

ACMAP 2026 Conference – Hershey, PA

(Tentative Program as of 1/27/2026)

Sunday, June 14	
	Travel Day; arrive at hotel
	Cocktail hour/social hour (informal)
Monday, June 15	
7:30 – 9:00 am	Registration Table Open (foyer)
	Poster Set-up Available
8:00 – 8:15 am	Introductions and Welcome
8:15 – 9:05 am	Plenary Talk
8:15 – 8:20 am	Introduction
8:20 – 9:05 am	Jim Simon, Rutgers University <i>In Search of Indigenous and Naturalized Nutritional Food Plants and Medicinals: Case Studies from Sub-Saharan Africa</i>
9:05 – 10:20 am	Ethnobotany
9:05 – 9:10 am	Introduction to Session
9:10 – 9:30 am	Holly Chittum, American Herbal Products Association <i>Talk Title</i>
9:30 – 9:50 am	Erik Burkhart, Penn State University <i>Talk Title</i>
9:50 – 10:00 am	Accepted Oral
10:00 – 10:10 am	Accepted Oral
10:10 – 10:20 am	Q&A
10:20 – 10:45 am	Coffee Break
10:45 am – 12:00 pm	From Plants to Phytotherapy
10:45 – 10:50 am	Introduction to Session
10:50 – 11:10 am	Anait Levenson, Long Island University <i>Computational Insights of Pterostilbene Derivatives and other Stilbene Compounds as Potential Inhibitors of MTA1 Signaling in Human Prostate and Canine Bladder Cancers</i>
11:10 – 11:30 am	Pam Weathers, Worcester Polytechnic University

		<i>Phytochemistry of Clonally Propagated Artemisia annua L. in Two US Locations and Commercial Supplement Quality</i>
11:30 – 11:40 am		Rong Di, Rutgers University <i>Mechanistic study of natural health promoting compounds in C. elegans</i>
11:40 – 11:50 am		Accepted Oral
11:50 am – 12:00 pm		Q&A
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm		Lunch/workshop 1: Careers & Career Development
		Lindsay Caesar, James Madison University
		Adolfina Koroch, Journal of Medicinally Active Plants
		Diana Cheng, International Foods and Flavors
1:30 – 2:45 pm		Phytonutrients & Metabolites
1:30 – 1:35 pm		Introduction to Session
1:35 – 1:55 pm		Ian Tietjen, Wister Institute <i>Talk Title</i>
1:55 – 2:15 pm		Ikhlas Khan, University of Mississippi <i>Talk Title</i>
2:15 – 2:25 pm		Accepted Oral
2:25 – 2:35 pm		Accepted Oral
2:35 – 2:45 pm		Q&A
2:45 – 4:45 pm		Coffee Break/Poster Session 1
5:00 – 6:00 pm		Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 16		
7:30 – 9:00 am		Registration Table Open (foyer)
		Poster Set-up Available
8:00 – 9:15 am		Plants and the Brain
8:00 – 8:05 am		Introduction to Session
8:05 – 8:25 am		<i>Talk Title</i>
8:25 – 8:45 am		Giulio Maria Pasinetti, Icahn School of Medicine <i>Talk Title</i>
8:45 – 8:55 am		Accepted Oral
8:55 – 9:05 am		Accepted Oral
9:05 – 9:15 am		Q&A

9:15 – 10:30 am	Delivery & Formulation
9:15 – 9:20 am	Introduction to Session
9:20 – 9:40 am	Fabricio Medina-Bolivar, Arkansas State University <i>Elicitor-Controlled Production of Anti-inflammatory Prenylated and Geranylated Phenolics in Hairy Root Cultures</i>
9:40 – 10:00 am	Sarah Barr, University of North Carolina Wilmington <i>Metabolomic and LC-MS Profiling of Gastrointestinal Transformations in Ashwagandha</i>
10:00 – 10:10 am	Accepted Oral
10:10 – 10:20 am	Accepted Oral
10:20 – 10:30 am	Q&A
10:30 – 11:00 am	Coffee Break
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Student Talks - Lightning Round
12:00 – 1:15 pm	Preclinical Considerations
12:00 – 12:05 pm	Introduction to Session
12:05 – 12:25 pm	Nora Gray, Oregon State University <i>Advances in the Development of Centella asiatica as a Cognitive Enhancing Therapy</i>
12:25 – 12:45 pm	Paola Rizzo, University of Ferrara <i>Cardioprotective Effects of Urtica dioica Essential Oil in Isoproterenol-Induced Myocardial Infarction: In Vitro, In Vivo, and In Silico Investigations</i>
12:45 – 12:55 pm	Accepted Oral
12:55 – 1:05 pm	Accepted Oral
1:05 – 1:15 pm	Q&A
Free time/Trip	
Wednesday, June 17	
8:00 – 9:15 am	Translating to the Clinic
8:00 – 8:05 am	Introduction to Session
8:05 – 8:25 am	Diana Roopchand, Rutgers University

		<i>Dietary Polyphenols and Metabolic Resilience: Insights from Meta-omics.</i>
8:25 – 8:45 am		Monika Joshi, Penn State College of Medicine <i>Clinical Trials in Prostate Cancer Patients for Korean Angelica Herbal Supplement PK Dose Response and Phase I Dose Escalation</i>
8:45 – 8:55 am		Accepted Oral
8:55 – 9:05 am		Accepted Oral
9:05 – 9:15 am		Q&A
9:15 – 10:30 am		Nutrition, Aging, Microbiome
9:15 – 9:20 am		Introduction to Session
9:20 – 9:40 am		Joshua Lambert, Pennsylvania State University <i>Talk Title</i>
9:40 – 10:00 am		Yuanyuan Li, University of Maryland <i>Health Benefits of Caffeine Consumption in Obesity and Breast Cancer</i>
10:00 – 10:10 am		Accepted Oral
10:10 – 10:20 am		Accepted Oral
10:20 – 10:30 am		Q&A
10:30 – 11:00 am		Coffee Break
11:00 – 11:50 am		Plenary Talk
11:00 – 11:05 am		Introduction
11:05 – 11:50 am		Nazim Sekeroglu, Gaziantep University <i>Crop By-products: Novel and Sustainable Resources of Medicinally Active Compounds for Pharmaceutical and Cosmeceutical Industries</i>
11:50 am – 1:30 pm		Lunch/workshop 2: Data Presentation
1:30 – 2:45 pm		Emerging Medicinal Plants
1:30 – 1:35 pm		Introduction to Session
1:35 – 1:55 pm		Sara Jane Ward, Temple University

		<i>Cannabis/Kratom Interactions in Rodent Models of Pain</i>
1:55 – 2:15 pm		Heather Bradshaw, Indiana University <i>Talk Title</i>
2:15 – 2:25 pm		Accepted Oral
2:25 – 2:35 pm		Accepted Oral
2:35 – 2:45 pm		Q&A
2:45 – 4:45 pm		Coffee Break/Poster Session 2
6:00 – 8:00 pm		Gala Dinner/Awards/Closing