

Timetable

WEDNESDAY 27 MAY 2026 - evening programme
19:00-21:00

WELCOME RECEPTION
Town Hall - Grote Markt, 2800 Mechelen

THURSDAY 28 MAY 2026 - evening programme
19:30-01:00

CONGRESS DINNER & PARTY
Restaurant Groot Seminarie - Entrance: F. de Merodestraat 18, 2800 Mechelen

THURSDAY 28 MAY 2026 - scientific programme	
07:30-08:30	Registration
08:30-08:50	Welcome Ceremony by AISLING CULHAINE (President of Horatio Board), LIESBET VAN BOS (Belgian board Member), KRIS VANEERDEWEGH (Member Nursing Network)
08:50-09:00	Welcome by BART SOMERS, Mayor of Mechelen
09:00-09:30	Opening speech & musical intermezzo performed by SANNE PUTSEYS
09:30-10-15	Keynote 1 – CHERYL FORCHUK 'Roots That Sustain: Building Resilience and Readiness from Our Past'
10:15-10-45	Coffee Break
10:45-11-30	Breakout Session #1
11:40-12:30	Breakout Session #2
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-14:20	Keynote 2 – DOMINIQUE DE MARNÉ 'Mental health rocks – A statement that is both powerful yet mindful and deeply layered'
14:20-15:00	Celebration speech Horatio
15:00-15:20	Coffee Break
15:20-16:10	Breakout Session #3
16:20-17:00	Keynote 3 – KAREL DESMET 'Resilience and readiness in Action – Advancing clinical excellence and nurse-sensitive patient outcomes in mental health nursing'
17:00-17:30	Closing Day 1 Fellowship Award – Announcement of the 2027 conference
17:40-18:30	General Assembly

All plenary sessions will take place in auditorium D0.01.

FRIDAY 29 MAY 2026 - scientific programme	
08:00-08:30	Registration
08:30-09:20	Breakout Session #4
09:30-10:00	Keynote 4 – NINA KILKKU 'Mental health nursing Today: Where we stand and how the world sees us'
10:00-10:30	Keynote 5 – HANNA TUVESSON 'Shaping Tomorrow: Psychiatric and mental health nursing as a transformative force'
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-11:50	Breakout Session #5
12:00-12:50	Breakout Session #6
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-14:50	Keynote 6 – DIRK RICHTER 'Are We Ready? Human Rights as Foundation and Challenge in Mental Health Nursing'
15:00-15:50	Breakout Session #7
15:50-16:05	Coffee Break
16:05-17:05	Breakout Session #8
17:05-17:30	Closing Ceremony

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28-29 MAY 2026

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Breakout session #3

28 May 2026 - 15:20-16:10

	Session Title	Presentation - Presenter
Room A A0.02 Concurrent Session Chair: Christophe Casteleyn	INNOVATIVE CARE MODELS AND CONTINUITY OF CARE	<p>Strengthening Continuity After Mental Health Crisis: A Psychiatric Nurse-Led Acute Follow-Up Model Julia Brynjolfsdottir, Gudrun Stefansdottir, Gisli Kristofersson (Iceland)</p> <p>Bridging the Gap in Nursing Complexity: Transversal Care for Individuals with Dual Diagnosis Jens De Vleminck (Belgium)</p> <p>Relationship between Resilience, Secondary Traumatic Stress and Work-Related Factors among Mental Health Professionals Gül Dikeç, Tugba Şahin Tokatlıoğlu, Saadet Yaşar (Turkey)</p>
Room B A0.04 Concurrent Session Chair: Joeri Vandewalle	DIGITAL INNOVATION, CO-DESIGN AND YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH	<p>Why Psychiatric Nurses Need to Ask More Than Once: Short-Term Variability of Suicidal Ideation in Inpatient Adolescents Tamara Großmann (Germany)</p> <p>Rooted, Resilient, Ready: The Evolving Role of Mental Health Nurses in Drug Consumption Rooms Christina Livgard (Norway)</p> <p>Strengthening School-Based Mental Health Support: A Nursing-Led Webinar Series for Secondary School Teachers in Ireland Carol McCormack, Petrina Tighe (Ireland)</p>
Room C D1.01 Concurrent Session Chair: Aisling Culhane	EVIDENCE-BASED INTERVENTIONS IN PSYCHIATRIC NURSING	<p>Implementing Brief Therapeutic Conversations based on Cognitive Behaviour Therapy in Psychiatric Inpatient Care delivered by Mental Health Professionals Cecilia Crona (Sweden)</p> <p>Reshaping Mental Health Services with 'Open Dialogue': A Comparative Case Study of 19 Teams in Flanders (Belgium) Carolien Schalenbourg, Sam Pless (Belgium)</p> <p>Supporting International Students' Sexual Health and Well-Being: Insights from a Qualitative Study Nadine Smith, Candice Waddell-Henowitch (Canada)</p>

	Session Title	Presentation - Presenter
Room D D2.01 Workshop Chair: Liesbet Van Bos		<p>Tapering with Care: The Role of Advanced Practice Nurses in Antidepressant Deprescribing Kirsten Fransen (Netherlands)</p>
Room E D2.02 Workshop Chair: Kevin Berben		<p>Time for a Nursing-Focused Treatment in Psychiatric Outpatient Care: How Can We Co-Create It? Joachim Eckerström, Annie Fors (Sweden)</p>
Room F D0.01 Symposium Chair: Annelies Verkest		<p>Advancing Appropriate Psychiatric Nursing Care: Integrating Family Involvement, Recovery-Oriented Practice and Implementation of Nurse-Led Interventions Rose Collard, Ilse Timmerman, Myrte van Kesteren (Netherlands)</p>

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Breakout session #7

29 May 2026 - 15:00-15:50

	Session Title	Presentation - Presenter
<p>Room A A0.02</p> <p>Concurrent Session</p> <p>Chair: Kris Vaneer-dewegh</p>	<p>ADVANCED NURSING ROLES AND SERVICE INNOVATION</p>	<p>Implementing an Advanced Practice Nurse Role in Long-Term Mental Health Care Patrick Lemli (Germany)</p> <p>Health Care Aiming to Improve the Inpatient Treatment and Care of Adolescents with Anorexia Nervosa Caroline Bergenhausen Pedersen, Mia Beck Lichtenstein, Ellen Boldrup Tingleff (Denmark)</p> <p>Identifying the Landscape and Contribution of Advanced Nurse Practitioners in Supporting Healthcare Provision in Ireland in the 21st Century: An Integrative Review Mary Russell, Jill Sheridan (Ireland)</p>
<p>Room B A0.04</p> <p>Concurrent Session</p> <p>Chair: Gisli Kristofersson</p>	<p>PROFESSIONAL IDENTITY, EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>Professional Identity Formation in a Structured Transition Program for Mental Health Nursing: Protocol for a Qualitative Study Michael Mayer (Germany)</p> <p>Stargazing, an Intervention Developed by the Nursing Working Group at Psychotherapeutic and Psychiatric Center Pittem (PPC Pittem) Lotte Oosterlinck, Thomas Raemdonck (Belgium)</p> <p>Rooted in Care: A Clinical Nurse Specialist–Led Co-Response Model at the Interface of Mental Health and Policing George Glynn (Ireland)</p>
<p>Room C D1.01</p> <p>Concurrent Session</p> <p>Chair: Liesbeth Dockx</p>	<p>DIALOGUE, RECOVERY AND RELATIONAL INNOVATION</p>	<p>Bringing Companions Together: How We Support, Develop and Spread Open Dialogue Practice in Flanders, Belgium Dag Van Wetter (Belgium)</p> <p>Evidence-Based Nursing Interventions for Affective Disorders: Enhancing Self-Efficacy and Promoting Mental Health Karsten Gensheimer (Germany)</p> <p>Family Engagement in Mental Health Care: How Far Have We Come? Ellen Tingleff (Denmark)</p>

	Session Title	Presentation - Presenter
<p>Room D D2.01</p> <p>Concurrent Session</p> <p>Chair: Susanna Flansburg</p>		<p>Reducing Restrictive Practices in an Acute Mental Health Unit in Ireland Catherine Cocoman (Ireland)</p> <p>Low Dose High Frequency Simulations as an Adjunct to Traditional OVA Training Gary Ennis (Australia)</p> <p>The Silent Crisis: Burnout, Resilience, and Lack of Compassionate Support among Psychiatric Nurses: A Cross-Sectional Study Şeyma Göral, Merve Geylani (Turkey)</p>
<p>Room E D2.02</p> <p>Workshop</p> <p>Chair: Alexei Sammut</p>		<p>Solution Focused Practice: An Introduction Christophe Casteleyn, Bruce Vrancken, Wouter Decock (Belgium)</p>
<p>Room F D0.01</p> <p>Symposium</p> <p>Chair: Evi Mervilde</p>		<p>The Psychiatric Nursing Specialization Year (PVJ): Bridging Generalistic Training and Advanced Competence in Mental Health Care Marcus Butzmann (Germany)</p>

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13	Exploring Existential Loneliness and Sadness During Adolescence Tide Garnow (Sweden)
14	Evaluation of a Service Integration Initiative between Psychiatry of later life and Integrated care programme for older persons Mary Russel, Kelly Brosnan (Ireland)
15	Patient Involvement in Forensic Psychiatry Kristian Paaske (Denmark)
16	Implementing Organisational Change Using Implementation Science Tools Alina Merschroth (Switzerland)
17	From Local Innovation to National Application: SAFE App, a Digital Solution for People Who Harm Themselves and Their Network Lise Bachmann Østergaard; Lene Lauge Berring; Ali Abbas Shaker (Denmark)
18	Inequality in Collaboration: A Qualitative Study of Relatives' Experiences of Collaboration Across the Mental Healthcare System Trine Ellegaard Laursen (Denmark)
19	Evidence-Based Nursing Interventions to Strengthen Self-Esteem in Adolescents in Adolescent Psychiatry Naomi Beches; Gerhard Lindenhofer; Stefan Nöstlinger (Austria)
20	Ida and Noah's Mother is Receiving ECT Christina Hollensberg; Pia Merete Laulund; Ellen Boldrup Tingleff (Denmark)
21	Illness Management and Recovery: Insights from a Staff Training Evaluation Project Caroline Bergsaker Bornhauser; Andreas Seierstad (Norway)
22	Mapping Educational Gaps in Multimorbidity: A Scoping Review of Educational Programmes for Healthcare Professionals Addressing Severe Mental Disorders and Diabetes Ida Storm (Denmark)
23	Turning Walls into Windows: A Study of Crime Prevention in Forensic Mental Health Mette Overvad (Denmark)

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24	Framework for Professional Development: Inter- and Intrapersonal Rembert Maes (Belgium)
25	Creative Resilience: Effects of Art-Based Interactive Workshops on Emotional Awareness, Stress Coping and Assertiveness in University Students Yagmur Zararsiz; Semra Karaca (Turkey)
26	Enhancing Access to Safety: A Resource Guide for Violence Services in Rural, Remote, and Northern Manitoba Nadine Smith; Candice Waddell-Henowitch; Andrea Thomson (Canada)
27	Indigenous Advocacy and Allyship: Expanding the Master of Psychiatric Nursing Curriculum Nadine Smith; Candice Waddell-Henowitch; Andrea Thomson (Canada)
28	Family Engagement in Forensic Mental Healthcare Settings Sofie Aslerin; Rikke Jørgensen; Sara Rowaert; Ellen Tingleff (Denmark)
29	Cardiometabolic Health Nursing in Psychiatric Care: A Bibliometric and Thematic Analysis Study Melisa Bulut (Turkey)
30	The Role of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) in Enhancing Mental Health Services Rajinikanth Maruthu; Binu Upendran (Ireland)
31	Building Resilience and Competence in Community Mental Health Nursing: Insights from a Danish Educational Initiative Janni Carlsen; Marianne Mortensen (Denmark)
32	Mapping the Evolution of Stigmatization in Mental Disorders: A Bibliometric Analysis from 1974 to 2024 Gül Dikeç; Polat Göktaş (Turkey)
33	How Do You Sleep? We Asked Women with Alcohol Dependence Judyta Rogóż; Damian Czarnecki
34	The Relationship Between Cognitive Flexibility, Negative Symptom Severity, and Recovery in Individuals with Schizophrenia: An Ongoing Study Rojinda Ucak; Cemile Hürrem Ayhan; Murside Tuba Sinan; Mehmet Cihad Aktaş; Sakine Aktaş (Turkey)