



# 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*