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Speaker



Ms Susana Harding

Senior Director
International Longevity Centre Singapore, Tsao Foundation

Ms Susana Harding is Senior Director at International Longevity Centre Singapore, Tsao Foundation. She is also an Adjunct Senior Research Fellow at College of Nursing & Health Sciences, Flinders University, Faculty Associate at the Master in Gerontology Programme at Singapore University of Social Sciences.

Since January 2026, she is serving as a Co-President of the International Longevity Centre Global Alliance (ILC GA). Susana developed innovative programmes for Tsao such as self-care on health, financial literacy for women, and empowerment of seniors. She has been a co-investigator in several policy relevant research initiated by ILC Singapore for Tsao Foundation on matched savings, population health surveys, ageism, diabetes management, self-care on health, caregiving, immunisation of older adults, community development and community resilience.

She graduated Cum Laude from University of Santo Tomas with Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Master's in Public Administration from Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at National University of Singapore. She is an Associate Member, Training & Adult Educator Professional Pathway, also Honorary Treasurer of the Board of Directors, Centre for Seniors and Council Member, Gerontological Society Singapore. She was conferred Gary Andrews International Fellow 2024 and awarded Ageing Asia Global Trailblazer Award at the 13th Eldercare Innovation Awards 2025.

Speaker



Dr Tippi Mak

Consultant & Head
Vaccine Research Unit, Centre for Behavioural and Implementation Science Interventions (BISI), Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore

Dr Tippi Mak currently heads the Vaccine Research Unit (VRU@BISI), National University of Singapore, which aims to address major evidenced-based gaps in immunisation health systems, policy and practice for Singapore and our region.

She started as a Canadian family physician, with over 20 years of experience in vaccine development, policy, regulation, programmes, evaluation, pharmacovigilance, in low- to high-income settings, and across government, industry, academic, and community sectors. She has served on various committees and boards. She has supported WHO at country level offices and WPRO on communicable disease control (EPI campaigns, outbreak response, surveillance) for four years and field epidemiology studies in rural Lao PDR. She has served as a regular consultant, advisor and trainer for WHO HQ and its committees. During the 2009 H1N1 influenza pandemic, she was a vaccine regulator at Swissmedic, and chaired the National Vaccine Safety committee.

In Singapore, Dr Mak has served at the Health Promotion Board as Senior Deputy Director on noncommunicable diseases, as Sanofi's Regional Director in public policy and J&J Regional Senior Director during the COVD-19 pandemic.

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Mr Patrick Swain

Head of Partnerships and External Relations
International Longevity Centre, UK

Mr Patrick Swain has been Head of Partnerships and External Relations since June 2025, previously working as Research and Development Manager at the ILC. Patrick has over five years' experience working on UK and European health policy matters, previously working for Leukaemia UK and the Brussels-based Coalition for Life Course Immunisation. He also worked as a Public Affairs Assistant for Airbus during a university placement year, as part of his BSc in Politics with Creative Writing from the University of Surrey.

Patrick is keen to deliver meaningful policy change by engaging with policymakers and relevant stakeholders in the UK and across the globe. His work on the ILC's Pneumococcal Vaccination Atlas has been published on the UN's Decade of Healthy Ageing website. He has also been quoted in national newspapers and outlets, including Stylist Magazine for his views on healthy ageing and physical activity, and in the Independent on mental health support for older adults.

Speaker



Dr Sushant Sahastrabuddhe

Associate Director General
Special Initiatives, International Vaccine Institute, Seoul, South Korea

Dr Sushant Sahastrabuddhe (MD, MPH, MBA) is the Associate Director General, Special Initiatives at the International Vaccine Institute in Seoul, South Korea. Sushant is working at IVI for 16 years and has led multiple vaccine development programs involving typhoid conjugate, Chikungunya, and COVID-19 vaccines.

Sushant is a medical graduate from India with Master's in Public Health (MPH) from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, USA and an MBA from the Indiana University, USA. Before joining IVI, Sushant worked with National AIDS Research Institute (NARI) under the umbrella of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI).

Sushant has over 40 manuscripts and 2 book chapters and is affiliated with Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea as Adjunct Professor in the College of Medicine; Research Fellow, at CIRI – Centre International de Recherche en Infectiologie, Team GIMAP, Université Jean Monnet, Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1, France and Visting Professor, Department of Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Dynamics, Institute of Tropical Medicine, Nagasaki University, Japan.

Sushant has been awarded with Honorary citizenship from Seoul Metropolitan Government for his contributions to global public health in 2021.

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Dr Ziru Deng

Research Fellow
Vaccine Research Unit, Centre for Behavioural and Implementation Science Interventions (BISI), Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore

Dr Ziru Deng holds a PhD in Global Health Policy from the University of Hong Kong, where her doctoral research examined vaccination policies and the behavioural and social determinants of vaccine uptake among older adults in post-pandemic China and Hong Kong. Her broader research explores vaccine confidence and uptake across diverse populations, particularly older adults and parents, and encompasses a wide range of vaccines and immunisation programmes.

Drawing on her interdisciplinary background in public health and sociology, she employs mixed-methods approaches to investigate how individual, social and health system factors influence vaccination behaviours. Her current research focuses on vaccine communication and the application of behavioural and implementation science approaches to strengthen healthcare provider recommendations and improve vaccination uptake among older adults in Singapore.

Speaker



Dr Preeti H. Wasnik

Research Project Manager
International Longevity Centre Singapore, Tsao Foundation

Dr Preeti H. Wasnik is a public health professional with over 15 years of experience across government and private sectors. She has expertise in epidemiology, research, strategic project management, programme implementation, and policy advocacy. Her work focuses on advancing healthy ageing, life-course immunisation, gender equality, and community resilience through research, regional partnerships, and evidence-informed public health initiatives.

She has managed multidisciplinary projects and collaborated with diverse stakeholders to strengthen health promotion, disease prevention, and community-based interventions. She holds a Doctorate in Business Administration (Healthcare Management) from SSBM Geneva, an MPH from TISS Mumbai, a Master of Population Studies from IIPS Mumbai, a Fellowship in Epidemiology and Biostatistics, and a Specialist Diploma in Clinical Research Management from Nanyang Polytechnic, Singapore. She is currently pursuing a PhD in Public Health.

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Host and Moderator



Prof. Giuseppe A. Veltri

Professor
Centre for Behavioural and Implementation Science Interventions (BISI), Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore

Prof. Giuseppe Alessandro Veltri holds an MSc in Social Research Methods (Statistics) from the Methodology Institute of the London School of Economics (LSE) and a PhD in Social Psychology from the LSE. He is Professor of Behavioural Science and Computational Social Science at the Centre for Behavioural and Implementation Science Interventions (BISI), Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore. He is a Full Professor of Behavioural Science and Computational Social Science at the Department of Sociology and Social Research of the University of Trento. He has been a scientific fellow at the European Commission JRC Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (IPTS).

Giuseppe's research sits at the intersection of behavioural data science and computational social science, drawing on causal inference, agent-based modelling, and metascientific methods to study how individual cognition and social dynamics shape behaviour and public policy. He has published in scientific journals such as Nature, Science Advances, Nature Scientific Reports, PLOS One, Computers in Human Behavior, Public Understanding of Science, Big Data & Society, Behavioural Public Policy and others.

Programme

Time (SGT)	Programme
3.00PM–3.05PM	**Welcome and Public Health Framing** Introduction to life-course prevention, healthy ageing, population ageing and changing infectious-disease vulnerability. **Ms Susana Harding**, *Senior Director*, ILC-S, Tsao Foundation
3.05PM–3.15PM	**Presentation of Immunisation Study Findings** Key findings from *Immunisation of Older Adults in the Asia Pacific: Barriers, Facilitators, and Strategies to Improve Access to Vaccines*, including barriers, facilitators, inequalities and evidence-to-action gaps. **Dr Preeti H. Wasnik**, *Research Project Manager*, ILC-S, Tsao Foundation
3.15PM–4.05PM	**Expert Panel Discussion** **From Life-Course Prevention to Healthy Ageing — What Needs to Change** Speakers **Ms Susana Harding** *Senior Director*, ILC-S, Tsao Foundation Policy Advocacy and Healthy Ageing **Dr Tippi Mak** *Consultant & Head*, Vaccine Research Unit, NUS BISI Behavioural and Implementation Science, ASEAN vaccine pooled procurement mechanism, vaccine safety **Mr Patrick Swain** *Head of Partnerships and External Relations*, ILC-UK International Comparative Evidence and Pneumococcal Vaccination Atlas **Dr Sushant Sahastrabuddhe** *Associate Director General*, International Vaccine Institute Global Public Health, Access and Implementation **Dr Ziru Deng** *Research Fellow*, NUS BISI BISHAC2026 Older Adult Vaccination Workshop Stakeholder Moderator **Prof. Giuseppe A. Veltri** *Professor*, Centre for Behavioural and Implementation Science Interventions (BISI), Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore Discussion focus: Translating Evidence into Action Identify priority population and prevention gaps, key determinants, feasible interventions and measurable indicators

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4.05PM–4.25PM	**Interactive Discussion and Q&A** Moderated exchange with participants, drawing on questions submitted during the webinar and opportunities to translate evidence into action. Moderators **Dr Preeti H. Wasnik** *Research Project Manager*, ILC-S, Tsao Foundation **Dr Ziru Deng** *Research Fellow*, NUS BISI
4.25PM–4.30PM	**Closing and Next Steps** Key takeaways (priority gap, affected population, proposed action and measurement approach), implementation/research priorities and opportunities for collaboration. **Ms Susana Harding**, *Senior Director*, ILC-S, Tsao Foundation