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27th World Congress of

IACAPAP

*Facing challenges in a constantly changing world
Empowering child and adolescent mental health
by evidence-based approaches*

1–4 July 2026

CCH – Congress Center Hamburg
Hamburg, Germany

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Empowering Mental Health in a Changing World: IACAPAP 2026

The 27th World Congress of the International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions (IACAPAP) will take place from 1–4 July 2026 at the Congress Center Hamburg (CCH). The congress theme, “Facing challenges in a constantly changing world – empowering child and adolescent mental health by evidence-based approaches,” reflects the urgent need to adapt mental health care to global shifts and emerging challenges. This event will gather professionals from psychiatry, psychology, social work, and related fields to explore innovative, evidence-based strategies for supporting youth mental health.

Discover Hamburg and the CCH Experience

Set in the heart of Hamburg, Germany’s gateway to the world, the congress offers a unique blend of academic excellence and cultural richness. Hamburg’s maritime heritage, vibrant arts scene, and welcoming atmosphere make it an ideal host city. The Congress Center Hamburg (CCH), recently renovated to meet the highest standards of sustainability and technology, will provide a world-class venue for the congress. Its central location and modern infrastructure ensure a comfortable and productive experience for all attendees.

A Rich Scientific Programme and Easy Registration

IACAPAP 2026 promises a diverse and dynamic scientific programme, featuring keynote lectures, interactive workshops, panel discussions, and poster sessions. Topics will span clinical innovations, policy development, trauma-informed care, neurodevelopmental disorders, and digital mental health tools. Online registration is open, with tiered fees based on the World Bank Country Classification to ensure global accessibility.

Participants can register via the congress website at www.iacapap-congress.com.

Join the IACAPAP Community and Contribute

IACAPAP warmly invites child and adolescent psychiatrists, psychologists, researchers, and allied professionals to join the congress and become part of its vibrant community. The congress received an impressive 899 abstract submissions, of which 463 were oral presentation abstracts and 427 were poster abstracts. A total of 744 individual submitters from 82 countries contributed to this year’s call. The gender distribution among submitters was 70% female, 29% male, and 1% diverse, reflecting the global and inclusive nature of our community.

IACAPAP warmly thanks all child and adolescent psychiatrists, psychologists, researchers, and allied professionals who contributed. Your submissions form a vibrant and diverse scientific foundation for the congress and played a vital role in advancing mental health care for young people worldwide.



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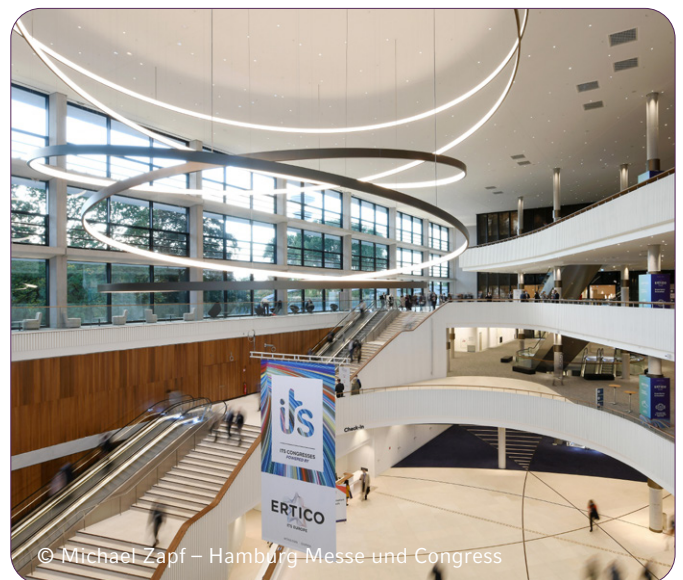
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Congress Venue: Congress Center Hamburg (CCH)

The CCH – Congress Center Hamburg stands as one of Europe’s largest and most modern congress venues, offering an exceptional setting for the 27th World Congress of IACAPAP in July 2026. With 12,000 square meters of exhibition space, 12,000 square meters of foyer space, and seating for up to 12,000 participants across 50 flexible halls, the CCH provides the ideal infrastructure for a global gathering of child and adolescent mental health professionals.

Located in the heart of Hamburg, the venue combines state-of-the-art facilities with outstanding accessibility and a vibrant urban atmosphere. Whether hosting keynote sessions, symposia, or networking events, the CCH ensures a seamless experience for all attendees. Its multifunctional design supports a wide range of formats, making it the perfect stage for innovation, collaboration, and inspiration at IACAPAP 2026.



Address

CCH – Congress Center Hamburg
Congressplatz 1
20355 Hamburg

Arriving by plane



Hamburg Airport is located in the northern district of Fuhlsbüttel. The S-Bahn to CCH departs directly from the airport and takes half an hour. Alternatively, you can take a cab or use MOIA, the ridesharing service for Hamburg. In good traffic conditions, the journey takes only 20 minutes.

Arriving by public transport



The InterCity and S-Bahn station “Dammtor” is located directly next to the CCH. The subway stations “Stephansplatz (Opera/CCH)” and “Gänsemarkt” are also just a short walk away through the city and the “Planten un Blumen” park.

Arriving by car

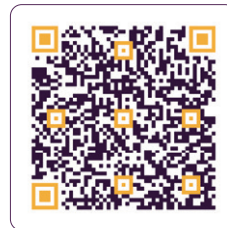


If you are traveling by car, it is best to take the Autobahn and then simply follow the signs for “Messe / CCH”. The CCH has an underground parking garage (subject to parking fees)

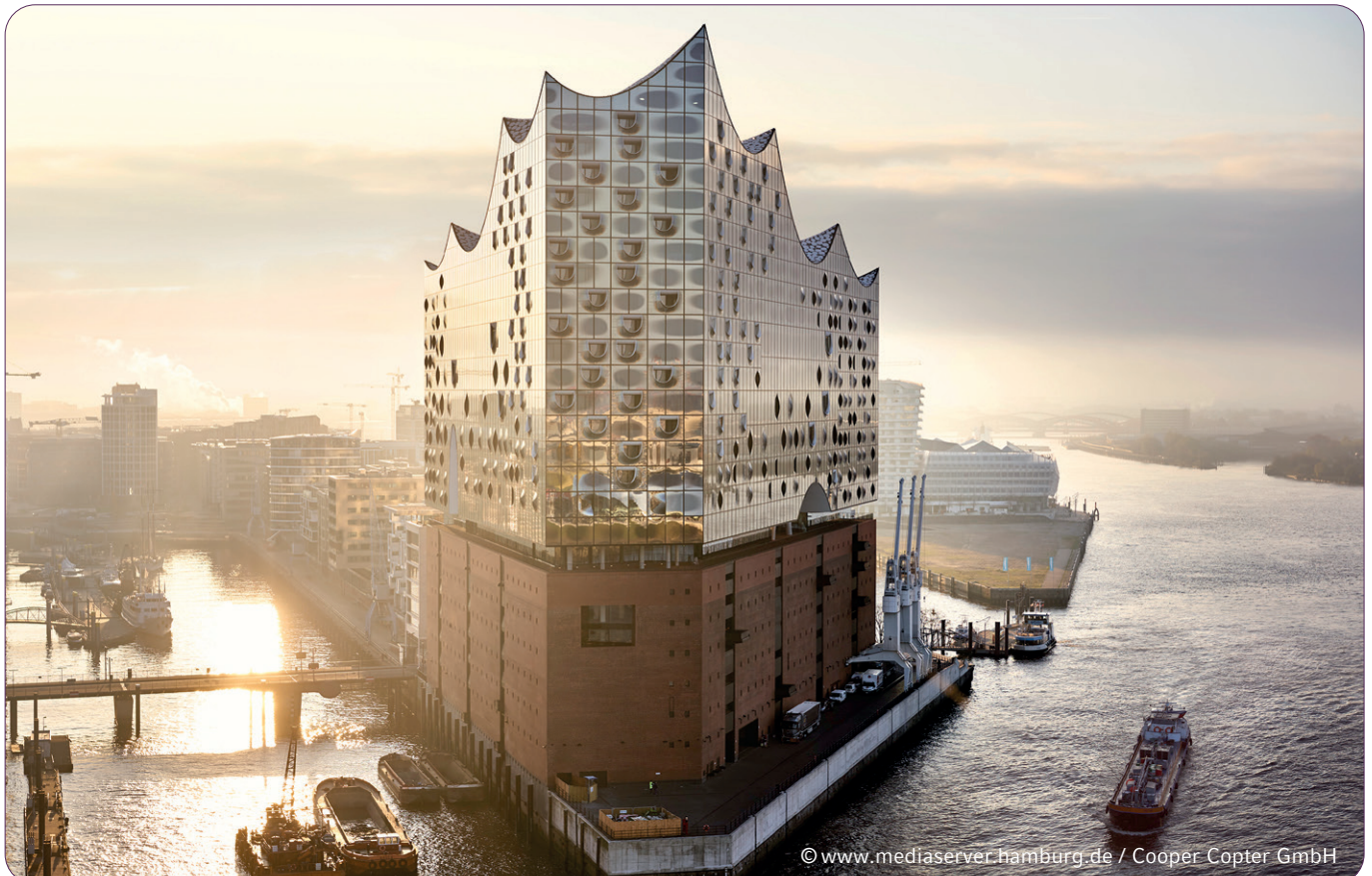
Arriving by train



Travel to IACAPAP in a relaxed and sustainable way by train – at a particularly low price thanks to the **IACAPAP event ticket** from Deutsche Bahn! The train station is located right next to the CCH.



Event Ticket
Deutsche Bahn





Keynote Speakers

The IACAPAP Congress brings together **world-leading experts** to share groundbreaking research, innovative clinical strategies, and global perspectives that will redefine mental health care for young people.



Laelia Benoit,
France



Sven Bölte,
Sweden



Hilary Cass,
UK



Argyris Stringaris,
UK



Bruno Falissard,
France



Andrés S. Martin,
USA



Guilherme V.
Polanczyk, Brazil



Ilina Singh,
UK



Ayesha Mian,
Pakistan



Tycho Dekkers,
The Netherlands



Jörg M. Fegert,
Germany



Kapil Sayal,
UK



Paul Plener,
Austria



Cecil Prins-Aardema,
The Netherlands



Chiara Servili,
Switzerland



Philip Shaw,
UK



Olayinka Olusola
Omigbodun, Nigeria



Barbara Franke,
The Netherlands



Yewande Olufunmi-
layo Oshodi, Nigeria



Tobias Banaschewski,
Germany



Keynote Lectures at IACAPAP 2026: Ideas shaping the future of Child & Adolescent Mental Health

From digital safety to global equity, biology of ADHD, and climate resilience, this year's keynote lectures bring you bold, practice-changing insights from leading voices around the world. Jörg M. Fegert (Germany) explores Beyond the screen: Protecting children in the digital age, addressing technology-assisted risks and the systems needed to keep young people safe. Barbara Franke (The Netherlands) traces the journey from basic science to clinical applicability in Biological mechanisms of ADHD across the lifespan. Yewande Olufunmilayo Oshodi (Nigeria) amplifies Voices from the Global South, challenging stigma and inequity with locally grounded solutions.

We'll also dive into mechanisms of treatment with Argyris Stringaris (UK), unpack nonsuicidal self-injury with Paul L. Plener (Austria), and outline a global training framework with Ayesha Mian (Pakistan). Tycho Dekkers (The Netherlands) calls for a more contextual narrative of ADHD, while Andrés S. Martin (USA) and Cecil Prins-Aardema (The Netherlands) offer candid reflections on clinicians' lived experience. Laelia Benoit (France) spotlights climate change and youth mental health; Sven Bölte (Sweden) presents Psychiatry 2.0 using WHO's ICF; and Bruno Falissard (France) asks whether our field carries invisible colonial dynamics.

Plus, a growing roster of confirmed keynote speakers, including Hilary Cass (UK), Kapil Sayal (UK), Chiara Servili (Switzerland), Philip Shaw (UK), Guilherme V. Polanczyk (Brazil), Ilina Singh (UK), Olayinka Olusola Omigbodun (Nigeria), Tobias Banaschewski (Germany), and Dixon Chibanda (Zimbabwe), will help you rethink the future of care across systems, cultures, and contexts.



Keynote
Lectures

Don't miss this opportunity to engage with cutting-edge research, challenge assumptions, and connect with a global community of experts. Register now and be part of the conversation that will shape the future of child and adolescent mental health.

Full scientific programme now online

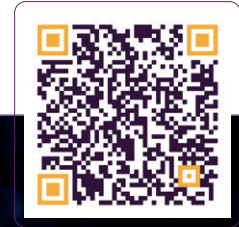
We are pleased to announce that the full scientific programme is now available online! Delegates can explore all scheduled sessions in detail and conveniently plan their congress experience.

- Browse all sessions across the entire congress.
- Filter by date, topic, or session type to find exactly what interests you.
- Search for speakers quickly and easily.
- View the full speaker line-up per session to see who will be presenting.

Start exploring the programme today and get inspired by the rich scientific content awaiting you.



Scientific
Programme



CME Accreditation

The 27th World Congress of IACAPAP 2026 has been accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) with 20,5 CME credits (ECMEC®s).

Breakdown of confirmed ECMEC®s per day:

- 02/07/2026: 7,0 credits
- 03/07/2026: 7,0 credits
- 04/07/2026: 6,5 credits

The Landesärztekammer Hamburg has approved the congress with 21 credit points for the congress days. Each workshop is accredited with 5 CME credits.

Breakdown of confirmed credit points for German participants per day:

- 01/07/2026: 3,0 credits
- 02/07/2026: 6,0 credits
- 03/07/2026: 6,0 credits
- 04/07/2026: 6,0 credits



Certificates and CME Credits

Each medical specialist should claim only the credit hours actually spent in the educational activity. Certificates of attendance, including CME credits, may be requested online after the congress. To receive CME credits, participants must attend the full congress, complete payment, and submit the congress evaluation.



Congress App

Stop carrying around piles of paper. Just take the congress with you, wherever and whenever you want! The App is free of charge and provides iPhone / iPad and Android users at the 27th World Congress of IACAPAP 2026 with on-the-go access to the congress' most exciting interactive features.



Further information is given at www.iacapap-congress.com/information/app

With the app, you will have the entire scientific programme at your fingertips throughout the congress. Create your personal schedule, bookmark sessions of interest, and stay informed about last-minute updates and important announcements through push notifications.

In addition, the app offers practical interactive features to enhance your congress experience:

- rate individual sessions, posters and oral presentations (public ratings through the app will count toward the decision of the award winners)
- connect easily with fellow participants, faculty and exhibitors
- navigate the venue using our interactive floorplans
- collect points with our gamification programme and climb the leaderboard



28th World Congress of

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19–22 September 2028

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