GENERAL INFORMATION

VENUE

Palazzo dei Congressi
P.za della Costituzione, 4- Bologna

To reach the Congress venue, please refer to the information available on the Congress website.
The nearest parking is located at Piazza della Costituzione 11. Parking fee: 12€ per day

FLOOR PLAN

Consult the venue floor plan to locate:

- Registration Desk
- Cloakroom
- Meeting Rooms
- Exhibition Area
- Catering Areas
- Informal Jam Session Stage
- Photo Winners Exhibition
- Social Hub
- Relax Area and Press Corner

CONGRESS PROGRAM

The updated program is available on the Congress website and the Congress APP.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

If you have booked your hotel accommodation through the Bologna Welcome Portal, you may contact Loredana Acito (lacito@bolognawelcome.it) should you experience any issues related to your reservation. We kindly invite you to check in advance how to reach the meeting venue from your hotel, as no shuttle services will be provided.

CLOAKROOM AND LOST PROPERTY

A complimentary cloakroom service will be available during congress opening hours. Lost property should be reported to the Registration Desk. Any items found during the Congress will be kept there until the end of the event.

GUIDED TOURS

If you have booked a tour, you may contact Amazing Italy (booking@amazing-italy.com) should you experience any issues related to your reservation. Only the Cooking class in the Bologna countryside scheduled on July 7, 2026 is still available.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the ***18th World Congress of Music Therapy*** is **English**. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

WI-FI ACCESS

Please use the internet connection for Congress-related purposes only and avoid personal use, in order to prevent network congestion.

- **Network:** BCC_26
- **Password:** Bologna26

CONGRESS APP

Please download the Congress APP from Apple Store or Google Play on your device and **create your personal account**. With the app, you will be able to:

- Check the program and see presented abstracts
- Select your topic of interest and create your personal agenda
- Download the congress map to easily move around the venue and find the restaurants located nearby
- Book workshops and world cafés (max 2 per person during the Congress)
- Vote for your favourite poster of the day
- Network with other participants
- Upload pictures and share them to other participants

Important updates will be shared via push notifications.

ABSTRACT PRESENTERS

Abstract presenters are requested to follow the Congress Guidelines.

PROCEEDINGS

The Proceedings Book will include all abstracts presented during the Congress, as well as the presentations from the Spotlight Speakers and the Pre-conference Seminars. The PDF version will be available after the meeting and will be organized and edited by the WFMT Publications Committee.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The **World Federation of Music Therapy Council** approved on May 2026 a Code of Conduct in order to avoid any conflict may occur during the Congress. Please read it carefully before the meeting and join us in creating a welcoming, ethical and collaborative environment for everyone. Respect, inclusion and professional integrity are at the heart of the ***18th World Congress of Music Therapy***.

PRESS

Press Media have been invited to attend the Congress and they may be interested in interviewing experts. The Congress official Press Office is on site to take care of those requests and will facilitate contacts. We inform all participants that video recordings and photos could be made during the congress and posted online. Thanks for your cooperation.
The Congress will provide a **PRESS CORNER** located on the Ground Floor of the EX GAM available from July 8 to July 11, 2026 during the Congress opening hours.
A **PRESS MEETING** will be held on **Wednesday, 8 July 2026, from 10:30 to 12:00 at The Social Hub**.

PHOTO AND SOCIAL MEDIA

The Congress is on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn. Please share your comments and post your photo using the following hashtag: **#WCMT2026**

The **Congress Group Photo** will take place on **Friday July 10, 2026 at 10:30 in the Europa Meeting Room**, immediately after the Spotlight Session. Don't miss it!

EXHIBITION AREA

The exhibition area will be open during the Congress hours, as follows:

- July 7, 2026: 18:00-21:30 (Pre-conference Workshops from 10:00 to 17:00, Opening Ceremony from 18:30 to 20:00 and Welcome Cocktail at Foyer Europa from 20:00 to 21:30)
- July 8, 2026: 09:00-19:00
- July 9, 2026: 09:00-20:00 (Live Concert in the Europa Meeting Room from 19:00 to 20:00)
- July 10, 2026: 09:00-19:00
- July 11, 2026: 09:00-18:30 (Social Dinner at Palazzo Re Enzo from 19:30 to 23:00 – tickets available to be purchased on site at the Registration desk)
- July 12, 2026: 08:00-14:00

✓ **Set-up**: July 7, 2026: 11:00-17:00
✓ **Dismantling**: July 12, 2026: 14:00-18:00

REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION DESK

The Registration Desk is located in the entrance hall of **Palazzo dei Congressi** and will be open as follows:

- July 7, 2026: 14:00-21:30
- July 8, 2026: 08:00-19:00
- July 9, 2026: 08:00-19:00
- July 10, 2026: 08:00-19:00
- July 11, 2026: 08:00-18:00
- July 12, 2026: 08:00-14:00

CONGREESS REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

A self-registration service will be available to avoid queues. Registered participants will receive an email with instructions and a QR code to print your badge onsite on Monday July, 6 2026. **Please wear your badge at all times during the Congress and the Social Dinner.** Badge scanning will be used to monitor access to workshops, world cafés, and the Social Dinner and to collect the Congress kit. Badge is required also for access to all scientific sessions, the exhibition area, the catering services, and social events included in the registration.

The Congress registration includes:

- Congress kit
- Coffee-stations only beverage and light lunches
- Opening Ceremony Concert on July 7, 2026 from 19:00 to 20:00
- Welcome Cocktail on July 7, 2026 from 20:00 to 21:30
- Rock Spectrum Concert on July 9, 2026 from 19:00 to 20:00
- Certificate of attendance
- Access to all scientific sessions and exhibition area

- Congress APP
- Website and digital programme
- Proceedings book
- Internet access during the conference

PRE-CONFERENCE SEMINARS REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

Participants registered for the **Pre-conference Seminars** will receive on Monday July, 6 2026 a dedicated email containing instructions and a QR code to access the seminar(s) they have purchased. No printed badge, no congress kit nor refreshment will be provided. The QR code will be scanned at the entrance of each Seminar Room. Participants who are also registered for the Congress may print their congress badge and collect their congress kit in the Registration Area at the end of their Pre-conference Seminar.

The Pre-conference Seminar(s) registration includes:

- Access only to the seminar(s) for which you have registered
- Website and digital programme
- Certificate of attendance
- Proceedings book
- Internet access during the seminar

ON SITE REGISTRATION

On-site registration will be processed on a first-come, first serve basis at the Registration desk.
Registration Fees available on-site:

Registration Option	Fee (VAT included)
Pre-conference Seminars *(subject to availability)*	
– Full-day Seminar	€100.00
– Half-day Seminar	€50.00
– Student Meeting	Free
Daily Registration *(1 day only)*	€100.00
Accompanying Person Registration *(1 day only)*	€100.00
Full Congress Registration	
– Professional	€590.00
– WFMT, AIM, FIM & PDS Members	€520.00
– Music Therapy Students	€280.00
Social Dinner at Palazzo Re Enzo *(subject to availability)*	€95.00
Welcome Cocktail at Palazzo dei Congressi *(subject to availability)*	€35.00

Please note that:

- all fees are Italian VAT included;
- the daily registration fee applies to a single day only and cannot be combined or accumulated to cover multiple days;
- presenters of the accepted abstracts must register for the whole Congress (no one day registration);
- students must provide a document certifying enrolment as a student in a Bachelor's program (first cycle) or a Master's program (second cycle). The reduced student fee does not apply to third-cycle programs (i.e. PhD students);
- the places available for participants coming from Developing Countries are sold out;

- Accompanying persons and Pre-conference Seminar participants may purchase a ticket for the Welcome Cocktail at the Registration Desk if they wish to attend.

SPONSOR AND PRESS

Exhibitors and Journalists can pick up their badge at the Registration desk.

NAME BADGES

For security reasons, all persons entering the Congress Area are always required to wear their name badge. The colours of the name badges have the following meaning:

- Congress Faculty: RED
- Pre-conference Faculty: ORANGE
- Congress Participant: BLUE
- Pre-Conference Participant: GREEN
- Student Volunteer: PURPLE
- Accompanying person: BROWN
- Sponsor: GREY
- Press: YELLOW

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

A Certificate of Attendance will be sent by email after the Congress and will reflect the days attended. A separate Certificate of Attendance will be issued for each Pre-conference Seminar attended.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

REFRESHMENTS

The following refreshments are included in the registration fee:

Day	Morning Coffee Station (beverages only)	Light Lunch*	Afternoon Coffee Station (beverages only)	Welcome Cocktail*
July 7, 2026				20:00-22:00
July 8, 2026	09:30-11:30	12:30-14:30	15:30-17:30	
July 9, 2026	09:30-11:30	12:30-14:30	15:30-17:30	
July 10, 2026	09:30-11:30	12:30-14:30	15:30-17:30	
July 11, 2026	09:30-11:30	12:30-14:30	15:30-17:30	
July 12, 2026	09:30-11:30			

*We will offer options for participants with the following dietary requirements:

- Gluten-free and Lactose-free
- Vegetarian and Vegan
- Halal and Kosher

BAR AND FOOD TRUCKS

In addition, **a bar and a selection of food trucks** offering a variety of food options (including vegetarian dishes, fresh fruit and Asian fusion cuisine, as well as beverages) will be available **on a pay-as-you-go basis** during the following times:

Food Truck and Bar	July 7, 2026	July 8, 2026	July 9, 2026	July 9, 2026	July 11, 2026	July 12, 2026
Baroad	10:00–17:00	09:00–19:30	09:00–19:30	09:00–19:30	09:00–19:00	08:00–13:30
Ape	10:00–17:00	09:00–19:30	09:00–19:30	09:00–19:30	09:00–19:00	08:00–13:30
Ice Cream Cart	10:00–17:00	09:00–18:00	09:00–18:00	09:00–18:00	09:00–18:00	08:30–13:30
Bar	09:30–17:00	09:00–17:30	09:00–17:30	09:00–17:30	09:00–17:30	08:00–13:30

There are also several restaurants located nearby, offering a variety of cuisines. Please navigate the Congress APP.

SOCIAL DINNER

The Social Dinner will take place at **Palazzo Re Enzo** (Piazza del Nettuno 1/C, Bologna), located in the city centre, **at 20:00**. The venue is a historic palace in Bologna, offering a unique and prestigious setting. The dinner will be served as a buffet with seated tables, providing an opportunity to relax, network, and enjoy time together in an informal and convivial atmosphere.
Dress code: smart elegant.

The Social Dinner is not included in the congress registration fee. Participants who have not already purchased a ticket online may purchase one on-site at the Registration Desk, subject to availability (€95.00, VAT included).

Please note that:

- Participants are requested to wear their badge to access the Social Dinner
- An unattended cloakroom will be available onsite
- A selfie point will be available where you can take photos together to remember this special evening
- Drinks ordered at the bar **after dinner** are not included and must be paid individually
- Palazzo Re Enzo is located in a weekend pedestrian area, buses do not stop directly at the venue.
- No shuttles or entertainment services will be provided.

SUSTAINABILITY

The ***18th World Congress of Music Therapy*** is committed to reducing its environmental impact through responsible event management. Our sustainability initiatives include:

- **Paper reduction:** programmes, abstracts and congress information are provided digitally through the website and mobile app.
- **Plastic free approach:** whenever possible, single-use plastics have been eliminated or significantly reduced.
- **Sustainable name badges:** badges and materials have been selected with sustainability in mind.
- **Food waste prevention:** the Congress supports responsible food management through the **Food for Good** initiative, helping recover surplus food whenever possible and promoting more sustainable catering practices.

Every participant can contribute by making conscious choices throughout the event. Don't forget to bring your bottle of water with you!

SOLIDARITY

This event has joined the **Food for Good** project by Federcongressi&eventi, Banco Alimentare, and Equoevento Onlus, promoting an eco-friendly and socially responsible meeting. All food not consumed during the Congress will be donated to the canteen of the CIVIBO – BATTIFERRO Association.

DISCLAIMER

All reasonable endeavours will be made to hold the ***18th World Congress of Music Therapy*** and to present the program as scheduled under circumstances which assure the comfort and safety of the participants. However, the Organizing Committee, the Organizing Secretariat and their representatives shall not be liable in any manner whatsoever to any person as a result of the cancellation of the Congress or any of the arrangements, programs or events connected therewith; nor shall any of the foregoing entities or persons be liable in any manner whatsoever for any loss, injury, damage or inconvenience which may be suffered by any person while travelling to or from, or during such person's presence in, Bologna in connection with the Congress. Participants are advised to consider procuring their own insurance against any such occurrences.
For further details, please refer to the Terms and Conditions.

PROGRAM CHANGES

The organizers cannot assume liability for any changes in the conference program due to external or unforeseen circumstances.

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