

28th International IAKS Congress for the Design, Construction, Modernization and Management of Sports and Leisure Facilities

24 to 27 October 2023 in Cologne, Germany

The IAKS Congress is the world's leading international forum on the planning, building and operation of sports and leisure facilities. Its 28th edition is taking place in conjunction with the FSB, the leading international trade fair for public space, sports and leisure facilities in Cologne, Germany. The outstanding community sport and recreation knowledge sharing event is innovative thinking at top level. International architects, engineers, clients, designers, local authorities, technical and operative management, sports federations and clubs will be converging in Cologne, Germany to share experiences and ideas with their peers - with debates, keynotes, success story case studies, exchanges, conversation hubs, workshops, focus sessions, presentations.... and talks.

This year's IAKS Congress will focus on " Building resilient communities through sport and leisure facilities". From 24 to 27 October 2023, the IAKS Congress, in its 28th edition already, will be the most important international forum for planning, construction, financing and management of sports and leisure facilities for experts in sports facility construction from all over the world.

On the four days of the congress, the IAKS will invite international speakers from science, sport and architecture. They will discuss the challenges and opportunities that move clients, local authorities, technical and operational management, architects, designers and engineers all the way to sports federations and clubs.

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In exciting lectures, panel discussions and workshops, international experts will provide innovative thinking to pressing questions. The congress programme will feature the following sessions:

- Building resilient communities through sports and leisure facilities: Global challenges and global initiatives
- The activity path to Brisbane 2032 and beyond
- Today's design decisions and future-oriented programming
- Reducing the carbon footprint
- Socially relevant design: A commitment to the community
- The challenge of true inclusivity
- Enhancing and activating the public domain
- Synthetic sports surfaces: Benefits and challenges

First-rate support from IOC, IPC, and German Federal Ministry of the Interior

The International Olympic Committee IOC, the International Paralympic Committee IPC, and the German Federal Ministry of the Interior continue the long-term tradition of their official patronage of the 28th IAKS Congress. In their welcome addresses they emphasize the importance of health and thus of an active lifestyle. Greater importance is being attached to social cohesion and comprehensive social inclusion. Sports and leisure facilities will have to respond to this and can contribute as the foundation of a resilient society

Editors Notes:

Full Program can be found at <https://iaks.sport/en/congress/28th-iaks-congress>
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Event Details

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General information about the IAKS

The International Association for Sports and Leisure Facilities (IAKS) was founded in Cologne/Germany in 1965. It is the only non-profit organization concerned globally with the subject of sports and leisure facility development and has been awarded the status of a Recognized Organization by the IOC. The IAKS makes up a global network of first-hand expertise for design, construction and management of sports and leisure facilities. The IAKS regularly holds specialized conferences and educational seminars. Since 1967, IAKS has been publishing "sb", the world's foremost specialist magazine for sports architecture and the construction, modernization and management of sports and leisure facilities.

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