



ISAPP 2026 ANNUAL MEETING

October 6-8 • Tokyo, Japan



2026 ANNUAL MEETING: PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Dates: October 6-8, 2026

Venue: Akasaka Intercity Conference Center, Tokyo, Japan

Language: English

Preliminary program only: Speakers and plenary talk topics to be announced

TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER: SYMPOSIUM SESSIONS

Sessions open to external registration. Registration is included in the annual meeting for invited experts, industry members and SFA delegates.

07:45 - 08:30 Registration

08:30 - 08:50 **Welcome**

08:50 - 11:30 **Theme 1. Human and animal microbiomes in health and disease**
In collaboration with Intestinal Microbiology Society of Japan
Featuring plenary talks, oral abstracts and discussion panel

Morning break

11:30 - 14:40 **Theme 2. Ingested microbes: mechanisms and metabolites**

In collaboration with Japanese Society for Lactic Acid Bacteria
Featuring plenary talks, oral abstracts and discussion panel

Lunch break

14:40 - 17:30 **Theme 3. Biotics and immune interactions**

In collaboration with Japanese Association for Food Immunology
Featuring plenary talks, oral abstracts and discussion panel

Afternoon break

17:30 - 20:00 **Networking reception and poster session**

WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER: MEMBER AND INVITED SESSIONS

Open to registered invited experts, industry members and SFA delegates only.

08:35 - 09:05 **Featured plenary session**

09:10 - 10:30 **Interactive session**

Morning break

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11:00 - 11:30 **Featured plenary session**

11:30 - 12:30 **Late Breaking News**

Working lunch during discussion groups

12:45 - 17:30 **Discussion groups (concurrent sessions)**

1: Biotics vs. Non-Biotics: Weighing the options for first-line therapy

2: What is a probiotic strain and how do we define it?

3: Oral vs vaginal administration of probiotics in women's health

4: Biotics as adjuncts in cancer therapy: Evidence, risks, and clinical translation

5: Mechanistic endpoints for prebiotic research

Students and Fellows Association parallel program

19:00 - 22:00 **Gala dinner**

THURSDAY 8th OCTOBER: MEMBER AND INVITED SESSIONS

Open to registered invited experts, industry members and SFA delegates only.

09:00 - 10:00 **IAC and SFA highlights**

Featured talks

10:00 - 11:45 **Featured plenary sessions**

Plenary talks, including lectures from 2026 ISAPP award-winning researchers:

Glenn Gibson Early Career Researcher Award

Gregor Reid Award for Outstanding Scholars in Developing Nations

Sanders Award for Advancing Biotic Science

11:45 - 12:00 **Close**

Member program (Open only to IAC, SFA and Board of Directors)

12:00 - 14:30 **IAC and SFA Member program**

Featuring IAC and Board of Directors meeting, IAC/SFA working groups and parallel SFA meeting

Lunch served