



AGENDA

2026 European Regional Meeting

The [Medical University of Vienna](#) is organizing the **2026 AAHCI European Regional Meeting** to be held August 30 – September 1 in Vienna, Austria for academic health center leaders in the region and worldwide.

Under the theme *Health Professions Education in the AI Era*, leadership from AAHCI member institutions and prospective AAHCI members will gather to share best practices and explore how to best prepare for novel technological challenges such as AI in health professions education. AAHCI Regional Meetings provide an excellent opportunity for peer networking and exploration of opportunities for collaboration among academic health centers.

Session topics include:

- Learning and teaching with AI and other new technologies
- Learning and teaching in a hospital
- Assessing students in the AI era
- Curriculum design and reform
- High quality teaching in AI era
- Medical Humanities and Ethics in health professions education

Logistics:

For registration, hotel information, and updates on the program, please visit the [meeting page](#).





Sunday, August 30 (*All times listed are in Central European Time*)

6:30 PM Welcome reception
Location: [Hotel Regina](#), Rooseveltplatz 15, 1090 Wien

Monday, August 31

8:30 AM AAHCI Annual Meeting: Registration
Location: [Josephinum](#), Währinger Strasse 25, 1090 Vienna

9:00 AM Opening Remarks

- [Anita Rieder](#), Vice Rector for Education, Medical University Vienna (Austria)
- [Luciano Saso](#), Faculty of Pharmacy and Medicine, Sapienza University of Rome, Academic Guest, University of Zurich, AAHCI European Regional Office Co-Ambassador (Italy)
- [Jonathan Jaffery](#), Chief Health Care Officer, AAMC, Washington (USA)

9.25 AM *Group picture with all participants on the stage*

9:30 AM *Session 1: Learning and teaching with AI and other new technologies*

Introductory talk: [Maurizio Cecconi](#), Vice Scientific Director for Clinical Research, Humanitas Research Hospital, and Coordinator of PhD PRIME, Humanitas University (Italy)

Panel discussion:

- [Maurizio Cecconi](#), Vice Scientific Director for Clinical Research, Humanitas Research Hospital, and Coordinator of PhD PRIME, Humanitas University (Italy)
- [Anne Farmakidis](#), Senior Director, Digital Medical Education at Association of American Medical Colleges
- [Sebastian Hochreiter](#), Student, Medical University Vienna (Austria) *Teaching AI by Building It: Lessons from Clinical AI Product Development for Health Professions Education.*



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- [Harald Kittler](#), Professor for dermatology, Medical University Vienna (Austria)
Learning from AI via Gamification

Facilitator: [Wolfgang Brück](#), MD, CEO University Medical Center Göttingen; Dean, Medical Faculty, University of Göttingen (Germany)

11:00 AM *Coffee Break*

11:30 AM *Session 2: Learning and teaching in a hospital*

Introductory talk: [Stefan Benz](#), Head Colorectal Surgery, Univesity Hospital Tübingen (Germany)

Panel discussion:

- [Stefan Benz](#), Head Colorectal Surgery, Univesity Hospital Tübingen (Germany)
- [Alessandro Bertani](#), MD, Thoracic Surgery and Lung Transplant Unit at IRCCS-ISMETT, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Italy, Palermo (Italy)
- [Kurt Hoeller](#), Senior Director Digital Affairs, Healthcare Vertical Market, Siemens, Munich (Germany)
- [Alexander Hoffelner](#), MD, Pediatrics, Medical University Vienna (Austria) *Virtual Reality & Augmented Reality Teaching*
- [Tereza Vafkova](#), MD, Vice-head at the Department of Simulation Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Masaryk University, Brno (Czech Republic)

Facilitator: [Michael Wagner](#), MD PhD, Pediatrics, Medical University of Vienna (Austria) *Video-Debriefing of clinical situations*

1:00 PM *lunch*

2:30 PM *Session 3: Assessing students in the AI era*

Introductory talk: [Lisa Howley](#), PhD, Senior Director, Transforming Medical Education, AAMC, Washington (USA)

Panel discussion:

- [Janina Beilner](#), Prof., Senior Vice President Siemens AG, Munich (Germany)





- [Georg Langs](#), Prof, Head of the Comprehensive Center for AI in Medicine, Medical University of Vienna (Austria)
- [Bernhard Rössler](#), MD, Anaesthesiology, Medical University of Vienna (Austria)
Simulation-based Education
- **Facilitator:** [Lisa Howley](#), PhD, Senior Director, Transforming Medical Education, AAMC, Washington (USA)

4:00 PM *Coffee break*

4:30 PM *Session 4: Curriculum design and reform*

Introductory talk: [Martin Fischer](#), Prof, Dean of Studies in Human Medicine, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich (Germany)

Panel discussion:

- [Georg Dorffner](#), Prof, Institute of Artificial Intelligence, Medical University Vienna (Austria), *How deep should learning on Deep Learning be? AI in the curriculum*
- [Martin Fischer](#), Prof, Dean of Studies in Human Medicine, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich (Germany)
- [Roman Hari](#), PD MD, Dean of Education, Medical Faculty, University of Bern (Switzerland)
- [Pedro Mateus](#), Prof, Director of the Medical Education Department, Católica Medical School, Lisbon (Portugal)
- [Roland Wiest](#), MD, Vice-Director, Department of Digital Medicine (DDM), University of Bern (Switzerland)

Facilitator: [Anita Rieder](#), Vice Rector for Education, Medical University Vienna (Austria)

6:00 PM *Day 1 Closing Comments*

[Anita Rieder](#), Vice Rector for Education, Medical University Vienna (Austria)



August 30 – September 1
Vienna, Austria

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7:00 PM

Conference Dinner

Location: [Hotel Regina](#), Rooseveltplatz 15, 1090 Wien

Tuesday, September 1 (*All times listed are in Central European Time*)

Location: [Josephinum](#), Währinger Strasse 25, 1090 Vienna

8:45 AM

Opening remarks

[Luciano Saso](#), Faculty of Pharmacy and Medicine, Sapienza University of Rome, Academic Guest, University of Zurich, AAHCI European Regional Office Co-Ambassador (Italy)

9:00 AM

Session 5: High quality teaching in AI era

Introductory talk: [Luciano Saso](#), Faculty of Pharmacy and Medicine, Sapienza University of Rome, Academic Guest, University of Zurich, AAHCI European Regional Office Co-Ambassador (Italy)

- [Oliver Kimberger](#), Prof, Clinical Division of General Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine, Medical University Vienna (Austria), *Launching a Digital Health Postgraduate Programme: Curriculum, Governance and what we do differently – lessons learned*
- [Christoph Minichsdorfer](#), PhD, Division of Oncology, Medical University of Vienna (Austria)

Facilitator: [Luciano Saso](#), Faculty of Pharmacy and Medicine, Sapienza University of Rome, Academic Guest, University of Zurich, AAHCI European Regional Office Co-Ambassador (Italy)

10:30 AM

Coffee Break



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11:00 AM *Session 6: Medical Humanities and Ethics in health professions education*

Introductory talk: [Frank Rühli](#), Dean Faculty of Medicine, University of Zurich, AAHCI European Regional Office Ambassador (Switzerland)

- [Kamna Balhara](#), MD, Health Humanities at Hopkins EM, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore (USA) (online)
- [Miguel Castelo-Branco Sousa](#), Professor/Senior Internal Medicine and Intensive Medicine Specialist, University of Beira Interior - Faculty of Health Sciences, Covilha (Portugal)
- [Lisa Howley](#), PhD, Senior Director, Transforming Medical Education, AAMC, Washington (USA)
- [Tabea Ott](#), Prof, Deputy Head of the Institute of Ethics and Law in Medicine, University of Vienna (Austria)

Facilitator: [Frank Rühli](#), Dean Faculty of Medicine, University of Zurich, AAHCI European Regional Office Ambassador (Switzerland)

12:30 PM *Annual Meeting Closing Remarks*

- [Frank Rühli](#), Dean Faculty of Medicine, University of Zurich, AAHCI European Regional Office Ambassador (Switzerland)
- [Jonathan Jaffery](#), Chief Health Care Officer, AAMC, Washington (USA)
- [Anita Rieder](#), Vice Rector for Education, Medical University Vienna (Austria)

12:45 PM *Farewell lunch*

2:00 PM *Social Program*

Medical Museum Tour ([Josephinum](#), Währinger Strasse 25, 1090 Vienna)



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