



# 13TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTH AMERICAN SECTION

Presented by the International Academy of  
Cardiovascular Sciences in conjunction with the  
University of Louisville Cardiology Symposium

September 10-12, 2026  
**LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY**

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## Scientific Advisory Committee

## Venue & Accommodation

The Galt House  
140 N Fourth St  
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## Registration Desk Hours

- September 10: 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- September 11: 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- September 12: 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

## Poster Session Details

September 11

- Setup: Begins at 8:00 AM
- Judging: 5:15 PM – 6:30 PM

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# PROGRAM AGENDA

## AGENDA – Day 1: Thursday, September 10, 2026

**1:00 – 6:00 pm Registration**

**4:00 – 4:30 pm Welcome Remarks**

**President's Address**

**4:30 – 5:00 pm IACS Medal of Merit Lecture**

**5:00 – 5:30 pm Martin Morad Distinguished Lecture**

**5:30 – 6:00 pm State-of-the-Art Lecture**

**6:00 – 6:30 pm Plenary Lecture**

### **SATELLITE SESSION**

**Moderator:**

**6:45 – 7:30 pm Satellite Session Topic**

**Panelists**

**6:45 pm Welcome Dinner**

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## AGENDA – Day 2: Friday, September 11, 2026

**7:00 – 8:00 am      Registration & Breakfast**

**Session 1:  
SESSION TOPIC TBD  
Moderators:**

**8:00 – 8:20 am      LECTURE**

**8:20 – 8:40 am      LECTURE**

**8:40 – 9:00 am      LECTURE**

**9:00 – 9:20 am      LECTURE**

**9:20 – 9:40 am      LECTURE**

**9:40 – 10:00 am    Coffee Break:**

**Session 2:  
SESSION TOPIC TBD  
Moderators:**

**8:00 – 8:20 am      LECTURE**

**8:20 – 8:40 am      LECTURE**

**8:40 – 9:00 am      LECTURE**

**9:00 – 9:20 am      LECTURE**

**9:20 – 9:40 am      LECTURE**

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## AGENDA – Day 2: Friday, September 11, 2026

**9:40 – 10:00 am**      **Coffee Break:**

**Session 3:**  
**SESSION TOPIC TBD**  
**Moderators:**

**10:00 – 10:20 am**      **LECTURE**

**10:20 – 10:40 am**      **LECTURE**

**10:40 – 11:00 am**      **LECTURE**

**11:00 – 11:20 am**      **LECTURE**

**11:20 – 11:40 am**      **LECTURE**

**Session 4:**  
**SESSION TOPIC TBD**  
**Moderators:**

**10:00 – 10:20 am**      **LECTURE**

**10:20 – 10:40 am**      **LECTURE**

**10:40 – 11:00 am**      **LECTURE**

**11:00 – 11:20 am**      **LECTURE**

**11:20 – 11:40 am**      **LECTURE**

**11:40 am – 1:00 pm**      **Lunch:**

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## AGENDA – Day 2: Friday, September 11, 2026

### SATELLITE SESSION

LOCATION:

Moderator:

12 noon – 1:00 pm      SPEAKER

### Session 5: SESSION TOPIC TBD

Moderators:

1:00 – 1:20 pm      LECTURE

1:20 – 1:40 pm      LECTURE

1:40 – 2:00 pm      LECTURE

2:00 – 2:20 pm      LECTURE

2:20 – 2:40 pm      LECTURE

2:40 – 3:00 pm      Coffee Break

### Session 6: SESSION TOPIC TBD

Moderators:

1:00 – 1:20 pm      LECTURE

1:20 – 1:40 pm      LECTURE

1:40 – 2:00 pm      LECTURE

2:00 – 2:20 pm      LECTURE

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## AGENDA – Day 2: Friday, September 11, 2026

LECTURE CONTINUED

2:20– 2:40 pm LECTURE

2:40 – 3:00 pm Coffee Break

### Session 7: AWARD CONTEST

Judges:

3:00 – 3:15 pm PROJECT ENTRY 1

3:15 – 3:30 pm PROJECT ENTRY 2

3:30 – 3:45 pm PROJECT ENTRY 3

3:45 – 4:00 pm PROJECT ENTRY 4

4:00 – 4:15 pm PROJECT ENTRY 5

### Session 8: SESSION TOPIC TBD

Moderators:

3:00 – 3:20 pm LECTURE

3:20 – 3:40 pm LECTURE

3:40 – 4:00 pm LECTURE

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## AGENDA – Day 2: Friday, September 11, 2026

**4:00 – 4:20 pm**      **LECTURE**

**Session 9:  
AWARD CONTEST  
Judges:**

**4:20 – 4:35 pm**      **PROJECT ENTRY #1**

**4:35 – 4:50 pm**      **PROJECT ENTRY #2**

**4:50 – 5:05 pm**      **PROJECT ENTRY #3**

**5:05 – 5:20 pm**      **PROJECT ENTRY #4**

**Session 10:  
AWARD CONTEST  
Judges:**

**4:25 – 4:40 pm**      **ENTRY #1**

**4:40 – 4:55 pm**      **ENTRY #2**

**4:55 – 5:10 pm**      **ENTRY #3**

**5:10 – 5:25 pm**      **ENTRY #4**

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### POSTER SESSION:

Judges:

**5:15 – 6:30 pm**      **Poster Session**  
**Poster Awards (4)**

**Poster Awards (4)**

**6:30 pm**              **Dinner on your own**

### SATELLITE SESSION (STUDENTS, TRAINEES, EARLY-CAREER SCIENTISTS) LOCATION: Moderator:

**6:30 – 7:30 pm**      **SATELLITE SESSION**

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## AGENDA – Day 3: Saturday, September 12, 2026

**7:00 – 8:00 am**      **Registration & Breakfast**

**Session 11:**  
**SESSION TOPIC TBD**  
**Moderators:**

**8:00 – 8:25 am**      **LECTURE**

**8:25 – 8:50 am**      **LECTURE**

**8:50 – 9:15 am**      **LECTURE**

**9:15 – 9:40 am**      **LECTURE**

**9:40 – 10:00 am**      **Coffee Break:**

**Session 12:**  
**SESSION TOPIC TBD**  
**Moderators:**

**8:00 – 8:20 am**      **LECTURE**

**8:20 – 8:40 am**      **LECTURE**

**8:40 – 9:00 am**      **LECTURE**

**9:00 – 9:20 am**      **LECTURE**

**9:20 – 9:40 am**      **LECTURE**

**9:40 – 10:00 am**      **Coffee Break:**

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## AGENDA – Day 3: Saturday, September 12, 2026

### Session 13: SESSION TOPIC TBD

Moderators:

**10:00 – 10:20 am      LECTURE**

**10:20 – 10:40 am      LECTURE**

**10:40 – 11:00 am      LECTURE**

**11:00 – 11:20 am      LECTURE**

**11:20 – 11:40 am      LECTURE**

### Session 14: SESSION TOPIC TBD

Moderators:

**10:00 – 10:20 am      LECTURE**

**10:20 – 10:40 am      LECTURE**

**10:40 – 11:00 am      LECTURE**

**11:00 – 11:20 am      LECTURE**

**11:20 – 11:40 am      LECTURE**

**11:40 am – 1:00 pm      Lunch:**

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## AGENDA – Day 3: Saturday, September 12, 2026

**Session 15:**  
**SESSION TOPIC TBD**  
**Moderators:**

<b>1:00 – 1:20 pm</b>	<b>LECTURE</b>
<b>1:20 – 1:40 pm</b>	<b>LECTURE</b>
<b>1:40 – 2:00 pm</b>	<b>LECTURE</b>
<b>2:00 – 2:20 pm</b>	<b>LECTURE</b>
<b>2:20 – 2:40 pm</b>	<b>LECTURE</b>
<b>2:40 – 3:00 pm</b>	<b>Coffee Break:</b>

**Session 16:**  
**SESSION TOPIC TBD**  
**Moderators:**

<b>1:00 – 1:25 pm</b>	<b>LECTURE</b>
<b>1:25 – 1:50 pm</b>	<b>LECTURE</b>
<b>1:50 – 2:15 pm</b>	<b>LECTURE</b>
<b>2:15 – 2:40 pm</b>	<b>LECTURE</b>
<b>2:40 – 3:00 pm</b>	<b>Coffee Break:</b>

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**Session 17:**  
**SESSION TOPIC TBD**  
**Moderators:**

**3:00 – 3:20 pm**      **LECTURE**

**3:20 – 3:40 pm**      **LECTURE**

**3:40 – 4:00 pm**      **LECTURE**

**4:00 – 4:20 pm**      **LECTURE**

**4:20 – 4:40 pm**      **LECTURE**

**Session 18:**  
**SESSION TOPIC TBD**  
**Moderators:**

**3:00 – 3:20 pm**      **LECTURE**

**3:20 – 3:40 pm**      **LECTURE**

**3:40 – 4:00 pm**      **LECTURE**

**4:00 – 4:20 pm**      **LECTURE**

**4:20 – 4:40 pm**      **LECTURE**

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## AGENDA – Day 3: Saturday, September 12, 2026

### Awards Ceremony and Gala Dinner

#### Location:

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Announcements, Recognitions, and Awards

**Recognition by IACS-NAS Organizing Committee**

**Chairs:**

**LIST OF AWARDS AND RECIPIENTS:**

**IACS Awards**

**Chair:**

**IACS Medal of Merit:**

**IACS Distinguished Service Award:**

**IACS Distinguished Leadership Award:**

**IACS Lifetime Achievement Award:**

**Established Investigator Awards**

**Chairs:** Dr.

AWARDS:

# PROGRAM AGENDA

## AGENDA – Day 3: Saturday, September 12, 2026

### AWARD NAME AND RECIPIENTS:

#### Young Investigator, Graduate Students, and Poster Awards Chairs:

**Award**

**Award**

**Award (4)**

**Awards (4)**

**6:00 pm**

**Gala Dinner**

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