

JCR International School 2026

Venue	Asama International Conference Hall, Karuizawa Prince Hotel West, Karuizawa, Japan
Dates	July 16 - 18, 2026



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Day 1 Thursday, July 16, 2026

13:00 ~ 15:00 Educational Lecture

Special Lecture

Connecting Internationally: 8 Tips for More Memorable Academic Presentations

Workshop

Bridging the Gap: Interactive Strategies for Global Q&A Sessions

Lecturer: E. H. Jego

Nihon University School of Medicine, Medical Education Center, Tokyo, Japan

15:35 ~ 15:45 Opening Ceremony

15:45 ~ 16:45 Keynote Lecture

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Breaking the Mold in RA Care

Speaker: Haruka Tsuchiya

Department of Allergy and Rheumatology, Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan

Chair: Yoshiya Tanaka

JCR President

Department of Molecular Targeted Therapeutics, The Department of Internal Medicine, School of Medicine, University of Occupational and Environmental Health, Japan, Kitakyushu, Japan

17:00 ~ 18:30 Session 1 "Autoantibody"

Tutor: Ran Nakashima

Department of Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology, Graduate School of Medicine, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan

1-1: N-linked Glycans in the Variable Regions of ACPA Promote Osteoclast Differentiation and Exacerbate the Pathogenesis of Rheumatoid Arthritis

Masatoshi Kawataka

The First Department of Internal Medicine, University of Toyama Faculty of Medicine, Toyama, Japan

1-2: Immune complexes shape the pathogenicity of autoantibodies in systemic autoimmune diseases: Insights from an FcγRIIIA-reporter assay

Koji Suzuki

Division of Rheumatology, Keio University School of Medicine, Tokyo, Japan

1-3: Anti-Interferon-Gamma Autoantibodies: A Prospective Registry of Outcomes, Treatment and Evaluating Clinical Trajectories (AIGA-PROTECT)

Valerie Chiang

Division of Clinical Immunology, Department of Pathology, Queen Mary Hospital, Hong Kong

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18:45 ~ 19:45 Session 2 "RA"

Tutor: Kosuke Ebina

Department of Musculoskeletal Regenerative Medicine, Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine, Osaka, Japan

2-1: Neurobiological Correlates of Fatigue in Rheumatoid Arthritis: A longitudinal 7T MRI Study

Andrew McGuckan

University of Glasgow, Scotland

2-2: Dynamics of Peripheral Helper T (Tph) Cells across Multiple Joints and Circulation in Rheumatoid Arthritis

Osamu Iri

Department of Immunology, Graduate School of Medicine, Kyoto University, Japan / Department of Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology, Graduate School of Medicine, Kyoto University, Japan

20:00 ~ 22:00 Welcome Party

Place: "KURUMI", Karuizawa Prince Hotel West

Day 2 Friday, July 17, 2026

9:00 ~ 9:30 Session 2 "RA"

2-3: Functional Analysis of KRAB Zinc-Finger Protein ZNF93 in Rheumatoid Arthritis Synovial Fibroblasts

Takahiro Nakahara

Institute of Science Tokyo, Graduate School of Medical and Dental Science, Tokyo Japan

09:30 ~ 10:30 Session 3 "Gene analysis"

Tutor: Satoshi Kubo

The First Department of Internal Medicine, School of Medicine, University of Occupational and Environmental Health, Japan, Kitakyushu, Japan

3-1: Withdrawn

3-2: Identification of a shared monocyte-associated gene module across systemic autoinflammatory diseases and its therapeutic implications

Ikuo Takazawa

Department of Allergy and Rheumatology, Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan

3-3: RANKL controls vascular permeability in bone marrow sinusoids

Takeshi Kaneko

Department of Immunology and Cell Biology, Graduate School of Medicine and Frontier Biosciences, The University of Osaka, Osaka, Japan / Department of Respiratory Medicine and Clinical Immunology, Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Osaka, Osaka, Japan

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10:45 ~ 12:15 Session 4 "Autoimmune diseases"

Tutor: Michihito Kono

Department of Rheumatology, Endocrinology and Nephrology, Faculty of Medicine and Graduate School of Medicine, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan

4-1: Application of Machine Learning to High Resolution Computed Tomography in Systemic Sclerosis Patients

Emily Lin

Monash University, Melbourne, Australia

4-2: Epithelial cells–Monocytes/Macrophage interaction via CX3CL1 (Fractalkine)/ CX3CR1 axis under type I interferon signaling in the Pathogenesis of anti-melanoma differentiation associated gene 5 antibody-positive dermatomyositis

Yasuhiro Nohda

Department of Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology, Graduate School of Medicine, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan

4-3: Linear ubiquitination drives TLR7-driven type I Interferon production and autoimmunity

Keiichiro Kadoba

Department of Molecular Cellular Physiology, Kyoto University Graduate School of Medicine, Kyoto, Japan

12:30 ~ 13:30 Luncheon Keynote Lecture

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Young Investigators' Perspective: RA Cohort Research and New Therapeutic Horizons

Speaker: Kosuke Ebina

Department of Musculoskeletal Regenerative Medicine, Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine, Osaka, Japan

Session Chair: Kunihiro Yamaoka

Chairperson of the Committee on International Affairs

Department of Rheumatology, Kitasato University School of Medicine, Kanagawa, Japan

14:30 ~ 16:00 Session 5 "Better clinical outcome"

Tutor: Kei Ikeda

Department of Rheumatology, Dokkyo Medical University, Tochigi, Japan

5-1: Financial Toxicity in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus: Prevalence and Associated Characteristics and Patient-Reported Outcomes: a cross-sectional TRUMP2-SLE study

Hiroshi Shiba

Immuno-Rheumatology Center, St. Luke's International Hospital, Japan / Division of Rheumatology, Department of Medicine, Showa Medical University, Japan

5-2: From Referral to Follow-up: Which Musculoskeletal Complaints are Referred – and Which lead to Sustained Rheumatology Care?

Georgy Gomon

Leiden University Medical Center, Leiden, The Netherlands

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- 5-3: Effectiveness and persistence of biological and target-synthetic treatment in patients with rheumatoid arthritis and chronic kidney disease: a large prospective registry study

Sho Fukui

Division of Rheumatology, Inflammation, and Immunity, Department of Medicine, Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School, MA, USA, / Department of Emergency and General Medicine, Kyorin University School of Medicine, Tokyo, Japan

16:15 ~ 17:45 Session 6 "SpA and other arthropathies"

Tutor: Mitsumasa Kishimoto

Department of Nephrology and Rheumatology, Kyorin University School of Medicine, Tokyo, Japan

- 6-1: Development of a therapeutic drug for hemophilic arthropathy via ferroptosis

Hiroto Yamamoto

Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine, Orthopedics and Rheumatology, Nagoya, Japan

- 6-2: The first nationwide epidemiological survey of chronic recurrent multifocal osteomyelitis in Japan

Yukako Maeda

Department of Pediatrics, Kyoto University Graduate School of Medicine, Kyoto, Japan

- 6-3: Shared and Distinct Features of the Gut Microbiome in Immune-mediated Inflammatory Diseases

Bora Nam

Department of Rheumatology, Hanyang University Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases, Seoul, Republic of Korea

18:00 ~ 19:00 Evening Keynote Lecture

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Bridging the Gaps in Psoriatic Arthritis Care: Challenges and Opportunities

Speaker: Lihi Eder

University of Toronto, Canada

Chair: Hideto Kameda

Chair, JCR International School Committee

Division of Rheumatology, Department of Internal Medicine, School of Medicine, Toho University, Tokyo, Japan

19:30 ~ 21:30 Cocktail Party (Free Time)

Place: "CHIKUMA", Karuizawa Prince Hotel West

Day 3 Saturday, July 18, 2026

08:30 ~ 10:00 Session 7 "Targeting cytokines"

Tutor: Haruka Tsuchiya

Department of Allergy and Rheumatology, Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan

7-1: Comparative Risk of Infection-Related Complications in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Patients Treated with Anifrolumab versus Belimumab: An Emulated Target Trial

Teng-Chieh Hsu

Division of Rheumatology, Wuri Lin Shin Hospital, Taichung, Taiwan

7-2: Acrolein is a potential driver of sustained type 1 interferon responses in systemic lupus erythematosus

Tomohiro Kozuki

Division of Immunology and Genomic Medicine, Center for Cancer Immunotherapy and Immunobiology, Kyoto University Graduate School of Medicine, Kyoto, Japan

7-3: MS4A4A on nonclassical monocyte predicts early remission with JAK inhibitors in rheumatoid arthritis

Hiroto Asakura

Department of Rheumatology, Kitasato University School of Medicine / Division of Rheumatology, Kitasato University Medical Center, Kanagawa, Japan

10:15 ~ 11:45 Session 8 "Cellular therapeutic target"

Tutor: Shinsuke Yasuda

Department of Rheumatology, Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences, Institute of Science Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan

8-1: Cells in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

Yuya Fujita

The First Department of Internal Medicine, University of Occupational and Environmental Health, Japan, Kitakyushu, Japan

8-2: Pharmacological Inhibition of Gene X Corrects Th17/Treg Imbalance Through Metabolic Reprogramming in T Cell-Mediated Autoimmune Diseases

Kazuro Kamada

Department of Rheumatology, Endocrinology and Nephrology, Faculty of Medicine and Graduate School of Medicine, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan

8-3: CD19-targeting CAR T-cell therapy in patients with diffuse cutaneous Systemic Sclerosis

Janina Auth

Department of Internal Medicine 3, Rheumatology and Immunology, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg and Universitätsklinikum Erlangen, Erlangen, Germany / Deutsches Zentrum Immuntherapie, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg and Universitätsklinikum Erlangen, Erlangen, Germany

11:45 ~ Closing Ceremony
