate 2	Laureate Classroom
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch and Group Photo*	Plateia
1:30 pm – 2:10 pm <i>1:30pm-1:40 pm</i> <i>1:40 pm-1:50 pm</i> <i>1:50 pm-2:10pm</i>	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 Lecture – Andrew C. Charles, MD, FAHS Lecture – Peter J. Goadsby, MD, PhD, FAHS Q&A and Discussion	Laureate Classroom
2:10 pm – 3:40 pm	Career Mentorship Breakout Rooms <i>Delegates to choose which breakout to attend</i> Clinical Research: Scott W. Powers, PhD, FAHS; Serena L. Orr, MD, MSc, FAHS; and Richard B. Lipton, MD, FAHS; Stewart J. Tepper, MD, FAHS Basic Science Research: Andrew C. Charles, MD, FAHS; Peter J. Goadsby, MD, PhD, FAHS; Andrea Harriott, MD, PHD; and William Renthall, MD, PhD, FAHS Education: Jessica Ailani, MD, FAHS; Chia-Chun Chiang, MD; Joseph Safdieh, MD 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	Pathways Odyssey Innovation Pinnacle
3:40 pm – 3:55 pm	Refreshment Break*	Nutrition Hub (South Lobby)

3:55 pm – 4 :25 pm 3:55 pm – 4:10pm 4:10 pm – 4:25 pm	Clinical Cases: Session 4: Topic TBD <u>Moderator:</u> Jason J. Sico, MD, FAHS Case 1 and Q&A: Delegate 1 Case 2 and Q&A: Delegate 2	Laureate Classroom
4:25 pm – 4:30 pm	Conclusion <u>Speakers:</u> Serena L. Orr, MD, MSc, FAHS and William Renthall, MD, PhD, FAHS	Laureate Classroom
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	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>	Legacy
Saturday, February 28, 2026		
7:00 am – 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast*	Plateia
8:00 am – 8:10 am	Introduction and Welcome Back <u>Speaker:</u> Serena L. Orr, MD, MSc, FAHS	Laureate Classroom
8:10 am – 8:50 am 8:10-8:40 am 8:40-8:50 am	Special Session: AI & Headache Medicine <u>Speaker:</u> Chia-Chun Chiang, MD Lecture Q&A	
8:50 am – 9:30 am 8:50 am – 9:10 am 9:10 am – 9:30 am	Research Presentations: Selected from Submitted Abstracts <u>Moderator:</u> Stewart J. Tepper, MD, FAHS Research Presentation 1 and Q&A: Delegate 1 Research Presentation 2 and Q&A: Delegate 2	Laureate Classroom
9:30 am – 10:00 am 9:30 am – 9:50 am 9:50 am – 10:00 am	Headache Advocacy <u>Speaker:</u> Jessica Ailani, MD, FAHS Lecture Q&A	Laureate Classroom
10:00 am-10:20 am	Refreshment Break*	Nutrition Hub (South Lobby)
10:20 am – 11:00 am 10:20 am – 10:40 am 10:40 am – 11:00 am	Research Presentations: Consideration for IHA Grant <u>Moderator:</u> Joseph Safdieh, MD Research Presentation 1 and Q&A: Delegate 1 Research Presentation 2 and Q&A: Delegate 2	Laureate Classroom
11:00 am – 11:45 am 11:00 am – 11:15 am 11:15 am – 11:30 am 11:30 am – 11:45 am	Clinical Cases: Session 5: Potpourri <u>Moderator:</u> Rashmi B. Halker Singh, MD, FAHS Case 1 & Q&A: Delegate 1 Case 2 & Q&A: Delegate 2 Case 3 & Q&A: Delegate 3	Laureate Classroom

11:45 am – 11:50 am	Conclusion <u>Speakers:</u> Serena L. Orr, MD, MSc, FAHS and William Renthall, MD, PhD, FAHS	Laureate Classroom
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