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Lisbon will host the 46th World Hospital Congress

The International Hospital Federation (IHF) has announced that the 46th World Hospital Congress (WHC) will be held at the Lisbon Congress Centre (Portugal) on 25–27 October 2023.

In a successful bid to host the 46th WHC, a distinguished consortium of Portuguese healthcare organizations came together to submit a joint proposal. The Portuguese Association for Hospital Development (APDH), the Portuguese Association of Private Hospitals (APHP), and the Portuguese Association of Hospital Administrators (APAH) will work together, along with the IHF, to host this global event.

In congratulating the host city, Ronald Lavater, CEO of the IHF said:

“The World Hospital Congress is the IHF’s flagship event, bringing hospital and healthcare leaders together annually in different worldwide destinations. From a range of excellent proposals, we are delighted the 46th edition of Congress will be hosted by the city of Lisbon in 2023.

Collaboration is a fundamental principle of the IHF and the teaming up of these three Portuguese organizations was a real strength of the bid. We are looking forward to working with our full IHF member APDH, and our two premier association members APHP and APAH to build a theme and programme together.”

The WHC is a unique global forum connecting leaders and decision-makers of hospitals, health services, and healthcare organizations to share knowledge and good practices, exchange new ideas and innovations, and network with other senior executives from across the international healthcare community. The themes and takeaways of the WHC are impactful, and participation is a meaningful and rewarding experience.

The consortium expressed its commitment to international knowledge exchange and enthusiasm for hosting the 46th WHC:

“It is with great honour and responsibility that we accept the distinction of hosting the 46th IHF WHC in Lisbon. We look forward to working together with health professionals and experts both at national and international level, aiming to contribute to building better health systems, ensuring and improving the health of populations in these troubled and challenging times.”

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Notes to editors:**About the International Hospital Federation (IHF):**

Established in 1929, the IHF is a global not-for-profit, non-governmental membership organization. Headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, the IHF is the global voice of hospitals and health systems. The IHF provides its members with a platform for knowledge exchange and networking with different actors in the health sector, to improve the standard, quality, and level of service delivery.

   <https://www.ihf-fih.org/>

About the World Hospital Congress (WHC):

The World Hospital Congress dates to 1929, when it was first held in Atlantic City (USA) as a biennial event. Since 2015 it has been held annually across the globe. The 44th WHC was held in November 2021 in Barcelona (Spain) as a hybrid event with more than 1400 attendees. The 45th WHC will be held in Dubai (UAE) on 9–11 November 2022. The 10th WHC was held in Lisbon in 1957 and, more than 60 years later, this event returns once again to Portugal for the 46th WHC in 2023.

About the Portuguese Association for Hospital Development (APDH):

Established in 2002, APDH is a non-profit association, with individual and collective membership. Within the Protocol signed with the Central Administration of the Health System (ACSS), APDH is the representative of the Portuguese Ministry of Health in the European Hospital and Healthcare Federation (HOPE) and in the International Hospital Federation (IHF), whose representation is made through the HOPE/IHF Office in Portugal. The APDH's mission is to promote health organizations and contribute to their development, as well as enable an adequate and timely response to current challenges.

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About the Portuguese Association of Private Hospitals (APHP):

APHP represents more than 120 private hospitals and clinics in Portugal. Created in 1971, APHP follows the growth and diversity of private hospitals. Providing 30% of all inpatient care and almost 40% of all outpatient consultations, the private hospital sector is a major participant in Portuguese health. At the European level, APHP is a member of the European Union of Private Hospitals (UEHP).

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About the Portuguese Association of Hospital Administrators (APAH):

APAH represents more than 600 healthcare managers in Portugal. Since 1981, APAH supports hospital managers in the development of high standards of professional practice, in the multiple organizational contexts, contributing to the improvement of their performance, and guaranteeing the quality and excellence of health outcomes.



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