IFMSS 2026 Final Announcement

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the 43rd IFMSS annual meeting in Kyoto. The meeting promises a dynamic scientific agenda, paired with hallmark activities by all participants. We are happy to help you to enjoy the meeting and to be inspired by Kyoto.

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1. Conference Overview

- **Conference Name:** The 43rd Annual Meeting of the International Fetal Medicine and Surgery Society (IFMSS 2026)
- **Dates:** September 27 (Sun) – October 1 (Thu), 2026
- **Venue:** Hotel Okura Kyoto (Access: https://ifmss2026.org/access/)
- **Address:** Kawaramachi-Oike, Nakagyo-ku, Kyoto 604-8558, Japan
- **Official Website:** https://ifmss2026.org/

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2. Registration & Hotel Check-in

[A] Congress Registration & Badge Pick-up

To collect your name badge, please visit the Registration Desk. You must pick up your badge before attending any sessions or social events.

- **Location:** 1st Floor Lobby (Next to the Grand Staircase), Hotel Okura Kyoto
- **Opening Hours:**
  - September 27 (Sun) : 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
  - September 28 (Mon): 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
  - September 29 (Tue): 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
  - September 30 (Wed) : 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
  - October 1 (Thu) : 7:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- **What to Bring:** Please present the Registration Confirmation you can download from your My page or a valid photo ID (Passport, Driver's License, etc.) for identity verification.

⚠️ **Important Notice:**

- Please note that NO on-site registrations or additional accompanying persons will be accepted during the congress period. Only pre-registered individual attendees are permitted to participate.

[B] Hotel Room Check-in (For Guests Staying at Hotel Okura Kyoto)

- **Location:** Hotel Front Desk, 1st Floor, Hotel Okura Kyoto
- **Check-in Time:** From 3:00 p.m.
- Please note: Room check-in and luggage handling must be processed at the hotel counter, which is separated from the Congress Registration Desk.

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3. Important Information for Presenters

Please check the Program & Timetable and confirm the date and time of your presentation or session:

- Program & Timetable: https://ifmss2026.org/program/

Presenters are kindly requested to upload their presentation slides in advance.

Please refer to the following page for instructions on preparing and uploading your presentation data:

- Information for Presenters: https://ifmss2026.org/presenters/

If your presentation contains video files, or if you will be using a Macintosh computer, please visit the PC Preview Desk and complete the necessary checks at least 40 minutes before your scheduled presentation time.

PC Preview Desk Hours :

- September 28 (Mon): 7:20 a.m. – 6:20 p.m.
- September 29 (Tue): 7:20 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- September 30 (Wed) : 7:20 a.m. – 6:50 p.m.
- October 1 (Thu) : 7:20 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

For backup purposes, presenters are also requested to bring a copy of their presentation data on a USB flash drive or other storage device.

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4. Program & Daily Event Details

[A] Program Overview

The full program and detailed schedule are available on our official website. Since minor adjustments may occur, please check the latest version online before the sessions.

- **Agenda:** https://ifmss2026.org/agenda/
- **Program, Timetable & Abstract:** https://ifmss2026.org/program/

[B] Daily Social Events & Activities

Please review the specific schedules, guidelines, and dress codes for each day below:

🗓️ **September 27 (Sun): Welcome Drink Reception**

Kick off the congress by joining our opening social event. Please note that this reception is intended for reconnecting with participants and will feature traditional Matcha (Japanese green tea), drinks, and Japanese finger foods with Kyoto sunset. You could enjoy Kyoto night with eating out after reception.

- **Time:** 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (Doors open at 5:15 p.m.)
- **Venue:** "Apollon" (17th Floor), Hotel Okura Kyoto
- **Dress Code:** Casual
- **Note:** Your congress badge is required for entry. Please complete your registration on the 1st floor before heading to the 17th floor.

⚠️ **Important Notice:**

  - Since only light refreshments will be served at the reception, we highly encourage you to head out into the city afterward to enjoy Kyoto's fantastic culinary scene!

🗓️ **September 28 (Mon)**

- **Lunch**
  - **Time:** 12:30 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.
  - **Venue:** Dining Room (Next to the Main Session Room), Hotel Okura Kyoto
- **Group Photo at Kamo River**
  - Logistics: Staff members will guide you from the hotel to the photo spot right after session 5. Please follow the staff's instructions.
- **Dinner**
  - **Time:** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
  - **Venue:** Ganko Takasegawa Nijoen
  - **Address:** 484-6 Higashi-ikesucho, Kiyamachi-dori nijo-sagaru, Nakagyo-ku, Kyoto-shi, Kyoto
  - **Dress Code:** Casual

    * Please note that you may need to take off your shoes at the restaurant.

  ⚠️ **Important Notice:**

  - All participants will move to the venue together immediately after the sessions conclude.
  - Special meals will be provided for those who requested dietary restrictions at registration. Please be advised that seating may be pre-assigned to facilitate safe and accurate catering service.

📅 **September 29 (Tue):**

- **Excursion (Includes Lunch)**
  - **Time:** 11:00 a.m.–
  - **Meeting Point:** The 4th Floor Foyer (Outside the session room), Hotel Okura Kyoto
  - **Departure Logistics:** Please gather in the foyer immediately after the morning session finishes. Once all participants are assembled, we will board the chartered buses together from the hotel.
  - **Dress Code:** Casual (Comfortable walking shoes are highly recommended).
    * Please note that you may need to take off your shoes at some restaurants and sites.

  ⚠️ **Important Notice:**
  - Special meals will be provided for those who requested dietary restrictions at registration. Please be advised that seating may be pre-assigned to facilitate safe and accurate catering service.
  - For those participating in the Sake Brewery Tour, please be sure to observe the following:
    - **Please refrain from eating fermented foods such as natto and yogurt on the day of your visit.**
    - Please wear clean and comfortable clothing. Please refrain from wearing fur or other clothing with long feathers, etc.
    - Room temperature is kept low in the production site. (about 10-20℃) Please adjust your clothing accordingly.
    - Please refrain from smoking prior to the tour.
    - Please refrain from using perfumes, body creams, skin oils, etc.
    - Please refrain from entering the production site with chewing gum, candy, etc. in your mouth.
- **Evening Banquet at Uzumasa Kyoto Village**
  - **Time:** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Welcome drinks start at 6:30 p.m.)
  - **Venue:** Uzumasa Kyoto Village
  - **Address:** 10 Uzumasa Higashihachiokachō, Ukyo-ku, Kyoto 616-8586, Japan
  - **Logistics for Excursion Participants:** The excursion buses will take you directly to the banquet venue.
  - **What to Expect:** Experience a special night in the historic atmosphere of traditional Japan with exciting entertainment and typical Japanese cuisine.
  - **Dress Code:** Casual (We recommend bringing the happi coat which will be provided as novelties)

🗓️ **September 30 (Wed)**

- **Lunch**
  - **Time:** 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m..
  - **Venue:** Dining Room (Next to the Main Session Room), Hotel Okura Kyoto
- **Gala Dinner**
  - **Time:** 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. (Doors open at 6:45 p.m.)
  - **Venue:** "Gyoun" (4th Floor), Hotel Okura Kyoto
  - **Highlights:** Traditional **Maiko** performance and powerful **Wadaiko** (Japanese drum) show.
  - **Dress Code:** Casual

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5. Announcement for Accompanying Persons

To ensure you have a wonderful time in Kyoto, please review the specific schedules and guidelines for your dining and programs below. **Please remember that your Name Badge is strictly required for admission to all meals and tours.**

🍱 **Lunch (September 28 & September 30)**

- **Venue:** "Gyoun" (4th Floor), Hotel Okura Kyoto
- **Opening Time:** The dining room will open approximately 30 minutes before the scheduled time on the official Agenda.

⚠️ **Important Notice:**

- The dining area is expected to become extremely crowded after the main sessions conclude. We highly recommend arriving early.

🗓️ **Dinner at Ganko Takasegawa Nijoen (September 28)**

- **Meeting Point:** The Foyer on the 4th Floor, Hotel Okura Kyoto
- **Meeting Time:** 6:30 p.m.

⚠️ **Important Notice:**

- All accompanying persons will move to the dinner venue together from the 4th-floor foyer.
- Please note that you may need to take off your shoes at the restaurant.
- Special meals will be provided for those who requested dietary restrictions at registration. Please be advised that seating may be pre-assigned to facilitate safe and accurate catering service.

🚌 **Excursion (September 29)**

- **Meeting Point:** The Foyer on the 4th Floor, Hotel Okura Kyoto

- **Meeting Time:** 10:45 a.m.

👥 **Accompanying Person Programs (September 28 & September 30)**

- **Meeting Point:** Registration Desk (1st Floor), Hotel Okura Kyoto
- **Meeting Time:** Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time (as indicated below).

⚠️ **Important Notice:**

  - **Dress Code & Footwear:** Casual (These are walking tours. Please wear comfortable walking shoes.)
  - **Rain Preparedness:** Please bring a compact/travel umbrella in case of sudden rain.

[Program Schedule]

- **Tea Ceremony Experience (September 28 & September 30)**
  - Session 1: 9:30 a.m. Meeting (Program: 09:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.)
  - Session 2: 12:30 p.m. Meeting (Program: 12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.)
  - Session 3: 3:30 p.m. Meeting (Program: 3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.)
    *The Tea Ceremony Experience on September 30 is only available from 09:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
- **Visit Nishiki Market (September 30)**
  - Session 1: 9:45 a.m. Meeting (Program: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)
  - Session 2: 12:45 p.m. Meeting (Program: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.)
- **Visit Manga Museum (September 30)**
  - Session 1: 09:45 a.m. Meeting (Program: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)
  - Session 2: 12:45 p.m. Meeting (Program: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.)

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6. Hotel Check-out, Luggage

- **Hotel Check-out Time:** By 11:00 a.m.
  - Please ensure you complete your room check-out and settle any personal expenses at the hotel front desk before the morning sessions on your departure day.
  - On the day of your check-out, you can leave your large suitcases at the front desk so you can attend the sessions hands-free.

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7. On-site Information

- **Complimentary Wi-Fi:** Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the venue. Connection

details (SSID and Password) will be provided at the Registration Desk.

- **Cloakroom:** A cloakroom is available near the session room to store your bags and coats during session hours.

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8. Climate, Clothing, and Weather Tips

- **Weather:** Late September to early October in Kyoto is autumn. The temperature typically ranges from a high of around 25°C to 28°C during the day, down to a cool 16°C to 19°C in the morning and evening.
- **Clothing:** While short sleeves or light clothing are comfortable for the daytime, the temperature drops after sunset. We highly recommend bringing a light jacket, cardigan, or blazer for the evenings and staying comfortable in the air-conditioned conference rooms.
- **Rain Preparedness:** As we have outdoor activities planned, including the Excursion on September 29, we kindly advise you to bring a compact/travel umbrella just in case of sudden rain.

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9. Contact Information

If you have any questions, please contact the respective desk below:

- **General Inquiries (Secretariat):**
  - **Email:** info.support@ifmss2026.org
- **Registration & Accommodation Inquiries (JTB Desk):**
  - **Email:** ifmss2026-travel@gmt.jtb.jp