



**VIASS
2026**

**THE 2ND CONGRESS OF THE VIETNAM ASSOCIATION OF SPINE SURGEONS
AND THE 4TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION
OF SPINE SURGEONS**

COMBINED WITH THE APSS OPERATIVE COURSE

HANOI

16, 17, 18/04/2026

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No. 1, Thanh Nien Street, Ba Dinh Ward, Hanoi City

THEME:

MINIMALLY INVASIVE AND ENDOSCOPIC SPINE SURGERY



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Hanoi, Vietnam | April 16–18, 2026**

Overview

The **Asia Pacific Spine Society (APSS) Operative Course 2026** was successfully conducted in conjunction with the **2nd Congress of the Vietnam Association of Spine Surgeons (VIASS)** and the **4th Annual Scientific Meeting**, held from **16–18 April 2026 in Hanoi, Vietnam**.

The event took place across two main venues: **Pan Pacific Hotel** and **Viet Duc University Hospital**, representing a coordinated academic–clinical platform integrating scientific exchange, live surgical demonstration, and hands-on education. The central theme of the meeting was **“Minimally Invasive and Endoscopic Spine Surgery”** reflecting current global trends in spine care.

Planning and Organization

The course was jointly organized by APSS and the Vietnam Association of Spine Surgeons, with strong institutional support from Viet Duc University Hospital. Preparatory activities included program development, faculty coordination, and logistical alignment between conference and hospital sites.

The organizing committee comprised national leaders in spine surgery along with international collaboration from APSS faculty across the Asia-Pacific region.

Participation and Faculty

The event gathered a distinguished panel of international and Vietnamese faculty, including experts from

- **Korea:** Prof. Dr. IL Aden Choi and Prof. Dr. Kang Taek Lim
- **Malaysia:** Prof. Dr. Chris Chan Yin Wei – Assoc Prof. Dr. Chiu Chee Kidd - Prof. Dr. Saw Lim Beng - Dr. Tan Chor Ngee
- **India:** Dr. Ajoy Prasad Shetty - Dr. Vishal Kundnani
- **Palestine:** Prof. Dr. Alaaeldin Azmi Ahmad
- **Singapore:** Dr. Ronand Tangente

The faculty delivered 11 lectures, moderated discussions, and performed 11 live surgery cases to over 74 delegates from Vietnam and other countries.



Scientific and Academic Program

A major highlight of the course was the **live surgical program** conducted at Viet Duc University Hospital and broadcast to the main conference hall.

Surgeries were performed simultaneously in multiple operating rooms and included:

- MIS-TLIF
- XLIF / OLIF
- Endoscopic lumbar and cervical procedures
- Biportal endoscopic decompression
- Cervical laminectomy and fusion
- Kyphoplasty
- Scoliosis correction with intraoperative neuromonitoring

These procedures demonstrated both standard and advanced techniques, with real-time interaction between operating surgeons and the audience.









CME and Specialized Sessions

Dedicated CME sessions focused on practical surgical techniques and emerging technologies, particularly for local Vietnamese surgeons. Topics included:

- Biportal endoscopic surgery
- MIS lumbar techniques
- Balloon kyphoplasty and cement delivery systems

These sessions were aligned with live surgical cases to reinforce applied learning.

Moreover, social activities, including the **Gala Dinner and faculty events**, contributed to professional networking and relationship building.



Scientific Conference and Research Activities

The final day featured a full scientific conference with parallel sessions covering:

- Endoscopic spine surgery

- Minimally invasive techniques
- Spinal deformity
- General spine surgery

Over 57 clinical studies, case reports, and cohort analyses were presented by Vietnamese and international participants.

This segment highlighted the growing research capacity and academic contribution of Vietnamese spine surgeons.





Conclusion

The APSS Operative Course 2026 combined with the VIASS Congress was successfully executed as a comprehensive academic and clinical event. It effectively integrated live surgery, structured education, and scientific exchange, with a strong emphasis on minimally invasive and endoscopic spine surgery.

The collaboration between APSS and the Vietnam Association of Spine Surgeons represents a significant milestone in advancing spine surgery education and clinical practice in Vietnam and the Asia-Pacific region.

