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# WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENTS OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We are delighted to invite you to the **SSAI Annual Congress and the Swiss Autoimmune Liver Disease Meeting, a joint event of the Swiss Society for Allergology and Immunology (SSAI) and the Fondazione Epatocentro Ticino.**

It will take place on **27 - 28 August 2026**, at the beautiful Palazzo dei Congressi in Lugano. While maintaining the typical SSAI diversity, this collaboration reflects a growing convergence between immunology and hepatology, and is an opportunity for translational communication and research. By joining forces, we aim to foster scientific excellence, promote innovation, and create a dynamic space for interdisciplinary and professional development.

The congress is designed for a broad yet specialized audience, bringing together clinicians, researchers, and participants from the industry from Switzerland and abroad. Participants will include experts from various fields, such as clinical to basic allergology and immunology, as well as laboratory diagnostics. In addition, hepatologists and liver disease specialists will find a platform for cutting-edge insights and collaborative exploration.

Renowned speakers will share their expertise across a range of topics, offering new perspectives on understanding, diagnosis and treatment of immunological and liver-related diseases. Beyond the scientific sessions, attendees will have the chance to engage in scientific discussions, discover novel research during the poster sessions, and network with colleagues on the shores of Lake Lugano.

We look forward to your participation in making this event a truly memorable and rewarding experience. Together with the organising committee, we are excited to welcome you to Lugano for what promises to be an inspiring and dynamic gathering of minds.

With our warmest regards,

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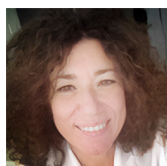
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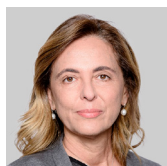
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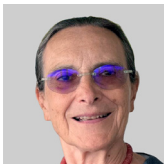
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# PROGRAMME OVERVIEW – THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST 2026

	Plenary	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5
08:45	Registration					
09:00						
09:15						
09:30						
09:45	Welcome					
10:00	Plenary 1					
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11:00	Coffee					
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11:30	Plenary 2					
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12:00						
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12:30						
12:45	Lunch	Industry Symposium 1	Guided Poster Tour	Industry Symposium 2	Lunch	
13:00						
13:15						
13:30						
13:45						
14:00		SSAI-AILD Parallel Session 1: Granulomatous Disease: Focus on Sarcoidosis		SSAI-AILD Parallel Session 2: Acteria Awardees Session on Immunology and Allergy	SSAI-AILD Parallel Session 3: Clinical Immunology	SSAI-AILD Parallel Session 4: New Levels of Immune Regulation
14:15						
14:30						
14:45						
15:00						
15:15						
15:30	Coffee					
15:45						
16:00	Short Communication Session 1	Short Communication Session 2		Hot Topics 1: Autoimmune Liver Disease	Short Communication Session 3	Short Communication Session 4
16:15						
16:30						
16:45						
17:00						
17:15						
17:30	Room Change					
17:45	Patient's Session	AILD Research presentations	SSAI General Assembly			
18:00						
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from 19:30	Congress Dinner: Splendide Royale					

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Parallel Symposia	Company Symposia	Plenary Lecture
Short Communication	Poster	AILD Symposia

# PROGRAMME OVERVIEW – FRIDAY, 28 AUGUST 2026

	Plenary	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5
08:30	Registration					
08:45						
09:00		Short Communication Session 5	Short Communication Session 6	Hot Topics 2: Autoimmune Liver Disease	Short Communication Session 7	Short Communication Session 8
09:15						
09:30						
09:45						
10:00						
10:15						
10:30	Coffee					
10:45						
11:00		SSAI-AILD Parallel Session 5: Drug Related Immunological Reactions		SSAI-AILD Parallel Session 6: Cancer and Immunity	SSAI-AILD Parallel Session 7: Clinical Allergology	SSAI-AILD Parallel Session 8: Diagnostic
11:15						
11:30						
11:45						
12:00						
12:15						
12:30	Lunch					
12:45			Guided Poster Tour	Industry Symposium 3	Industry Symposium 4	
13:00						
13:15						
13:30						
13:45	SSAI and AILD Award ceremony					
14:00						
14:15	Plenary 3					
14:30						
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15:15	Plenary 4					
15:30						
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16:00						
16:15	Closing Ceremony					
16:30						

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Parallel Symposia	Company Symposia	Plenary Lecture
Short Communication	Poster	AILD Symposia

## PROGRAMME – THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST 2026

08:45 – 09:45	Registration
09:45 – 10:00	Welcome
10:00 – 11:00	Plenary 1 B Cells in Autoimmunity
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee
11:30 – 12:30	Plenary 2 T Cells in Tolerance and Immunity
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
12:45 – 14:00	Guided Poster Tour
13:00 – 13:45	Industry Symposia
	Industry Symposium 1
	Industry Symposium 2
14:00 – 15:30	SSAI-AILD Parallel Sessions
	Parallel Session 1: Granulomatous Disease: Focus on Sarcoidosis
	Parallel Session 2: Acteria Awardees Session on Immunology and Allergy
	Parallel Session 3: Clinical Immunology
	Parallel Session 4: New Levels of Immune Regulation
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee
16:00 – 17:30	Hot Topics 1: Autoimmune Liver Disease
16:00 – 17:30	Short Communication Sessions
	Short Communication Session 1
	Short Communication Session 2
	Short Communication Session 3
	Short Communication Session 4
17:30 – 17:45	Room Change
17:45 – 18:45	AILD Research presentations
17:45 – 18:45	Patients' Session
17:45 – 18:45	SSAI General Assembly
from: 19:00	Congress Dinner: Splendide Royale

## PROGRAMME – FRIDAY, 28 AUGUST 2026

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 10:30	Hot Topics 2: Autoimmune Liver Disease
09:00 – 10:30	Short Communication Sessions
	Short Communication Session 5
	Short Communication Session 6
	Short Communication Session 7
	Short Communication Session 8
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	SSAI-AILD Parallel Sessions
	Parallel Session 5: Drug Related Immunological Reactions
	Parallel Session 6: Cancer and Immunity
	Parallel Session 7: Clinical Allergology
	Parallel Session 8: Diagnostic
12:30 – 13:45	Lunch Break
12:45 – 13:45	Guided Poster Tour
12:45 – 13:30	Industry Symposia
	Industry Symposium 3
	Industry Symposium 4
13:45 – 14:15	SSAI and AILD Award ceremony
14:15 – 15:15	Plenary 3 Senescence and Immunity: Autoimmunity in the Elderly and Immune Dysfunction
15:15 – 16:15	Plenary 4 Clinically Relevant Primary Immune Deficiencies (PID): What Is New?
16:15 – 16:30	Closing Ceremony

## Welcome to the Abstract Submission for the SSAI Annual Congress 2026.

The Scientific Committee cordially invites you to submit your abstracts for oral presentations or posters.

We welcome topics regarding clinical, diagnostic, translational, experimental studies of infections, immunology, allergology, immunosuppression, and immunodeficiency.

Authors are kindly invited to submit their abstracts via this website only. Instructions for abstract submission are listed below. Abstracts submitted by fax or e-mail will not be accepted.

Read the guidelines and submit an abstract for an oral presentation or poster.

> <https://ssai-congress.ch/2026/abstracts/submission>

**Please use the submission platform to submit your abstracts by 21 April 2026.  
(Abstracts submitted by fax or e-mail will not be accepted)**

06 January 2026

### **The submission platform opens.**

The abstracts submission platform will be opened and we look forward to receiving many submissions.

21 April 2026 – 12:00 p.m. (midnight)

### **Abstract submission is closed.**

The submission platform will be shut off. Until this date you can submit abstracts or adapt already submitted abstracts.

May 2026

### **Reviewing phase**

Immediately after the submission is completed, the abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee.

End of June 2026

### **Details for authors**

All authors will receive a feedback report on their submission by the end of June indicating whether their abstract has been accepted by the jury and in which format or session it can be presented.

### Swiss Autoimmune Liver Disease Award 2026

Fondazione Epatocentro Ticino in collaboration with industry sponsors offers two awards, each valued with CHF 500.-. They will be awarded to the

**BEST POSTER AND THE BEST ORAL PRESENTATION IN THE FIELD OF AILD** selected by the scientific committee.



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Epatocentro Ticino

### Brunello Wüthrich Award

The Brunello Wüthrich – aha! Neurodermitis (Atopic dermatitis) Research Prize for the

**BEST POSTER PRESENTATION ON  
EPIDEMIOLOGICAL, CLINICAL OR IMMUNOLOGICAL RESEARCH IN ATOPIC DERMATITIS**

(amount of CHF 1'000.-)



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### Biotest (Schweiz) AG Awards

**«SCIENCE MEETS QUALITY»**

Three Biotest Awards, each valued at CHF 1'000.-, will be presented for the best posters in the categories of «Basic Immunology», «Clinical Immunology» and «Allergy/Allergy or Translational Science».



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### Acteria

Fondation ACTERIA offers one CHF 1'000.- award for the best oral presentation each on the following topics during the Annual Congress of the SSAl:  
Allergology | Clinical Immunology | Basic Immunology | Translational Science



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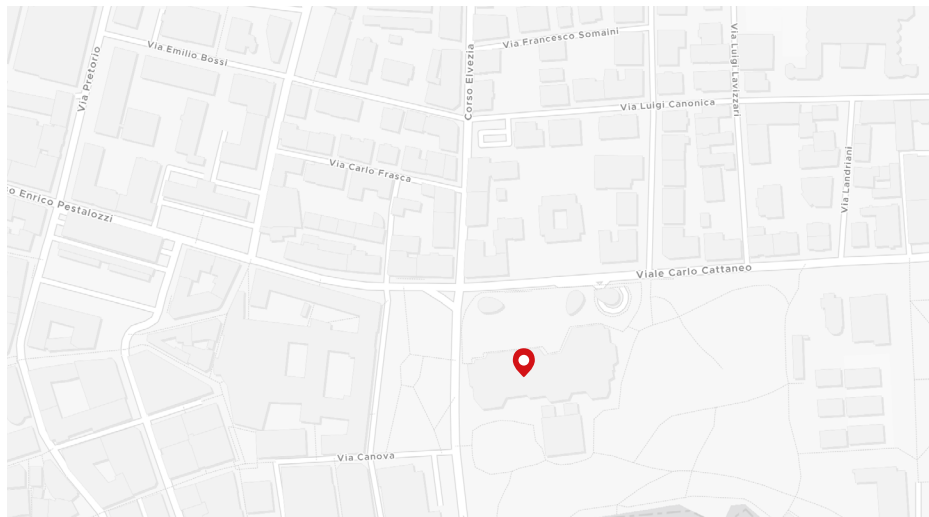
# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Venue

Lugano Convention & Exhibition, Piazza Indipendenza 4, 6900 Lugano

## Getting to Lugano Convention & Exhibition

> <https://www.luganoconventions.com/en/contacts>



## Congress language

English (no simultaneous translation)

## Registration

You can now benefit from early enrolment fees and register online:

> <https://ssai-congress.ch/2026/registration>

## Registration fee

	1 day pass		2 day pass	
	Until 28 July 2026	From 29 July 2026	Until 28 July 2026	From 29 July 2026
<b>SSAI-Member / SASL-Member</b>	CHF 250.00	CHF 300.00	CHF 400.00	CHF 450.00
<b>Non-members</b>	CHF 300.00	CHF 350.00	CHF 450.00	CHF 500.00
<b>Assistant/Student/Nurse</b>	CHF 120.00	CHF 150.00	CHF 220.00	CHF 250.00
<b>Patient</b>	CHF 0.00	CHF 0.00	CHF 0.00	CHF 0.00

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