



HEALTHCARE CLOWNING  
INTERNATIONAL MEETING

# Program Overview

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

**More Information:** [www.hcim2026.org](http://www.hcim2026.org)

**Venue:** SwissTech Convention Center Lausanne, Switzerland  
[www.stcc.ch](http://www.stcc.ch)

## Program Day 1 Wednesday, March 11, 2026

08:00 - 09:00	Registration & Welcome Coffee
09:00 - 10:30	Opening Speech by <b>Jan &amp; André Poulie, Theodora Foundation</b>
	<b>Welcome Speech:</b> <b>How Science Can Support Art</b> Pina Marziliano, Center for Biomedical Imaging Lausanne CIBM
	<b>Artistic Opening Act:</b> Daria Occhini
	<b>Keynote Speech:</b> Celebrating 10 Years of HCIM & 40 Years of Healthcare Clowning
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:00	<b>Parallel Sessions Round 1</b>
12:00 - 13:45	Lunch Break
13:45 - 14:45	<b>Parallel Sessions Round 2</b>
15:00 - 16:00	<b>Parallel Sessions Round 3</b>
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 - 17:00	<b>Plenary Session 1</b> <b>The Power of Humour and Play</b> Christopher Bailey
17:00 - 18:00	<b>Humanizing Healthcare with the Support of Science</b> <b>The art of re-connecting heart and brain: a neuroscientific perspective</b> Solange Denervaud & Mathieu Horeau
18:15 - 19:45	<b>Swiss Aperitif &amp; Networking</b>
19:45 - 21:05	<b>Evening Show</b> with Cie Fluctus, Duo Mario & Mela, Masha Dimitri, Silvana Gargiulo and Nina Dimitri

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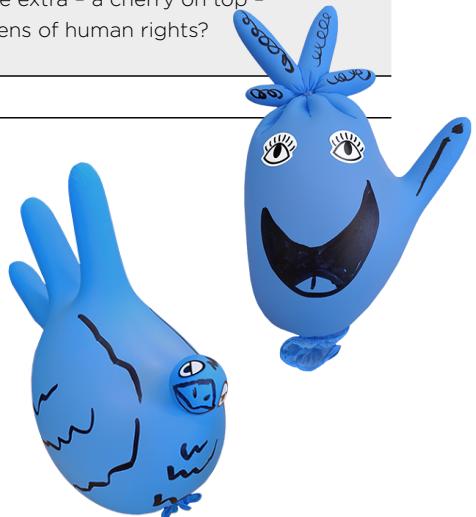
## Program Day 2 Thursday, March 12, 2026

08:00 - 09:00	Registration & Welcome Coffee
09:00 - 10:00	<b>Plenary Session 2</b> <b>Establishing trust with the child, their parents and the healthcare team</b> The art of connecting: Baruch Krauss
10:00 - 11:00	<b>When Clowns Replace General Anaesthesia</b> Cyril Sahyoun, Marine Cacioppo, Hélène Beausoleil & Sylvie Daillot
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 - 12:15	<b>Plenary Session 3</b> <b>From Question to Connection:</b> <b>Asking What Matters as a Foundation for Partnership</b> Anthony Staines
12:15 - 13:45	Lunch Break
13:45 - 14:45	<b>Parallel Sessions Round 4</b>
14:45 - 15:15	Coffee Break
15:15 - 16:15	<b>Parallel Sessions Round 5</b>
18:15 - 23:30	<b>Social Dinner at Musée Olympique</b> (can be booked separately)

## Program Day 3 Friday, March 13, 2026

08:00 - 09:00	Registration & Welcome Coffee
09:00 - 09:30	<b>Plenary Session 4</b> <b>The Art of Distraction</b> by Marcel Braun
09:30 - 10:30	<b>Beyond the Red Nose:</b> 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	<b>Parallel Sessions Round 6</b>
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 - 14:30	<b>Plenary Session 5</b> <b>The Right to Joy: A Rights-based Approach to Healthcare Clowning</b> 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 Sova
14:30 - 15:15	<b>Closing Ceremony</b>

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## More Program Elements Throughout the Meeting

Main Hall	<b>Poster Sessions</b> Several projects will be presented in the poster session which will be accessible throughout the entire meeting.
Main Hall	<b>Video Stations</b> A selection of projects presented in the format of short videos will be displayed throughout the entire meeting.
Main Hall	<b>Photo Exhibition by Alfonso Novo</b> A selection of impactful images from the various programmes of the Theodora Foundation across Europe.
Main Hall	<b>Heart Stand by Elisabeth Helland Larsen and Sykehusklovnen</b> 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	<b>SPECIAL FEATURE</b> <b>Rethinking Healthcare Clowning of the Future: The ClownBalance and the Mobile Pop-Up Conversation Salon</b> A mobile, playful care unit presented by Danske Hospitalsklovne & Design School Kolding. The Clownbalance serves as a creative hub for conversations, interaction, and inspiration around mobile emotional support in healthcare.
Outside the Main Entrance	<b>The Theodora Smiling Bus</b> Come capture a joyful souvenir of HCIM 2026! Share a smile, and take a memorable photo to keep.

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