



HEALTHCARE CLOWNING
INTERNATIONAL MEETING

Program Overview

Detailed Program: <https://www.hcim2026.org/program>

More Information and Registration: www.hcim2026.org

Venue: SwissTech Convention Center Lausanne, Switzerland

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Program Day 1 Wednesday, March 11, 2026

08:00 - 09:00	Registration & Welcome Coffee
09:00 - 10:30	Opening Speech by Jan & André Poulie, Theodora Foundation
	Welcome Speech: How Science Can Support Art Pina Marziliano, Center for Biomedical Imaging Lausanne CIBM
	Artistic Opening Act: Daria Occhini
	Keynote Speech: Celebrating 10 Years of HCIM & 40 Years of Healthcare Clowning
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:00	Parallel Sessions Round 1
12:00 - 13:45	Lunch Break
13:45 - 14:45	Parallel Sessions Round 2
15:00 - 16:00	Parallel Sessions Round 3
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 - 18:30	Plenary Session 1 The Power of Humour and Play Christopher Bailey Humanizing Healthcare with the Support of Science The art of re-connecting heart and brain: a neuroscientific perspective Solange Denervaud & Mathieu Horeau
18:30 - 19:45	Swiss Aperitif & Networking
19:45 - 21:00	Evening Show with Cie Fluctus, Duo Mario & Mela, Masha Dimitri, Silvana Gargiulo and Nina Dimitri

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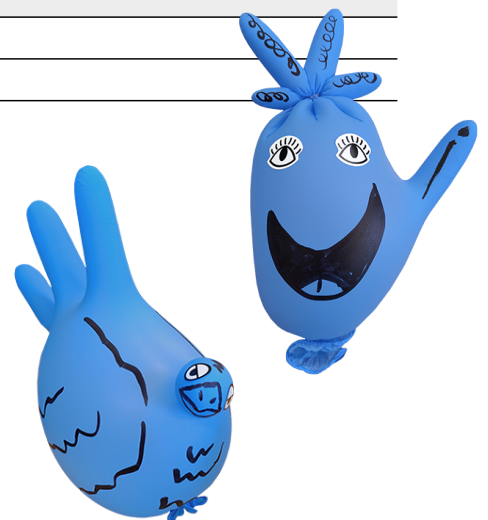
Program Day 2 Thursday, March 12, 2026

08:00 - 09:00	Registration & Welcome Coffee
09:00 - 11:00	Plenary Session 2 Establishing trust with the child, their parents and the healthcare team The art of connecting: Baruch Krauss When Clowns Replace General Anaesthesia Cyril Sahyoun, Marine Cacioppo, Hélène Beausoleil & Sylvie Daillot
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 - 12:15	Plenary Session 3 From Question to Connection: Asking What Matters as a Foundation for Partnership Anthony Staines
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 - 15:00	Parallel Sessions Round 4
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee Break
15:30 - 16:30	Parallel Sessions Round 5
18:30	Festive Dinner at Musée Olympique (can be booked separately)

Program Day 3 Friday, March 13, 2026

08:00 - 09:00	Registration & Welcome Coffee
09:00 - 10:30	Plenary Session 4 Beyond the Red Nose: Thought leadership for arts in health in humanized care What if clown organizations disappeared tomorrow—would healthcare miss us? Ilse Beckers
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:00	Parallel Sessions Round 6
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 - 14:30	Plenary Session 5 The Right to Joy: A Rights-based Approach to Healthcare Clowning Healthcare clowning is often seen as a nice extra – a cherry on top – but what if we considered it through the lens of human rights? Natalie Porias & Kadri Sovia
14:30 - 15:15	Closing Ceremony
15:30 - 16:00	Goodbye Snack

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More Program Elements Throughout the Meeting

Main Hall	Poster Sessions Several projects will be presented in the poster session which will be accessible throughout the entire meeting.
Main Hall	Video Stations A selection of projects presented in the format of short videos will be displayed throughout the entire meeting.
Main Hall	Photo Exhibition by Alfonso Novo A selection of impactful images from the various programmes of the Theodora Foundation across Europe.
Main Hall	Heart Stand by Elisabeth Helland Larsen and Sykehusklovnene The project features a mobile podcast space on site, where healthcare clowns are invited to sit down for short conversations about life, death, and their experiences in pediatric palliative care.
Outside the Main Entrance	SPECIAL FEATURE Rethinking Healthcare Clowning of the Future: The ClownBulance and the Mobile Pop-Up Conversation Salon A mobile, playful care unit presented by Danske Hospitalsklovne & Design School Kolding. The ClownBulance serves as a creative hub for conversations, interaction, and inspiration around mobile emotional support in healthcare.
Outside the Main Entrance	The Theodora Smiling Bus Come capture a joyful souvenir of HCIM 2026! Share a smile, and take a memorable photo to keep.

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