

# LIEGE EUMASS CONGRESS 2026

## SOCIAL INSURANCE MEDICINE : CLIMBING THE STEPS TO TOMORROW

PALAIS DES CONGRÈS  
FROM SEPTEMBER 17 TO 19, 2026

**ASMA**  
Association Scientifique de Médecine d'Assurance

**EUMASS**  
European Union of Medicine  
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## SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

### ABSTRACT SUBMISSION IS OPEN!

The abstract submission is open **from Octobre 1, 2025, to January 10, 2026.**

We look forward to contributions from a significant portion of participants to share their scientific work and insights with their European colleagues during the parallel sessions and poster sessions. From this dialogue everyone can actively contribute to their own formation but also ensure progress in insurance medicine!

When submitting abstracts, it is essential that the guidelines are read in full before submissions are made. These criteria form the basis on which the members of the EUMASS Scientific Committee (SciCo) will evaluate the abstracts (<https://www.eumass2026.eu/temp/guidelines.php>).

### Keynotes

The field of expertise for the Keynotes are spread on

- Digitalisation in Insurance medicine
- Health at work
- Sick-leave management
- Rehabilitation
- Public health, healthcare and economics

### The following keynote speakers have already committed

- **Prof. dr. Johan Albrecht**  
University Ghent - Faculty of Economics & Business Administration - Belgium  
“Leveraging Pareto's 80/20 rule to reframe public health priorities”
- **Prof. Giovanni Briganti**  
M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor and Chair of AI and Digital Medicine, Université de Mons - Belgium  
“AI in health care: promises and challenges”

- **Prof. Dr. Ute Bultmann**  
Prof. dr., PhD, Epidemiologist, Professor of Work and Health and the Lifecourse, University of Groningen, University Medical Center Groningen, Department of Health Sciences, Community and Occupational Medicine - The Netherlands  
  
***“Young adults, Mental health & Work: integrating a life course perspective”***
- **Kristin Farrants**  
PhD, Msc, Docent (Associate Professor), Senior Researcher, Division of Insurance Medicine, Department of Clinical Neuroscience, Karolinska Institutet - Sweden  
  
***“Sickness absence among people of higher ages in the workforce”***
- **Prof. Lode Godderis**  
Full Professor Occupational Medicine and Toxicology, Head of Division Occupational and Environmental Hygiene, Catholic University of Leuven - Belgium  
  
***“Return to Work as a Core Health Outcome: Drivers, Implementation Levers, and Expected Impact”***
- **Prof. Borut Jug**  
MD, PhD, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ljubljana, University Medical Centre Ljubljana University Medical Centre Ljubljana - Head of Department of Vascular Medicine - Slovenia  
  
***“Cardiac rehabilitation: from disease management to cost-effective comprehensive patient care”***
- **Dr. Polit. Solveig Ose**  
Senior scientist at SINTEF Health Research – Norway  
  
***“Future of public health and care services”***
- **Dr. Klaus-Peter Thiele**  
Medizinischer Dienst Nordrhein - Kompetenz Centrum Onkologie MDK Nordrhein - Germany  
  
***“Advances in survival and quality of life with hematologic neoplasms in the era of personalized medicine - implications for the return-to-work process”***
- **Prof. Paulus Torkki**  
Associate Professor, Healthcare Operations Management, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Medicine -Department of Public Health - Finland  
  
***“Value-based healthcare in public Health Systems – Tracking outcomes and costs at a population level”***
- **Prof. Marianna Virtanen**  
PhD in Psychology; PhD in Epidemiology, School of Educational Sciences and Psychology University of Eastern Finland - Finland  
  
***“Supporting mental health in the workplace”***

- **Dr Weinbrenner Susanne**

MD, PhD, MPH, Head of Department at German Statutory Pension Insurance Scheme

**“The Patient Knows Best: How the German Pension Insurance Utilizes WD-FAB to Deliver Rehabilitation Services Fairly and Efficiently”**

## Registration

**Registration will start in March 2026.** Discounts will be available for early birds. Details will be communicated as soon as possible. Follow us on our website [www.eumass2026.eu](http://www.eumass2026.eu)

## Venue

Palais des Congrès, Liège (Belgium)

<https://www.palaisdescongresliege.be/>

## Languages

The plenary and parallel sessions will be held in English, with French interpretation provided for the plenary sessions.

However, one parallel session on Thursday afternoon will be held in French only (without English interpretation).

## Contact and website

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We are looking forward to seeing you in Liège!

### Chairs of the Organizing Committee

Dr Jean-Pierre B<sup>on</sup> SCHENKELAARS (ASMA asbl)

Dr Philip BERKEIN (WVV vzw)

### Chair of the EUMASS Scientific Committee

Dr François LATIL (Assurance-Maladie - FR)