



GOIW 2026 - Madurai

Global Ocular Inflammation Workshop (GOIW)

 24th & 25th - September 2026

Theme: Emerging Infections In Uveitis:
A Template for Future Challenges

Scientific Program

 **Venue:** The Residency Signature, Madurai
Perungudi, Madurai – 625022, Tamil Nadu, India



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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The GOIW Society evolved from an international workshop on Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada Disease (VKH) held on October 19-21, 1999, at Lake Arrowhead near Los Angeles. Since then, these workshops have covered sympathetic ophthalmia, ocular sarcoidosis, ocular tuberculosis, and Behcet's disease. The goals of these workshops include advancing knowledge and clinical research in uveitis, promoting international collaborations, proposing internationally validated guidelines, and improving treatment/prevention of these conditions.

The theme of the 2026 workshop will be "Emerging infections in uveitis: a template for future challenges". The aim will be to build a template for early identification of novel intraocular infections, with or without associated systemic disease. It will include global experts in uveitis as well as ocular microbiologists and epidemiologists. The program will begin by examining how recently recognized infections were identified, followed by discussions on clinical recognition, laboratory diagnosis, and the application of epidemiological principles. The second day will focus on an interactive exercise, bringing these perspectives together to develop a practical template for recognizing and investigating future emerging infections.

We hope this workshop will generate a framework that can help us recognize the next emerging ocular infection earlier and respond to it more effectively.

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Emerging infections in uveitis: a template for future challenges

10.30 am	Welcome note & introduction to the workshop	Dr. Soumyava Basu
10.40 – 12.40 pm	Session 1 How novel infections got recognised – an overview <i>(Each Talk: 15 Minutes Q&A: 5 Minutes)</i>	
	Chairpersons: Dr. Moncef Khairallah, Dr. Padmamalini Mahendradas	
	Leptospirosis	Dr. S R Rathinam <i>Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai</i>
	Rickettsia	Dr. Ankush Kawali <i>Narayana Netralaya, Bengaluru</i>
	West Nile fever	Dr. Moncef Khairallah <i>University of Monastir,Tunisia</i>
	Chikungunya	Dr. Padmamalini Mahendradas <i>Narayana Netralaya, Bengaluru</i>
	Dengue Virus	Dr. Sanjay Srinivasan <i>Singapore National Eye Centre (SNEC)</i>
	Ebola virus	Dr. Steven Yeh (v) <i>University of Nebraska Medical Center, USA</i>
12.40 – 2.00 pm	Lunch	
2.00 – 3.30 pm (90mins)	Session 2 Recognising outliers in the uveitis clinic – case-based workshop	
Facilitators	Dr. Avinash Pathangey <i>LV Prasad Eye Institute, Vishakhapatnam</i>	Dr. Anup Kelgaonkar <i>LV Prasad Eye Institute, Bhubaneswar</i>
	Panelists: Dr. Rajeev Reddy Pappuru Dr. Mudit Tyagi, Dr. Vishal Jadhav	

3.30 – 4.30 pm (60mins)	Session 3 Laboratory diagnosis – strengths and pitfalls	
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	Chairpersons: Dr. Kalpana Babu, Dr. Chee Soon Phaik	
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15 Minutes	Ocular sampling and compartmentalization	Dr. Soumyava Basu <i>LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad</i>
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15 Minutes	Molecular diagnostics: PCR to metagenomics	Dr. Steven Yeh (V) <i>University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, USA</i>
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15 Minutes	Serology and immune signatures	Dr. Ramalingam Bethunaickan <i>ICMR National Institute for Research in Tuberculosis, Chennai</i>
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15 Minutes	Discussion	
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4.30 – 5.30 pm (60mins)	Session 4 Applying epidemiology principles to novel ocular infections (Each Talk: 15 Minutes Q&A: 5 Minutes)	
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	Chairpersons: Dr. Ramalingam Bethunaickan, Dr. Soumyava Basu	
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20 Minutes	Applying Epidemiologic Frameworks to Ocular Infections	Dr. Manickam Ponnaiah <i>ICMR–National Institute of Epidemiology, Chennai</i>
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20 Minutes	Designing studies for unknown pathogens	Dr. John Kempen <i>Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA</i>
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20 Minutes	Discussion	
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Friday, 25th September 2026

Day 2

08.30 – 10.00 am (90mins)	Session 5 – Template for future infections
	Chairpersons: Dr. Moncef Khairallah, Dr. Soumyava Basu
	Framing the problem
	Breakout groups
	Report back
	Integration exercise – building the template
10.00 – 11.00 am (60mins)	Summary session and next steps
	Chairpersons: Dr. Chee Soon Phaik, Dr. Kalpana Babu

Registration Tariff

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