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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.

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 now 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. Abstract submissions are also open: submissions for oral presentation and poster abstracts are due by **20 January 2026**.

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.

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. By submitting oral presentations or posters, you can actively support the scientific programme and help advance mental health care for young people worldwide. Don’t miss this opportunity to engage with peers, share your expertise, and support evidence-based approaches in a rapidly evolving world.



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Welcome Address



Tobias Banaschewski
Congress President

It is our pleasure to welcome you all to our 2026 congress that will take place in Hamburg, Germany. IACAPAP was in Germany 20 years ago in Berlin! It was a memorable event, one of the most well attended congresses in IACAPAP history. No doubts that the success this time will be even greater. The central theme of the meeting is extremely relevant since we need to discuss evidence-based interventions in CAMH that can be quickly translated to services in the context of implementation science. We are sure this meeting will be again an invaluable opportunity for learning, exchange knowledge and experiences, find old and make new friends. The beauty and hospitality of Hamburg will make the experience unforgettable. Join us at the most comprehensive event on CAMH worldwide!



Luis Augusto Rohde
IACAPAP President

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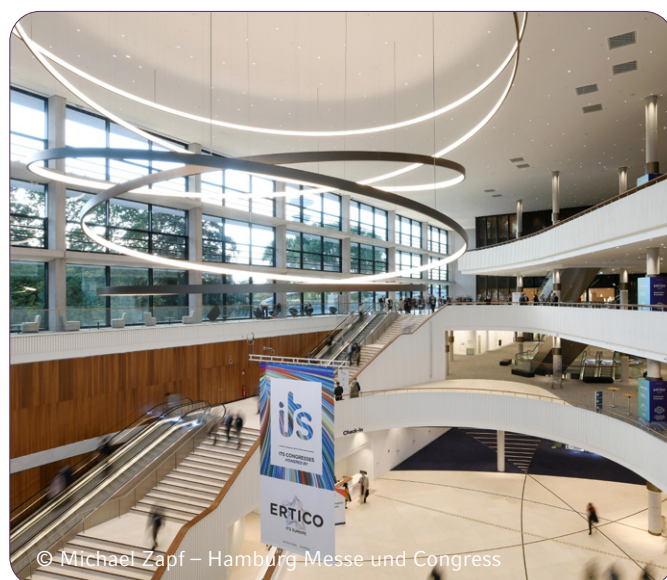
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Congress Venue: Congress Center Hamburg (CCH)

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.



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Congress Destination: Hamburg

Discover Hamburg – Where Innovation Meets Inspiration

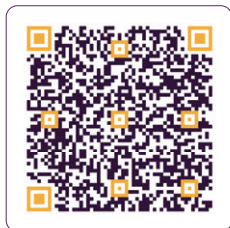
Hamburg is Germany's vibrant gateway to the world and the host city of IACAPAP 2026. Nestled along the Elbe River, Hamburg combines maritime charm with cutting-edge infrastructure, making it an exceptional destination for international congresses. With its world-class venues like the CCH – Congress Center Hamburg, seamless transport connections, and a rich cultural tapestry, the city offers the perfect setting for global collaboration and exchange.

Delegates will enjoy a dynamic mix of history and modernity, from the historic Speicherstadt warehouse district to the futuristic HafenCity. Culinary delights, scenic waterfronts, and a welcoming atmosphere await every visitor. Whether you're networking over coffee in a leafy courtyard or exploring the city's renowned museums, theaters and concert hall „Elbphilharmonie“, Hamburg promises an unforgettable experience.

Join us in 2026 to shape the future of child and adolescent mental health in one of Europe's most inspiring cities.

Your Hotel Booking for the IACAPAP 2026

IACAPAP has arranged special room rates for participants at selected hotels. To take advantage of these exclusive rates, please visit our website and book your stay. For group bookings of 10 rooms or more, please contact us at iacapap2026@cpo-hanser.de.



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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 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.



Arriving by car

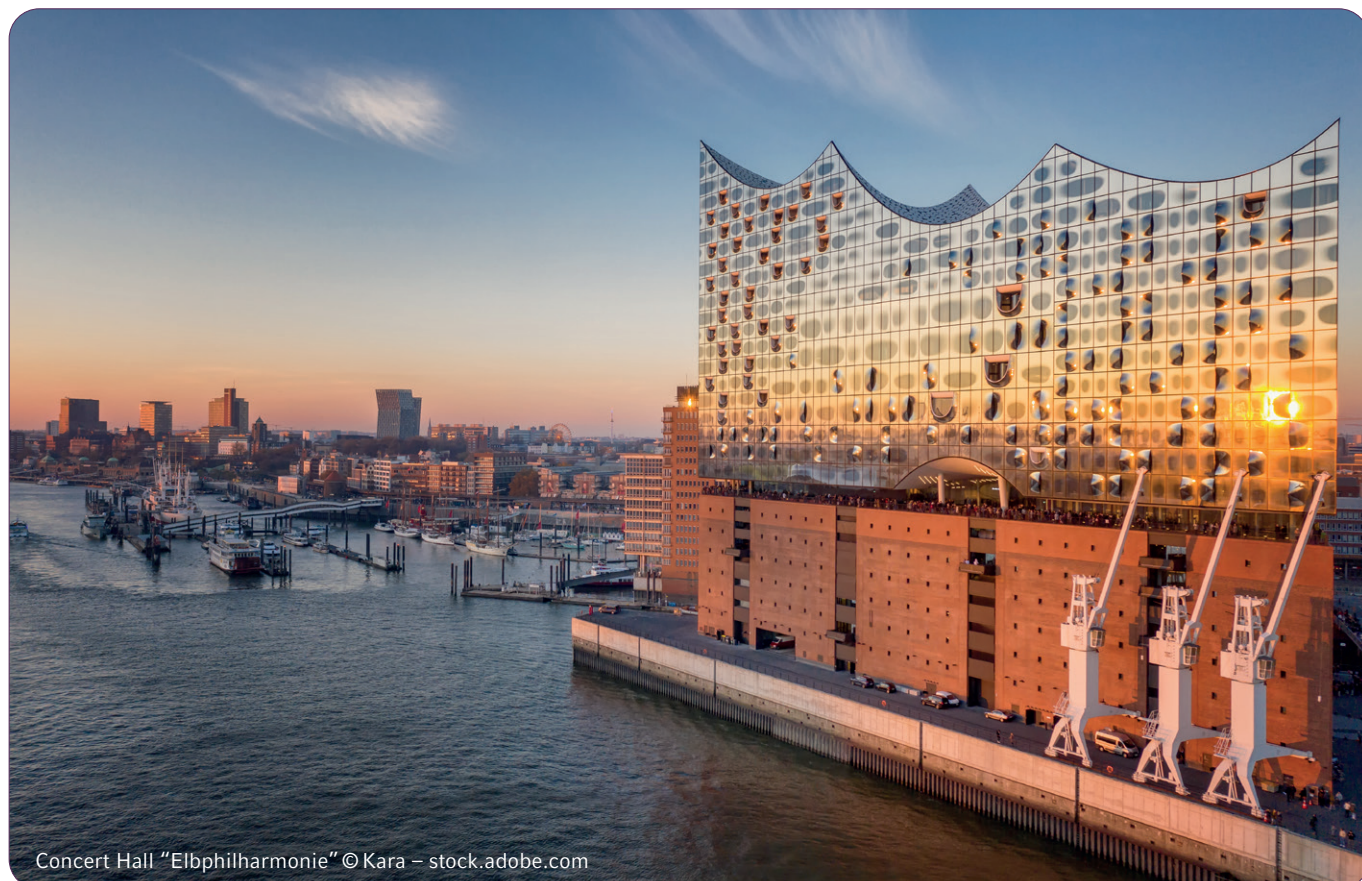


If you are traveling by car, it is best to take the Autobahn and then simply follow the signs for “Messe / CCH”. The CCH has an underground parking garage (subject to parking fees)

Arriving by 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.



Concert Hall “Elbphilharmonie” © Kara – stock.adobe.com



Keynote Speakers

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



Laelia Benoit,
France



Sven Bölte,
Sweden



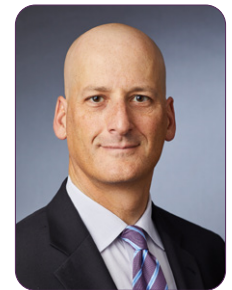
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Highlights from our keynote lineup

- **Ayesha Mian** (Pakistan)
Strengthening Systems of Care: A Framework for a Global Child and Adolescent Mental Health Curriculum
Discover how a unified curriculum can close treatment gaps and promote equity worldwide.
- **Tycho Dekkers** (The Netherlands)
ADHD – It's Not Just the Child: On the Need to Expand Our Narrative
Explore holistic approaches that move beyond biology to support families.
- **Andrés S. Martin** (USA) & **Cecil Prins-Aardema** (The Netherlands)
The Psychiatrist as Psychiatric Patient: Family Lessons on Impact, Recovery, and Resilience
A candid discussion on vulnerability, stigma, and resilience in mental health care.
- **Laelia Benoit** (France)
Climate Change and Children's Mental Health
Examine the psychological impact of climate change and strategies for resilience.
- **Sven Bölte** (Sweden)
Psychiatry 2.0 in Autism and ADHD – From Categorical Overfocus to Personalized Functioning
Learn how WHO's ICF system is transforming care through individualized approaches.
- **Bruno Falissard** (France)
Is There a Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Colonialism?
Challenge assumptions and explore cultural sensitivity in global mental health.
- **Paul Plener** (Austria)
Self-Harm and Suicidality in Adolescents: From Understanding to Prevention
Gain insights into risk factors, interventions, and strategies to reduce self-harm and suicide among youth.

Plus, hear from

Hilary Cass, Argyris Stringaris, Chiara Servili, Philip Shaw, Guilherme V. Polanczyk, Ilina Singh, and Kapil Sayal, who will share cutting-edge insights on policy, neuroscience, and clinical innovation.

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.



Call for Abstracts

Join us in shaping a congress that fosters innovation, inclusivity, and global collaboration. We look forward to your insights and expertise.

This is your opportunity to contribute to the global conversation in child and adolescent mental health. Check the guidelines and prepare your submission! Your research belongs on the world stage.

Abstract Submission Guidelines

Scan the QR code to read the guidelines and submit your abstract online. Please note that congress registration is required prior to your submission.



Submission deadline

**Poster
Presentations:**
20 January 2026

**Oral
Presentations:**
20 January 2026

Abstract submission
for IACAPAP 2026 is
available online!

Topics

We strongly encourage submissions across the full spectrum of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. In particular, we welcome contributions that explore:

Developmental pathways of risk and resilience

Digital Frontiers in Child and Adolescent Mental Health

Mental Health in Global Crises

Rethinking Child and Adolescent Psychiatry – paradigms, theories, and practice

Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Services – Innovation, Inclusion, and Implementation

Prevention, Early Intervention, and Mental Health Promotion

Topic List

1. **Epidemiology**
2. **Transcultural Child and Adolescent Psychiatry**
3. **Psychosocial Development**
 - a. Developmental Psychopathology
 - b. Identity Development, Stigma
4. **Risk & Resilience Factors**
 - a. Societal and Environmental Factors
 - b. Psychosocial & Lifestyle Factors, Coping Mechanisms
5. **Gender Issues**
6. **Genetics and Epigenetics**
7. **Neurobiology & Neuroimaging**
8. **Neuropsychology**
9. **Transdiagnostic Symptomatology**
10. **Innovative Analytical Methods**
11. **Infant Mental Health**
12. **Specific CAP Conditions**
 - a. Intellectual Disability
 - b. Functional Disorders (Feeding, Eating, Elimination, Sleep- Wake Disorders etc.)
 - c. Neurodevelopmental Disorders (ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorders, etc.)
 - d. Trauma and Stress-Related Disorders
 - e. Anxiety and Mood Disorders
 - f. Disruptive and Conduct Disorders
 - g. Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders
 - h. Psychotic Disorders
 - i. Gender Dysphoria
 - j. Obsessive-Compulsive & Related Disorders
 - k. Self-Harming Behavior, Suicidality
 - l. Comorbid Somatic Conditions
 - m. Other Disorders
13. **Diagnostic Assessment**
14. **Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Interventions and Services**
 - a. Service Organization, Cross-Sectorial Collaboration
 - b. Public Mental Health, Prevention & Early Intervention
 - c. Family, Community- and School-Based Interventions
 - d. Psychopharmacology
 - e. Psychotherapy
 - f. Precision Child and Adolescent Psychiatry – Mechanism-Based Interventions
15. **Forensic Child and Adolescent Psychiatry**
16. **Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Training**
17. **Policy, Advocacy, Ethics & Participatory Research**
18. **Philosophy & Interdisciplinary Topics**

Submitters are required to select one or two topics that best match their abstract.

Online Registration

Be part of the 27th World Congress of the International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions (IACAPAP), taking place from 1–4 July 2026 in Hamburg, Germany. This global event brings together mental health professionals, researchers, and advocates to share knowledge, inspire innovation, and shape the future of child and adolescent mental health.

Early bird registration is still available until 20 January 2026 – secure your spot at a reduced rate before the deadline!



Scan the QR code to register online!

Individual Registration for IACAPAP 2026

Category	Early Bird Fee 1 July 2025–20 January 2026	Regular Fee 21 January–30 April 2026	Late / On-Site Fee 1 May–4 July 2026
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IACAPAP Individual Member ⁵⁾

High Income Countries	EUR 560	EUR 620	EUR 690
Upper Middle Income Countries	EUR 480	EUR 530	EUR 590
Low & Lower Middle Income Countries	EUR 410	EUR 450	EUR 500

IACAPAP Member Associations ¹⁾

High Income Countries	EUR 590	EUR 660	EUR 730
Upper Middle Income Countries	EUR 500	EUR 560	EUR 620
Low & Lower Middle Income Countries	EUR 430	EUR 480	EUR 530

Non-Member

High Income Countries	EUR 660	EUR 720	EUR 790
Upper Middle Income Countries	EUR 580	EUR 630	EUR 690
Low & Lower Middle Income Countries	EUR 510	EUR 550	EUR 600

Undergraduate students, post-graduate students, Master's Students, Fellows ²⁾

High Income Countries	EUR 450	EUR 500	EUR 550
Upper Middle Income Countries	EUR 380	EUR 420	EUR 470
Low & Lower Middle Income Countries	EUR 320	EUR 360	EUR 400

Other

Press Registration ³⁾	EUR 0	EUR 0	EUR 0
Accompanying Person ⁴⁾	EUR 110	EUR 110	EUR 110

All prices in EURO (EUR).

All prices are gross values including 19% German VAT for registration fees.

- 1) Please select the applicable member association and verify that you are a member in good standing without any outstanding membership fees.
- 2) Please upload a valid student ID or an official document confirming your current enrollment at an educational institution.
- 3) Please upload a valid press pass or an official document confirming your work as a journalist or member of the press.
- 4) Applicable for spouses/partner or children older than 18 years. Access to Opening Ceremony and Networking Reception on 1 July 2026 and Guided Tour of Hamburg for the Accompanying Person only. No access to the scientific programme or the exhibition area.
- 5) Please verify that you are a member in good standing at the time of the congress (2026) without any outstanding membership fees. If your IACAPAP Individual Membership ends prior to the congress date, please make sure to renew your membership.

World Bank Country Classification

Scan the QR code to see which country classification applies to you.



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an unforgettable experience.
Secure your spot today and be part of a
global movement for better mental health
in children and adolescents.



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We are thrilled to invite you to become a valued sponsor or exhibitor at the 27th World Congress of the International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions (IACAPAP), taking place from 1–4 July 2026 in the vibrant city of Hamburg, Germany.

As a global gathering of leading experts, practitioners, and innovators in child and adolescent mental health, IACAPAP 2026 offers a unique platform to showcase your brand, connect with decision-makers, and demonstrate your commitment to advancing mental health care for young people worldwide.

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Whether you're looking to make a bold statement or engage in targeted outreach, we offer flexible sponsorship options and categories. Contact us today to request the sponsorship brochure for more detailed information and pricing.

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