



RegPep26
Fragrant Hill, Beijing

26th International Symposium on Regulatory peptides

RegPep26 (2027) Prospectus

Fragrant Hill, Beijing, China

March 23 - 28, 2027

About RegPep and the IRPS

RegPep is the biennial international symposium organized by the International Regulatory Peptide Society (IRPS), an international nonprofit scientific society dedicated to advancing research and collaboration in regulatory peptide biology, systems neuroscience, endocrinology, metabolism, translational medicine, and peptide therapeutics. The RegPep meetings bring together scientists from basic, translational, pharmaceutical, and clinical disciplines to foster collaboration and accelerate progress in understanding and therapeutic applications of regulatory peptides. The scope and purpose of the biennial meeting is described on our website regpep.org along with information about dates, venue, conference proceedings, and photo galleries of [previous meetings](#).

Why Beijing?

The proposed RegPep26 meeting in Beijing offers several strategic advantages. The selected venue, [the Fragrant Hills Hotel \(Xiangshan Hotel\)](#), combines scientific practicality, affordability, and architectural and cultural significance. Designed by the renowned architect I.M. Pei and located within Fragrant Hills Park/resort, the venue provides an integrated environment where **lodging, scientific sessions, social activities, and networking all take place in one location.**

The IRPS Council of Trustees selected the Beijing proposal for its financial sustainability, lower operational risk, integrated conference structure, and strong potential to support broad international participation, including students and early-career researchers.

Executive Organizing Structure of the RegPep26

Organizing Committee

Ruud Buijs (IRPS President, UNAM, México)
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**Inaugural Distinguished
Member Named Prize
Lectureships**

*Honoring the scientific legacy,
mentorship, service to the
community and intellectual lineage
of the regulatory peptide field*

*Established by the IRPS Council of
Trustees (2026)*

**Distinguished Member
Named Lectureship**

Gong Ju (1929)

Harold Gainer (1935-2023)

José Antunes Rodrigues (1931)

George Fink (1933)

Maurice Manning (1937)

Inaugural Laureate

Hailan Hu

Valery Grinevich

Gregory J. Quirk

Carmen Sandi

Yulong Li

RegPep26 Flagship Keynote Symposia

***Neurotransmission &
Regulatory Peptides***

Lee Eiden (USA)
Pablo Castillo (USA)
Limei Zhang (Mexico)

***Social Behavior &
Regulatory Peptides***

Nirao Shah (USA)
Árpád Dobolyi (Hungary)
Xiang Yu (China)

***Metabolism &
Regulatory Peptides***

Tamas Horvath (USA)
Jens Brüning (Germany)
Ruud Buljs (Mexico)

***Stress &
Regulatory Peptides***

Alexander Charlet (France)
Xiaodong Wang (China)
Ji Hu (China)

***Reproduction &
Regulatory Peptides***

Allan Herbison (UK)
Paola Giacobini (France)
Ali Abbara (UK)

***Circadian Rhythms,
Eating & Metabolism***

Jun Yan (China)
Andries Kalsbeek (The
Netherlands)
Dick Swaab (The Netherlands)

18 internationally recognized speakers (confirmed) • 30-min lecture + 10-min discussion each (plenary sessions)

Preconfirmed plenary speakers and topics

	1_Lay Lecturer	Xu, David	China	
	2_Prize lecturer	Hu, Hailan	China	
	3_Prize lecturer	Sandi, Carmen	Spain/Switzerland	
	4_Prize lecturer	Grinevich, Valery	Russia/Germany	
	5_Prize lecturer	Quirk, Greg	USA/Philippines	
	6_Prize lecturer	Li, Yulong	China	
KS1- Neurotransmission & Regulatory Peptides	KS1 Speaker	Eiden, Lee	USA	First-messenger versatility of neuropeptides
	KS1 Speaker	Castillo, Pablo	Uruguay/USA	CCK and PACAP in affecting both excitability and plasticity in hippocampus
	KS1 Speaker	Zhang, Limei	China/Mexico	Peptide release sites and action in mediating first and slow neurotransmission
KS2-Social Behavior & Regulatory Peptides	KS2 Speaker	Nirao Shah	USA	Sexual behavior and its neuromodulatory control
	KS2 Speaker	Árpád Dobolyi	Hungary	Maternal behavior and its neuromodulatory control
	KS2 Speaker	Yu, Xiang	China	Autism, oxytocin and social behavior
KS3-Metabolism & Regulatory Peptides	KS3_Speaker	Ruud Buijs	Holland/Mexico	
	KS3_Speaker	Tamas Horvath	Hungary/USA	
	KS3_Speaker	Jens Brüning	Germany	
KS4-Stress & Regulatory Peptide	KS3_Speaker	Xiaodong Wang	China	CRH, AVP and cell adhesion in stress-induced cognitive and emotional dysfunctions
	KS3_Speaker	Ji Hu	China	A prefrontal peptidergic circuit for psychogenic itch
	KS3_Speaker	Alexandre Charlett	France	Amygdala, fear and neuropeptide
KS5-Reproduction & Regulatory Peptides	KS5_Speaker	Paolo Giacobini	Italy/France	Development and function of GnRH neurons: insight for polycystic ovary syndrom
	KS5_Speaker	Allan Herbison	NZ/UK	Kisspeptin and reproduction

	KS5_Speaker	Ali Abbara	UK	Human reproductive behavior
Circadian Rhythms, Eating & Metabolism	KS6_Speaker	Jun Yan	China	Organization of the human and rodent suprachiasmatic nucleus
	KS6_Speaker	Andries Kalsbeek	Holland	Overeating, obesity and diabetes: hypothalamic peptides and glia
	KS6_Speaker	Dick Swaab	Holland	Anorexia nervosa: a postmortem study

Scientific Sessions (12-16 expected) and topics will be announced on August 5th 2026

Registration open on August 6th, 2026