
Registration opens for the 46th IHF World Hospital Congress



Registration is now open for [the International Hospital Federation's \(IHF\) 46th World Hospital Congress](#), taking place on 25–27 October at the Lisbon Congress Centre, Portugal. Pre-congress activities scheduled on 23–24 October are also recommended for participants of the yearly event.

Following the success of the 45th World Hospital Congress which took place in Dubai with participation from over 1200 participants representing 67 countries, attendance at the 2023 World Hospital Congress is expected to reach 1500 attendees. The event is hosted by a consortium of three national under the High Patronage of the President of the Portuguese Republic.

Only two years after in-person events are able to resume following the devastating consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, hospital leaders have had to adapt and innovate to the constraints placed on healthcare delivery. It isn't all bad news. With the emergence of improved systems and tools, hospitals are becoming more resilient and sustainable. The IHF provides a platform for knowledge exchange and enhancement of leadership competencies to strengthen hospital administration and quality of care, as well as to reduce impact on the environment.

Sustainability is an integral part of the organization and delivery of the 2023 Congress. In 2022, the IHF established [the Geneva Sustainability Centre](#) to support hospitals and healthcare executives in leading the transformation to low carbon, resilient, and sustainable healthcare. The Centre will have a strong presence at the 46th World Hospital Congress and will deliver masterclasses in English and Portuguese on 24 October as a pre-congress activity.

Deborah Bowen, President of the International Hospital Federation, reflected on the significance of knowledge exchange and continuous learning:

"Now more than ever, leaders are faced with incredible challenges. Our community of hospitals is an essential forum for us to come together and learn from one another on how to adapt to meet the needs of the hospital of tomorrow.

We are proud to be leading the way in sustainability and to be devising tools to ensure that healthcare delivery systems are sustainable, resilient, and fit for purpose.

We look forward to joining our members in Lisbon and thank the Portuguese Association for Hospital Development (APDH), the Portuguese Association of Hospital Managers (APAH), and the Portuguese Association of Private Hospitals (APHP) for their generosity and support in hosting the event. "

[Abstracts for short oral and poster presentations during the 2023 Congress are still accepted for consideration by the scientific committee until 5 April 2023](#). Submissions are encouraged around [5 thematic tracks](#) focused on the hospital of the future.

Early bird registration is open until 31 July 2023. Visit www.worldhospitalcongress.org to register. Discounts will also be available for registrants coming from low and lower-middle-income countries, and groups of 5 or more .

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