

Press release

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Healthcare Week Luxembourg : Keynote speaker confirmed, Award finalists selected

Healthcare Week Luxembourg is back for a second edition on 1 and 2 October 2024 at Luxexpo The Box. Bogi Eliassen, Director of Health at the Copenhagen Institute for Future Studies, has been confirmed as the keynote speaker for the opening session. In addition, the finalists in the various categories of the Healthcare Week Awards, a highlight of the show, have been selected and invited to present their pitches.

Bogi Eliassen, Director of Health at the Copenhagen Institute for Futures Studies, has been added as a keynote speaker joining the list of experts speaking at the Healthcare Week Luxembourg. His speech at the opening session (Session 1) of the conference will introduce the theme of this second edition of Healthcare Week: 'Tomorrow's Health: Placing Value Creation at the Heart of the System'.

Another confirmed participant is Christof von Kalle, a physician-scientist in clinical research, stem-cell research, mutation analysis, and gene transfer who heading the Clinical Study Center of the Berlin Institute of Health (BIH) at Charité. He will introduce Session 2 with a presentation entitled 'Moving the healthcare system towards personalised medicine'.

The two conference days will also showcase the presentation of the HWL Awards 2024, rewarding four winners in four categories: Medical Research Awards, Innovation in Hospital Management Awards, Start-up Awards - Greater Region, and Start-up Awards - Luxembourg. Selected by a panel of experts, the finalists are invited to pitch their projects to an expert panel on the first day of the conference, on October 1st. The winners will be announced, and the prizes awarded on the same day. The slots reserved for the finalists are:

- *Innovation in Hospital Management Awards: October 1st, 12.30*
- *Medical Research Awards: October 1st, 16.00.*

Visit <https://www.hwl.lu/hwl/> for more information.

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About Healthcare Luxembourg Week (HWL)

In addition to its central position at the heart of Europe and the Greater Region - **with a population of over 11.7 million** - Luxembourg has a very specific healthcare sector, with a large number of cross-border commuters and expatriates among its patients and staff, and a constant mix of multiple nationalities. This situation presents the sector with cultural, social, economic, and political challenges, both nationally and across borders. With a view to **constantly improving and seeking out new opportunities to best meet the needs of its patients**, the FHL has created a platform for exchange and debate for all those involved in the healthcare systems of the country, the Greater Region and Europe, and has **launched 'Healthcare Week'**, an event organised for the first time in **September 2023**, complementing trade fairs such as **SantExpo in France or MEDICA in Germany**. Healthcare Week is aimed at professionals in the fields of healthcare, research and technological innovation, education, and economy, as well as representatives of governments, professional and social institutions.

About the Fédération des hôpitaux luxembourgeois (FHL)

Founded in 1948 and incorporated as an association in 1965, the Fédération des hôpitaux luxembourgeois (FHL) brings together **all hospitals in Luxembourg**, with a total of 9,000 employees and 1,500 specialist doctors. The FHL contributes to **the continuous improvement of the national health system in the interests of patients**. It **facilitates collaboration and complementarity** between hospitals and other players in the sector to offer patients the most appropriate care. As an umbrella organisation, the FHL is able to **defend the interests** of its members and healthcare professionals in general, and to **promote innovation and progress** in hospitals at all levels. Its mission is also to **inform and guide political decision-makers** regarding the vision and strategic developments of the Luxembourg hospital sector and the healthcare sector as such. As an ASBL, the FHL acts in complete independence.

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