Protagonistas

XVI CONGRESO MUNDIAL VIII IBEROAMERICANO DE SÍNDROME DE DOWN

22, 23, 24 y 25 de Septiembre|2027

CENTRO DE CONVENCIONES CEC

BUENOS AIRES•ARGENTINA

INFORMATION WEBINAR

How to submit your work to the 2027 World Congress





SEE YOU IN

Discover Buenos Aires

The city hosting the first World Congress ever held in Latin America. Culture, tango, architecture, parks and great food to enjoy before and after each day of the Congress.

September: early spring
Mild days to explore the city.

Venue in Recoleta
One of the city's most elegant neighborhoods, surrounded by parks, squares and museums.

Capital of tango
UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

DISCOVER BUENOS AIRES

Places you can't miss



Recoleta

Floralis Genérica

A 23-meter steel sculpture by Eduardo Catalano, designed to open its petals with the sun. It stands just a few meters from the CEC, the Congress venue.



San Nicolás

Teatro Colón

Opened in 1908, it is one of the world's great opera houses, famous for its acoustics. Guided tours are available.



San Nicolás

The Obelisk

A symbol of the city since 1936, on 9 de Julio Avenue at the corner of Corrientes, the street of theaters.

DISCOVER BUENOS AIRES

More to explore



La Boca

Caminito

An open-air museum street of brightly painted tin houses, with artists, street tango and the immigrant history that shaped the city.



Palermo

Galileo Galilei Planetarium

A 1960s architectural icon in the Palermo Woods, with astronomy shows and wide green spaces around it.



Palermo

Japanese Garden

One of the largest Japanese gardens outside Japan, with ponds, red bridges and traditional plants. Opened in 1967.

WELCOME

Who is organizing the Congress

ASDRA

Host organization

Federación Iberoamericana de Síndrome de DOWN

General organization

Down Syndrome International

General organization

Congress organizer: MET Group

“Nothing about us without us”

People with Down syndrome are the protagonists of the Congress, in its content and in every space for participation.

THE CONGRESS

XVI World & VIII Ibero-American Congress

22–25

September 2027

CEC

Buenos Aires Convention Center, Recoleta

1st

time the World Congress is held in Latin America

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languages: Spanish, English and Portuguese

A diverse, well-informed space to share learning, discover new research and experiences, and build new perspectives together with people with Down syndrome, their families, professionals, organizations, researchers, public agencies and companies from around the world.

WHERE IT TAKES PLACE

The venue: Buenos Aires Convention Center



CEC entrance


Plenary hall

Recoleta
2099 Figueroa Alcorta Ave., next to Parque Thays

Subway Line H
Facultad de Derecho station

Up to 4,600 people
Column-free, fully accessible spaces

Aeroparque: 15–20 min
Ezeiza airport: 45–60 min

THE CALL IS OPEN TO THE WHOLE COMMUNITY

Who can submit a proposal?



People with DS

First-person accounts, testimonies and experiences



Family members

Initiatives of interest to the community



Professionals

Education, health and therapies



Researchers

Scientific and social studies



Students

Undergraduate and graduate theses and projects



Civil society

NGOs, foundations and associations



Public agencies

Public policies and programs



Companies

Corporate social responsibility

BEFORE YOU START

Key facts about the call

Nov 30, 2026
Submission deadline

1 + 1
One submission as lead author and one as co-author

ES · EN · PT
Official submission languages

Committee
Acceptance depends on review by the Program Committee

Scan and submit your work

Platform: abstracts7224.congresovirtual.com.ar · Terms and Conditions at worldcongressds2027.org

WHAT CAN I SUBMIT?

Seven presentation categories

Research

Completed or ongoing scientific work: objectives, methods, results and conclusions.

Good practices

Experiences or programs with positive results that can be replicated elsewhere.

Innovation proposal

Initiatives, methods, technologies or models that offer new solutions.

Public policy panel

Policies and programs of public agencies or cross-sector projects.

First-person experiences

Mainly for people with Down syndrome sharing their life experience.

Art exhibition

Photography, painting, illustration, sculpture or digital art.

Artistic performance

Music, dance, theater, movement or other stage performances.

The Committee may accept a proposal as an oral presentation, poster, panel, exhibition, performance or other format, and may suggest a change of category.

CONGRESS THEMES

Six thematic areas

1. The future of human rights
2. Healthy Lives for All: Healthcare Access, Research and Innovation
3. Education for All
4. Choosing a Good Life
5. Working and building the future
6. Main characters

Choose only one theme: the one that best describes the main focus of your presentation.

HOW TO SUBMIT

Step by step on the platform

1. **Go** to the abstract portal from the official website
2. **Log in** or create an account if you don't have one
3. **Click** “Add submission” in the main menu
4. **Fill in** all the fields in the form
5. **Review** that everything is correct
6. **Submit** and check for the confirmation

Access: worldcongressds2027.org › Presentaciones de Trabajos › “Presentar mi trabajo”

FORM FIELDS

What should your proposal include?

- **Title**
  that clearly reflects the content
- **Authors**
  lead author and co-authors
- **Category**
  the one that best fits the proposal
- **Description**
  objective, summary, format and length
- **Results**
  achieved or expected, lessons learned
- **Contribution to inclusion**
  how it improves quality of life
- **Target audience**
  who it is for
- **Language**
  Spanish, English or Portuguese
- **Support needed**
  only what is essential
- **Additional links**
  public and working
- **Images**
  good quality, with permission
- **Theme**
  only one

BEFORE SUBMITTING, CHECK

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- ✔ Links and images

REVIEW

How are proposals reviewed?



Proposals are received through the official platform.



The Program Committee reviews them.



Submitting does not mean automatic acceptance.



Results are sent by email.

Review criteria

- Relevance to the chosen theme
- Clarity and quality of the presentation
- Originality and innovation
- Methodological quality (where applicable)
- Impact and applicability
- Active participation of people with Down syndrome
- Contribution to rights, inclusion and quality of life

WHO REVIEWS

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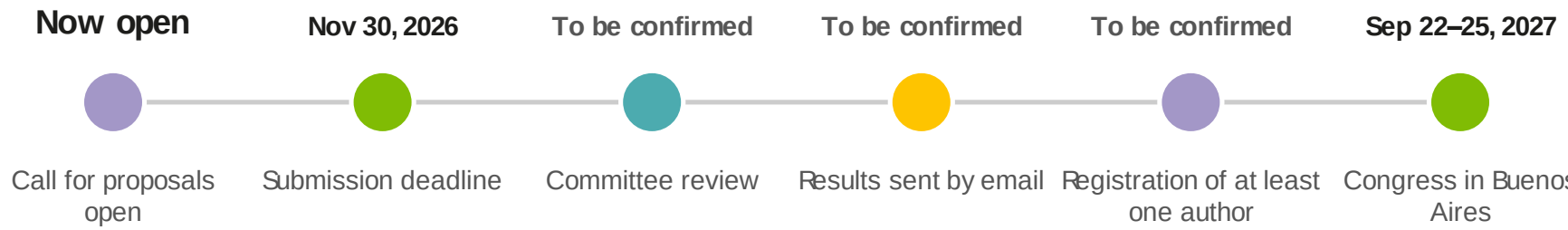


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TIMELINE

Key dates



NEXT STEPS

What happens if your proposal is selected?



You receive confirmation by email.



You present to an international audience, in the format set by the Committee.



Your Congress registration is 100% free.



You receive an official certificate endorsed by ASDRA, FIADOWN and DSi.

The organizers do not cover travel or accommodation. Preferential hotel rates and visa invitation letters are available.

Questions?

Submit your proposal by November 30, 2026

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