



IFLA Health and Biosciences Libraries Section (HBS) selects HLG and partners to host the 14th International Congress on Medical Librarianship (ICML) in Glasgow for 2026.

The Health Libraries Group (HLG) of the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP) is pleased to announce it has been selected to host the next International Congress on Medical Librarianship for 2026.

HLG worked in partnership with other professional groups working across health to submit the expression of interest to host the Congress in Glasgow in February 2023 and were selected as host following a 'wonderful application' on 25th May 2023. Our partner organisations are: the Consortium of Health and Independent Libraries in London (CHILL), the International Clinical Librarians Conference (ICLC), the University Health and Medical Librarians Group (UHMLG), African Hospital Libraries (AHL), Evidence Based Library and Information Practice (EBLIP), and our venue partners, the Glasgow Convention Bureau.

Glasgow's official coat of arms and motto ('Let Glasgow flourish') has been the inspiration for our vision for ICML 2026. Our conference theme will be 'Flourish: growing our communities' with the intention that ICML 2026 will have a growth impact upon our international community and support attendees to flourish in their roles to lay the foundations of a legacy for the profession.

The Congress normally attracts 500+ International attendees for a five day programme which usually includes plenary and concurrent sessions, posters, continuing education seminars/workshops, tours, and a trade exhibition.

In a landscape which has been irrevocably changed by the pandemic, the opportunities and challenges presented by hybrid ways of working, heightened awareness of the need to tackle societal and health inequalities and the need for collaborative working to overcome these challenges, ICML 2026 will be an opportunity to convene professionals from all over the world to explore these issues and the opportunities for change.

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