



OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

FIMLS Annual Seminar 2026

Fiji Institute of Medical Laboratory Science Annual Seminar

In collaboration with AIMS Tropical Division and Fiji National University

Theme: Partnerships in the Pacific

DATE

19-21 June 2026

FORMAT

**Scientific Sessions |
Expo | Dinner**

HOST VENUE

Fiji National University

A professional forum for medical laboratory scientists, health leaders, researchers, educators, students, and diagnostic industry partners across Fiji and the Pacific.

FRIDAY 19 JUNE

Laboratory Expo and Exhibitor Showcase

9:00 - 9:10 AM	Welcome by Seminar Organising Committee
9:10 - 9:15 AM	Sponsor Introduction
9:15 - 9:20 AM	Photo Session
9:25 - 9:50 AM	Fiji Pharmaceutical Biomedical Services Presentation and Discussion
9:50 - 10:15 AM	Morning Tea <i>Proudly sponsored by TechMed</i>
10:15 AM - 4:00 PM	Open Expo

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Saturday Morning Programme

8:30 - 8:55 AM	Registration
9:00 AM	Event called to order
9:05 AM	Arrival of Chief Guest to main dais
9:05 - 9:10 AM	Garlanding of Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker
9:10 - 9:15 AM	Prayer - Ms. Emily Underwood <i>Vice President - Central / Eastern, Fiji Institute of Medical Laboratory Science</i>
9:15 - 9:25 AM	Welcome Address - Ms. Keshvi Lal Sukul <i>President, Fiji Institute of Medical Laboratory Science</i>
9:25 - 9:30 AM	Address from AIMS Tropical Division Chair - Associate Professor Donna Rudd <i>James Cook University / AIMS Tropical Division</i>
9:30 - 9:35 AM	Address from Associate Dean Research, College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences - Associate Professor Aruna Devi <i>Fiji National University</i>
9:35 - 9:40 AM	Introduction of Chief Guest - Ms. Shazlyn Zibran <i>Vice President - West, Fiji Institute of Medical Laboratory Science</i>
9:40 - 9:50 AM	Address by Chief Guest - Honorable Penioni Ravunawa <i>Assistant Minister for Health, Ministry of Health and Medical Services, Fiji</i>
9:50 - 9:55 AM	Introduction of Keynote Speaker - Ms. Zaheen Ibrahim <i>Northern Representative, Fiji Institute of Medical Laboratory Science</i>
9:55 - 10:05 AM	Keynote Address - Dr. Tevita Qoriniasi <i>Acting Deputy Secretary - Public Health, Ministry of Health and Medical Services</i>
10:05 - 10:30 AM	Group Photos and Expo
10:35 - 11:00 AM	Morning Tea <i>Proudly sponsored by Zens Medical</i>

Scientific Sessions

Midday Session

11:00 - 11:20 AM	All Hands on Deck: Strengthening AMR Laboratory Surveillance in the Pacific <i>Dr. Sakiusa Cabe Baleivanualala, Fiji National University / University of Otago</i>
11:25 - 11:55 AM	One Health in the Pacific: Concepts, Surveillance, and Current WHO Activities <i>Dr. Philippe Guyant, Division for Pacific Technical Support, World Health Organization</i>
11:55 AM - 12:05 PM	Question and Answer Session
12:05 - 12:10 PM	Events Team Activity 1
12:10 - 12:30 PM	Isolated Raised APTT: Causes and Cases <i>Ms. Leah Pringle, New Zealand Institute of Medical Laboratory Science [NZIMLS]</i>
12:30 - 12:40 PM	Diagnosis of Haematological Malignancies in Resource-Limited Settings: Current Practice and Scope for Improvement, A Systematic Review <i>Ms. Ailie Ross, James Cook University</i>
12:40 - 12:50 PM	Question and Answer Session
12:50 - 1:00 PM	Events Team Activity 2
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Lunch

Scientific Sessions Continued

Saturday Afternoon Programme

2:05 - 2:20 PM	Equity, Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and Diagnostic Medical Laboratories Research <i>Ms. Kirsten Birrell, New Zealand Institute of Medical Laboratory Science [NZIMLS]</i>
2:20 - 2:35 PM	Urinary Nephryn for the Detection of Glomerular Injury During Pregnancy <i>Associate Professor Donna Rudd, James Cook University / AIMS Tropical Division</i>
2:35 - 2:50 PM	Association Between ABO Blood Group Types and Hepatitis B Virus Infection: Insights from a Systematic Review <i>Ms. Francisca Varpit, James Cook University</i>
2:50 - 3:05 PM	Evolution and Current Landscape of Laboratory Services at CWMH <i>Ms. Neelambra Devi - Supervising Officer, Colonial War Memorial Hospital [CWMH]</i>
3:05 - 3:20 PM	Quality Without Wall: POCT and EQA in Modern Diagnostics - HIV and STI <i>Ms. Nur Zyna, Sexual Reproductive Health and HIV Clinic, Ministry of Health and Medical Services; Ms. Amrita Vandana, Sexual Reproductive Health and HIV Clinic, Ministry of Health and Medical Services</i>
3:20 - 3:30 PM	Question and Answer Session
3:30 - 4:30 PM	<p>Panel Discussion: "HIV Diagnosis, Testing, Linkage to Care, Surveillance and Collaborative Public Health Response", and "Strengthening Regional Laboratory Networks in the Pacific."</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Alipate Vakamocea - ABT Global, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Australian Aid • Ms. Ritambhara Prasad - Independent Consultant • Dr. Donald Wilson - Acting Executive Director, Research and Innovation, Fiji National University • Mr. Mun Reddy - World Health Organization • Dr. Aruna Devi - Associate Professor, Fiji National University <p>Moderator: Mr. Jignesh Sharma - Fiji National University</p>
4:30 - 4:40 PM	Events Team Activity 3
4:40 - 5:00 PM	Afternoon Tea <i>Proudly sponsored by VanMed Labs</i>

Saturday Cocktail and Dinner Programme

Dinner and Networking

7:00 - 7:10 PM	Welcome by Mr. Simione Naikarua - Master of Ceremonies
7:10 - 7:15 PM	Cultural Performance 1
7:15 - 7:25 PM	Awards Presentation • Sponsor Award Presentation
7:25 - 7:30 PM	Cultural Performance 2
7:30 - 7:45 PM	Events Team Activity
7:45 - 9:00 PM	Dinner and Networking

Sunday Programme

Case Presentations, Breakout Session and Closing

9:00 - 9:05 AM	Opening Prayer - Ms. Premika Charan <i>General Secretary, Fiji Institute of Medical Laboratory Science</i>
9:05 - 9:10 AM	Recap of the Previous Day - Ms. Premika Charan <i>General Secretary, Fiji Institute of Medical Laboratory Science</i>
9:10 - 9:30 AM	Retrospective Analysis of Amoebic Liver Infections at Lautoka Hospital, Fiji, from 2020 to 2024. Khushi Nand
9:40 - 10:00 AM	JCU Student Case Presentation 1
10:00 - 10:30 AM	Morning Tea <i>Proudly sponsored by Abacus Diagnostics</i>
10:30 - 10:50 AM	JCU Student Case Presentation 2
10:50 - 11:10 AM	JCU Student Case Presentation 3
11:10 - 11:30 AM	JCU Student Case Presentation 4
11:30 - 11:50 AM	JCU Student Case Presentation 5
11:50 AM - 12:00 PM	Question and Answer Session
12:00 - 1:50 PM	Breakout Session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haematology Education in Regional and Remote Areas, facilitated by Ms. Ailie Ross, James Cook University • Biochemistry Breakout Session facilitated by Mr. Robert White, Principal Scientist in Biochemistry, Pathology Queensland and Associate Professor Donna Rudd, James Cook University / AIMS Tropical Division • Planetary Health Session facilitated by FIPHR Team, Fiji National University
1:50 - 2:00 PM	Vote of Thanks and Closing - Ms. Keshvi Lal Sukul <i>President, Fiji Institute of Medical Laboratory Science</i>

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