



**INTERNATIONAL
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IFHE 2026 WORLD CONGRESS

Agenda

A preview of the global gathering for healthcare facilities, engineering, and design

DATES

October 17-20, 2026

LOCATION

New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

HOSTED ALONGSIDE

Healthcare Design Conference + Expo
AMFP Symposium

WELCOME

Welcome to the World Congress

IFHE · WALT VERNON, PRESIDENT**A Global Conversation, Anchored in New Orleans**

On behalf of the International Federation of Healthcare Engineering, it is my privilege to invite you to the 2026 IFHE World Congress in New Orleans. This is the one moment, every two years, when the engineers, facility leaders, and designers who quietly carry the weight of healthcare delivery in every country come together to learn from one another and shape the future of care.

In 2026 we are co-located with the Healthcare Design Conference and the AMFP Symposium — bringing owners, designers, and operators into the same room. Come ready to contribute. Your voice belongs in these conversations.

Walt Vernon · President, International Federation of Healthcare Engineering

AMFP · BOB FELDBAUER, PRESIDENT**Where Owners and Operators Meet the World**

On behalf of the Association of Medical Facility Professionals, I am thrilled to welcome our IFHE colleagues and the global healthcare facilities community to New Orleans. AMFP members are owners and operators — we live with the consequences of every design decision, every system that does or doesn't perform when it matters. That perspective is exactly what makes the World Congress so valuable for us, and for our international partners.

Sit at a table where you don't know anyone. Trade a business card with someone whose accent isn't yours. The relationships you build this week pay dividends for the next decade.

Bob Feldbauer · President, Association of Medical Facility Professionals

EMERALD · JENNIFER SILVIS**A Convening Designed to Move Our Industry Forward**

On behalf of Emerald and the Healthcare Design Conference + Expo team, it is my privilege to welcome the IFHE World Congress and AMFP Symposium to New Orleans. Co-locating these three communities is a deliberate commitment to reshape how our industry learns, connects, and advances.

You will find shared keynotes, joint sessions, an expanded Expo, and the kind of social moments that only New Orleans can deliver. Come for what you need; leave with what you didn't expect.

Jennifer Silvis · Emerald · Healthcare Design Conference + Expo

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The 2026 IFHE World Congress

A preview of the global gathering for healthcare facilities, engineering, and design

The IFHE World Congress is the international gathering of professionals who plan, design, engineer, operate, and maintain healthcare facilities worldwide. Held every two years, it brings federation member societies, sponsors, partners, and delegates together to share research, exchange practice, and shape the global standards that protect patients, staff, and visitors in care settings around the world.

The 2026 Congress is hosted in New Orleans in deliberate co-location with the Healthcare Design Conference + Expo and the AMFP Symposium — a single week of cross-disciplinary, cross-border learning where owners, operators, designers, and engineers share keynotes, panels, an Expo floor, and a full social program.

Dates, venue, and location

Sunday, October 18 through Tuesday, October 20, 2026, in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. Co-located with HCD and AMFP at a single host venue. Served by Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY).

Who should attend

- › Healthcare facility directors, plant operations leaders, and chief engineers
- › Owners, capital planning leaders, and owners' representatives
- › Architects, engineers, and design-build partners delivering healthcare infrastructure worldwide
- › National healthcare-engineering society leaders, IFHE delegates, researchers, educators, and emerging professionals

What's included with registration

- › All Sunday–Tuesday IFHE keynotes, breakout sessions, and the formal Opening Ceremony
- › Access to the shared Expo Hall and the IFHE Solutions Theater
- › Sunday IFHE-funded Networking Lunch, Monday and Tuesday Expo Hall lunches, daily breakfasts
- › HCD Gallery Reception and HCD Welcome Reception
- › Guided IFHE Hospital Tour (Tuesday, capacity limited) and International Building Awards & Closing Events

Registration

Registration is now open through the official IFHE 2026 World Congress ([HCD portal](#)).

Event Support from IFHE Ambassadors

IFHE Ambassadors help attendees and speakers navigate the World Congress and New Orleans — assisting with translations, directions to sessions, booths, and social events. For translation support before the event, join the IFHE 2026 WhatsApp group via Chief Ambassador Paola Tocci at +1 917-670-7152. During the event, Ambassadors are at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center: 1st floor registration desk, 2nd floor information desk, and the IFHE Pavilion.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

The Congress at a Glance

Sunday through Tuesday · A consolidated view of every session, meal, and signature event of the World Congress program. Refer to the day-by-day detail that follows for speakers and session descriptions.

DAY	TIME	CATEGORY	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Sun, Oct 18	7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	Meal	Networking Breakfast	Ballroom Lobby
	8:00-9:15 a.m.	Plenary Keynote	Welcome + Opening Keynote:(All Badges)	Great Hall
	10:00- 11:00 a.m.	Opening Ceremony	2026 IFHE World Congress Opening Ceremony	IFHE Stage
	11:00 am- 11:30 pm	Session	One Vision, Many Perspectives: Leading Complex Teams Toward Collective Success	IFHE Stage
	11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Session	AI and the Future of the Built Environment: Strategy, Transformation, and What Comes Next	IFHE Stage
	12:00-1:00 p.m.		Networking Lunch (IFHE Badges)	IFHE Hall
	1:00- 1:30 p.m.	Session	Flexibility, Standardization, and the Cost of Customization	IFHE Stage
	1:30-2:00 p.m.	Session	From Strategy to Performance: Executive Strategies for Operational Readiness	IFHE Stage
	2:00-2:30 p.m.	Session	Building for What's Next: Future-Ready Healthcare Campuses by Design	IFHE Stage
	2:30-3:00 p.m.	Session	Two Hemispheres, One Patient: A Global Conversation on the Future of Healthcare Design	IFHE Stage
	3:15- 4:00 pm	Session	Latin America: Healing Spaces, Use of Place, and Palliative Care Architecture	IFHE Stage

DAY	TIME	CATEGORY	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
	4:15-4:45 p.m.	Event	HCD Gallery Reception (All Badges)	To be Announced
	4:30-7:00 p.m.	Event	HCD Welcome Reception (All Badges)	To be Announced
	6:00-9:00 p.m.	Event	IFHE/AMFP Cocktail Reception - House of Blues (Ticketed Event)	225 Decatur St, New Orleans, LA 70130
Mon, Oct 19	7:00-8:00 a.m.	Meal	Networking Breakfast (all badges)	Ballroom Lobby
	8:00-9:15 a.m.	Plenary Keynote	Monday Morning Keynote (All Badges)	Great Hall
	8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	IFHE Plenary	Powerful Conversations: Connection Drives Performance	IFHE Stage
	9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	Session	Healthcare Facilities for the Future: Lessons from Japan	IFHE Stage
	10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.		Trade Show Opens/ Lunch Provided (All badges)	Expo Hall
	11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.		IFHE Solutions Theater	Expo Hall
	11:00 a.m.-11:45 p.m.	Session	› IFHE Solutions Theater: Omega 365	Expo Hall
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	4:45-5:15 p.m.	Session	The Infrastructure of Trust: Engineering the "Big Blue Chair" Protocol	IFHE Stage

DAY	TIME	CATEGORY	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
	6 pm - 9 pm		HCD Annual Networking Party (All badges)	To Be Announced
Tue, Oct 20	7:30-8:15 a.m.	Meal	Networking Breakfast (All badges)	Ballroom Lobby
	8:15-8:45 a.m.	Session	Equipment as Infrastructure: Bridging Capital Projects and Operations	IFHE Stage
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	1:45 - 2:15 p.m.	Session	Healthcare Security: A Vital Design Issue	IFHE Stage
	2:30-3:30 p.m.	Event	International Building Awards (45 min) & Closing Events (15 mins)	IFHE Stage
	4:00-6:00 p.m.	Event	IFHE Hospital Tours	To be Announced

CONGRESS DAY 1

Sunday, October 18, 2026

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.**NETWORKING***All Attendees (IFHE, AMFP, and HCD)***Networking Breakfast**

An informal breakfast welcoming IFHE, HCD, and AMFP participants to New Orleans, with time to reconnect with colleagues and meet international delegates before the opening sessions begin.

LOCATION Ballroom Lobby

8:00-9:15 a.m.**PLENARY KEYNOTE***All Attendees (IFHE, AMFP, and HCD)***Welcome + Opening Keynote:(All Badges)**

Joint opening keynote for HCD, AMFP, and IFHE that frames the week's themes, highlights key challenges for healthcare facilities globally, and sets expectations for how design, operations, and leadership intersect throughout the World Congress.

SPEAKER

TBD

LOCATION Great Hall

10:00-11:00 a.m.**CEREMONY***IFHE Attendees.***2026 IFHE World Congress Opening Ceremony**

A formal opening ceremony for the 2026 IFHE World Congress featuring federation leaders, host country representatives, and international delegates. The program includes welcome remarks, recognition of member societies, and a preview of the clinical, technical, and strategic topics that anchor this year's congress.

SPEAKERS

IFHE Federation Leaders

Host Country Representatives

LOCATION IFHE Stage

11:00 am-11:30 pm**SESSION***IFHE Attendees.*

One Vision, Many Perspectives: Leading Complex Teams Toward Collective Success

Details to be announced.

SPEAKER

Bob Feldbauer – Chief Program Delivery Officer, Children’s Health

MODERATOR

Greg Francis – Vice President, Healthcare, Jacobs

LOCATION IFHE Stage**11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.****SESSION***IFHE Attendees.*

AI and the Future of the Built Environment: Strategy, Transformation, and What Comes Next

Details to be announced.

SPEAKER

Carl Fleming – Healthcare Strategy & Digital Transformation, DPR

LOCATION IFHE Stage**12:00-1:00 p.m.****HOSTED MEAL***IFHE Attendees.*

Networking Lunch (IFHE Badges)

IFHE-funded lunch for World Congress participants, providing dedicated time to connect with peers from other countries, compare challenges, and build relationships that support ongoing collaboration after the event.

LOCATION IFHE Hall

1:00-1:30 p.m.**SESSION***IFHE Attendees.*

Flexibility, Standardization, and the Cost of Customization

Standards help organizations decide what job needs to be done, make clear tradeoffs, and move design work faster while improving buying power and controlling cost. But healthcare facilities operate in a changing world, so designs also need enough flexibility to adapt to new products, technologies, and ways of delivering care. This session looks at how to strike the right balance between standardization and flexibility so teams avoid overdesign, protect budgets, and keep options open for the future.

SPEAKERS

Sean McShane — Senior Project Manager, Norton Health

Josh King — Vice President, Facilities Planning and Development, Appalachian Regional Healthcare

Lynn Murphy — Associate Vice President, Facilities Planning, UK HealthCare

Mohammad Alai — formerly Director of Design, Central Florida Design and Construction, AdventHealth

MODERATOR

Anahita Razavi — Health Strategist and Speaker

LOCATION IFHE Stage**1:30-2:00 p.m.****SESSION***IFHE Attendees.*

From Strategy to Performance: Executive Strategies for Operational Readiness

A focused look at how healthcare executives translate strategy into operational readiness — connecting capital decisions, organizational alignment, and day-to-day facility performance. Speakers share frameworks for keeping facilities, operations, and clinical priorities moving in the same direction under pressure.

SPEAKERS

Rick Hood — President and CEO, IMH Healthcare

Additional Speakers TBA

MODERATOR

TBA

LOCATION IFHE Stage

2:00-2:30 p.m.**SESSION***IFHE Attendees.*

Building for What's Next: Future-Ready Healthcare Campuses by Design

Healthcare design is shaped by geography, culture, and climate – yet every project ultimately serves the same human being. In this candid cross-continental dialogue, two of the field's most respected architects, Ray Pentecost and Fabio Bitencourt, compare lessons learned from North and South America to explore where healthcare design is heading next. Drawing on decades of practice, research, and global advisory work, they will examine how human-centered design, sustainability, resilience, and emerging technologies are converging to reshape the patient experience worldwide. Expect a thoughtful, wide-ranging conversation on the ideas that will define healthcare environments for the next generation.

SPEAKERS

Michael Malone – Vice President of Operations, Vaughn Construction

Jen Rodosta – Executive Vice President, Strategic Initiatives, Children's Health

Rachel Knox – Studio Practice Leader, Health and Partner, HKS, Inc.

MODERATOR

Judah Auld – Vice President of Preconstruction, McCarthy Building Companies, Inc.

LOCATION IFHE Stage**2:30-3:00 p.m.****SESSION***IFHE Attendees.*

Two Hemispheres, One Patient: A Global Conversation on the Future of Healthcare Design

Details to be announced.

SPEAKERS

Fábio Bitencourt – Architect, Professor, and 2nd Vice President, IFHE

A. Ray Pentecost – TAMU College of Architecture and the Health Science Center

LOCATION IFHE Stage

3:15-4:00 pm**SESSION***IFHE Attendees.*

Latin America: Healing Spaces, Use of Place, and Palliative Care Architecture

A combined Latin American session bringing together three country presentations on healing spaces and visual narratives in Brazilian healthcare architecture, space and use of place in healthcare design, and architecture for palliative care hospitals. Speakers share how culture, place, and human experience shape healthcare environments across South America.

SPEAKERS

Ana Paula Naffah Perez – President, Brazilian Assoc. for the Development of Healthcare Buildings (ABDEH)

Luciano Monza – AADAIH (Asociación Argentina de Arquitectura e Ingeniería Hospitalaria)

Doris Vilas-Boas – President, ABDEH Bahia Chapter

MODERATOR

Fábio Bitencourt – Architect, Professor, and 2nd Vice President, IFHE

LOCATION IFHE Stage**4:15-4:45 p.m.****RECEPTION***All Attendees.*

HCD Gallery Reception (All Badges)

Reception in the HCD gallery space, giving attendees time to view featured projects and continue conversations from the day's sessions.

LOCATION To be Announced**4:30-7:00 p.m.****RECEPTION***All Attendees.*

HCD Welcome Reception (All Badges)

Conference-wide welcome reception hosted by HCD, bringing together IFHE, AMFP, and HCD participants for networking and informal dialogue in a relaxed setting.

LOCATION To be Announced**6:00-9:00 p.m.****RECEPTION***Ticketed Event.*

IFHE/AMFP Cocktail Reception - House of Blues (Ticketed Event)

Evening cocktail reception co-hosted by IFHE and AMFP at the House of Blues. A ticketed event offering attendees a relaxed New Orleans setting to network and unwind.

LOCATION 225 Decatur St, New Orleans, LA 70130

CONGRESS DAY 2

Monday, October 19, 2026

7:00-8:00 a.m.**NETWORKING***All Attendees.***Networking Breakfast (all badges)**

Shared breakfast for HCD, AMFP, and IFHE participants, designed to continue conversations from Sunday and help attendees connect across disciplines before the day's program begins.

LOCATION Ballroom Lobby

8:00-9:15 a.m.**PLENARY KEYNOTE***IFHE Attendees.***Monday Morning Keynote (All Badges)**

A conference-wide keynote that surfaces emerging trends, challenges, and opportunities shaping healthcare delivery and design, providing a common foundation for breakout discussions throughout the day.

SPEAKER

TBD

MODERATOR

TBD

LOCATION Great Hall

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.**IFHE PLENARY***IFHE Attendees.*

Powerful Conversations: Connection Drives Performance

Across healthcare facilities work, the pressure to coordinate, schedule, and deliver has crowded out the conversations that actually shape team performance. Drawing on his book *Powerful Conversations: How to Talk About What Matters Most in Work and Life*, Kyle Majchrowski opens Day 2 with a people-first look at how clarity, trust, and intentional dialogue translate directly into project outcomes across cultures, organizations, and roles. Expect a candid, interactive session that challenges leaders to look beyond process and toward the conversations their teams aren't yet having, and the performance waiting on the other side.

SPEAKERKyle Majchrowski – Founder, NexIntent · Author, *Powerful Conversations***MODERATOR**

TBD

LOCATION IFHE Stage**9:45 – 10:45 a.m.****SESSION***IFHE Attendees.*

Healthcare Facilities for the Future: Lessons from Japan

Japan's rapidly aging population is reshaping healthcare delivery, care management, and facility needs. Drawing from Japan Facility Management Association award-winning healthcare projects, this session explores how planning, design, construction, and facility management work together across the facility lifecycle. Participants will learn how Japanese healthcare organizations are adapting their facilities for chronic care, community-based care, patient-centered environments, resilient infrastructure, infection control planning, lifecycle cost management, and sustainable operations in response to demographic change.

SPEAKERS

Shiro Nitanaï – Architect, Professor and Director and Fellow of JFMA

Sae Mori – Hospital Facility Management, Shimizu Corporation

MODERATOR

Yosihisa Hirayama – IFHE Executive Committee, PS Company Ltd.

LOCATION IFHE Stage

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**EXPO***All Attendees.***Trade Show Opens/ Lunch Provided (All badges)**

The Expo Hall opens with dedicated time for attendees to explore products, services, and innovations from industry partners, with lunch provided on the show floor.

LOCATION Expo Hall

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**SOLUTIONS THEATER***IFHE Attendees.***IFHE Solutions Theater**

Three 45-minute Solutions Theater sessions in the Expo Hall, featuring short, focused presentations on practical tools, technologies, and methodologies that support safer, more efficient healthcare facilities. Sponsors and topics for each 45-minute slot to be confirmed as the program finalizes.

LOCATION Expo Hall

11:00 a.m.-11:45 p.m.**SOLUTIONS THEATER***IFHE Attendees.***IFHE Solutions Theater: Omega 365**

45-minute Solutions Theater presentation from Omega 365. Topic to be confirmed.

SPEAKER

Omega 365

LOCATION Expo Hall

12:00-12:45 p.m.**SOLUTIONS THEATER***IFHE Attendees.***IFHE Solutions Theater: Zurn Elkay**

45-minute Solutions Theater presentation from Zurn Elkay. Topic to be confirmed.

SPEAKER

Zurn Elkay

LOCATION Expo Hall

1:00-1:45 p.m.
SOLUTIONS THEATER
IFHE Attendees.

IFHE Solutions Theater: TBA

45-minute Solutions Theater presentation. Sponsor and topic to be confirmed.

LOCATION Expo Hall

1:15 – 1:45 p.m.
SESSION
IFHE Attendees.

Rethinking the Healthcare Footprint: Distributed Care, Scaled Performance

Distributed care is often framed as the answer to access and capacity pressures, but design alone cannot fix what policy, payment, and infrastructure leave unresolved. This session looks at distributed care as part of a broader ecosystem shaped by payer mix, broadband and telehealth access, workforce realities, and rural economics. Speakers separate where the built environment can move the needle from where systemic reform must lead, so owners and designers can plan smaller, smarter facilities that scale performance without overpromising what architecture can solve.

SPEAKERS

Katie L. Vander Putten, AIA, EDAC – MOA Architecture

Scott Czubkowski, PE, CHC, CHFM, DHM – Ascension Health

MODERATOR

TBD

LOCATION IFHE Stage

2:15-3:30 p.m.
SHOWCASE
All Attendees.

2026 HCD Breaking Through Competition (all badges)

Signature HCD program showcasing innovative projects and ideas selected through the Breaking Through competition, with relevance for IFHE attendees interested in new models and bold concepts.

SPEAKER

TBD

MODERATOR

TBD

LOCATION Great Hall

3:45 – 4:15 p.m.**SESSION***IFHE Attendees.*

Healthcare at the Crossroads: Capital Pressure and the Future of Facility Investment

Capital constraints, rising construction costs, and uncertain volumes are reshaping how health systems think about facility investment. This session explores frameworks for prioritizing projects, aligning stakeholders, and balancing renewal with new growth. Speakers share lessons learned from recent projects and offer strategies to help leaders make disciplined, future-focused decisions under pressure.

SPEAKER

Rahul Tikekar – Loring Consulting Engineers, Inc.

MODERATOR

TBD

LOCATION IFHE Stage*Sponsored by Loring Consulting Engineers***4:15 – 4:45 p.m.****SESSION***IFHE Attendees.*

From Reactive to Ready: How Digital Healthcare Infrastructure Supports Uptime and Business Continuity

This session examines how digitized electrical and mechanical infrastructure can improve visibility, reduce downtime, and support business continuity in healthcare environments. Speakers discuss monitoring, analytics, and service strategies that move organizations from reactive maintenance toward proactive readiness, with examples of how digital tools support resilience during everyday operations and disruptive events.

SPEAKER

David Evans – TBD, Schneider Electric

MODERATOR

TBD

LOCATION IFHE Stage*Sponsored by Schneider Electric – Platinum*

4:45-5:15 p.m.**SESSION***IFHE Attendees.*

The Infrastructure of Trust: Engineering the “Big Blue Chair” Protocol

This session explores how trust, communication, and clear escalation pathways can be engineered into day-to-day facilities operations. Using the “Big Blue Chair” protocol as a case study, speakers show how structured huddles, visual cues, and shared expectations reduce delays, improve safety, and strengthen collaboration between clinical, facilities, and vendor teams. Attendees leave with practical steps to pilot similar trust-focused protocols in their own organizations.

SPEAKERS

Melissa Keifer – Suffolk Construction

Curtis Skolnick – CommonSpirit Health

MODERATOR

Jonathan Cogswell – Northwell Health

LOCATION IFHE Stage**6 pm - 9 pm****NETWORKING***All Attendees.*

HCD Annual Networking Party (All badges)

Evening networking party hosted by HCD, offering attendees a relaxed setting to connect and celebrate after the second day of the World Congress.

LOCATION To Be Announced

CONGRESS DAY 3

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

7:30-8:15 a.m.**NETWORKING***Attendees.***Networking Breakfast (All badges)**

Morning networking breakfast on the final day of the World Congress, giving attendees time to connect before the closing sessions begin.

LOCATION Ballroom Lobby

8:15-8:45 a.m.**SESSION***Attendees.***Equipment as Infrastructure: Bridging Capital Projects and Operations**

How healthcare equipment planning, installation, and lifecycle support intersect with capital project delivery and ongoing facility operations. Speakers discuss how to bridge the gap between project teams and operations teams so equipment is treated as infrastructure – planned, commissioned, and maintained with the same discipline as the building itself.

MODERATOR
KR Wolfe rep

LOCATION IFHE Stage

8:45 – 9:15 a.m.**SESSION***Attendees.***To Be Announced**

Details to be announced.

LOCATION IFHE Stage

9:30 – 10:00 a.m.**SESSION***Attendees.*

The Modern Operating Room: Designing and Sustaining Dependable, Adaptable, and Compliant Surgical Environments

A look at how today's operating rooms are designed and sustained to remain dependable, adaptable, and compliant as surgical practice, technology, and regulatory expectations evolve. The session covers electrical safety, infrastructure resilience, and operational practices that keep surgical environments performing over their full life.

SPEAKERS

Bender rep

Additional Speakers – TBA

LOCATION IFHE Stage**9:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.****EXPO***Attendees.*

Trade Show Open/ Lunch Provided (All Badges)

Final day on the Expo Hall floor, with time for attendees to revisit exhibitors, follow up on conversations from earlier in the week, and finalize partner introductions before the close of the World Congress. Lunch is provided on the show floor.

LOCATION Expo Hall**9:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.****SOLUTIONS THEATER***Attendees.*

IFHE Solutions Theater

Three 45-minute Solutions Theater sessions in the Expo Hall on the final day of the World Congress, running alongside the trade show. Sponsors and topics to be confirmed.

LOCATION Expo Hall**9:45-10:30 a.m.****SOLUTIONS THEATER***Attendees.*

IFHE Solutions Theater: TBA

45-minute Solutions Theater presentation. Sponsor and topic to be confirmed.

LOCATION Expo Hall

10:45-11:30 a.m.**SOLUTIONS THEATER***Attendees.***IFHE Solutions Theater: TBA**

45-minute Solutions Theater presentation. Sponsor and topic to be confirmed.

LOCATION Expo Hall

11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**SOLUTIONS THEATER***Attendees.***IFHE Solutions Theater: TBA**

45-minute Solutions Theater presentation. Sponsor and topic to be confirmed.

LOCATION Expo Hall

1:15-1:45 p.m.**SESSION***Attendees.***Leveraging Integration & AI to Unlock Untapped Potential in Healthcare Facilities**

How integration platforms and applied AI can unlock untapped value across healthcare facility portfolios – from energy and asset performance to maintenance, compliance, and resilience. Speakers share practical use cases that connect building data to clinical and operational outcomes.

SPEAKER

Schneider Electric

LOCATION IFHE Stage

1:45 – 2:15 p.m.**SESSION***Attendees.*

Healthcare Security: A Vital Design Issue

Violence, theft, and security incidents increasingly shape how healthcare environments are designed, operated, and staffed. This session explores security as a core design and infrastructure issue, not just an operational add-on, highlighting lessons from systems in the United States and Latin America. Speakers discuss how to balance openness and safety, integrate technology and human factors, and collaborate across clinical, security, and facilities teams to create environments that protect people without undermining trust.

SPEAKERS

John Demming – Market Director, Security Operations, AdventHealth · VP, IAHS

Francisco Villegas – Director de Seguridad Corporativa, Christus Muguerza

Melanie Wright – Regional Business Development Manager, HID Global

Brett Bramlett – HH Health System

MODERATOR

Bill Navejar – IAHS Foundation

LOCATION IFHE Stage**2:30-3:30 p.m.****AWARDS & CLOSING***Attendees.*

International Building Awards (45 min) & Closing Events (15 mins)

International Building Awards ceremony (approximately 45 minutes) followed by formal Closing Events (approximately 15 minutes), recognizing outstanding healthcare facility projects and bringing the 2026 IFHE World Congress to a close.

SPEAKERS

Switzerland – to promote IFHE 2027

Fábio Bitencourt – to promote Brazil IFHE 2028

LOCATION IFHE Stage**4:00-6:00 p.m.****TOUR***IFHE Attendees.*

IFHE Hospital Tours

Guided tour of a New Orleans-area healthcare facility, offering IFHE delegates a firsthand look at local design, engineering, and operations practices. Logistics and capacity to be confirmed.

LOCATION To be Announced

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