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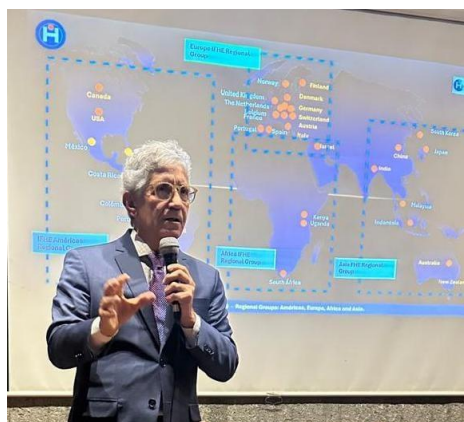
IFHE Latin America Regional Group – June 2026

The IFHE Latin America Regional Group strengthens cooperation and expands its technical and scientific agenda.

The IFHE Latin America Regional Group has been consolidating its role as an important space for integration among national associations dedicated to the architecture, engineering, and infrastructure of healthcare buildings. Throughout 2025 and the first half of 2026, periodic meetings were held, bringing together representatives from **Brazil, Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Mexico** and **Venezuela**, strengthening the exchange of experiences, technical cooperation, and the construction of common strategies for the challenges of healthcare infrastructure in the region.

The Group's activities have the main objectives of expanding Latin American participation in the International Federation of Hospital Engineering (IFHE), fostering the exchange of knowledge, and stimulating the development of innovative solutions for healthcare systems, considering aspects such as sustainability, digital transformation, building resilience, patient safety, humanization of care environments, and ongoing professional development.

Despite the particularities and specific needs of each country, a growing convergence is observed among the agendas of the Latin American associations. Institutional strengthening, continuing education, technological innovation, and international cooperation have guided actions developed throughout the region, creating opportunities for sharing best practices and jointly developing solutions to contemporary health infrastructure challenges.





Photos: Records of the systematic virtual meetings held monthly by IFHE Latin America Regional Group

Upcoming Regional Congresses and Scientific Meetings

The intense schedule of events promoted by the member associations of the IFHE Latin America Regional Group demonstrates the dynamism and commitment of the region to the scientific and technological advancement of architecture, engineering, and infrastructure for healthcare.

I - Colombia



The scientific calendar will begin with the **VII National Meeting of Hospital Architecture and Engineering**, which will take place between July 2nd and 4th, 2026, in Cartagena de Indias, under the theme "360 Design: integrating technology, sustainability and specialized care," promoting discussions on planning, sustainability, and innovation in hospital infrastructure.

Also in 2026, the XV Colombian Congress of Hospital Architecture and Engineering will be held in September in Bogotá, consolidating itself as the main national scientific forum for the exchange of technical and academic knowledge in health infrastructure.

II – Brazil



Between August 19 and 22, 2026, ABDEH will host the **XI Brazilian Congress for the Development of Hospital Buildings (CBDEH)** in Brasília, with the central theme being "Health infrastructures for the future: convergences between technology, sustainability and longevity". - <https://cbdeh.abdeh.org.br/>

In addition to the congress, the association carried out more than fifty technical-scientific activities throughout the year, including seminars, technical visits, discussion groups and the launch of the EducABDEH platform, dedicated to multidisciplinary training in health infrastructure.

III - Cuba

The **VI International Health Convention "Cuba-Salud 2027"** – scheduled for April 2027 – will continue to be the country's main technical and scientific forum, bringing together national and international experts to discuss technological innovation, sustainability, preservation of hospital assets, and the development of health infrastructure.

IV - Costa Rica



The Costa Rican Association will hold the International **Congress on Hospital Infrastructure**, between October 14 and 16, 2026, in San José, under the motto "Spaces that Heal, Equipment that Builds Health".

<https://www.acoihcr.com/>

The event has been consolidating itself as one of the main specialized meetings in Central America, bringing together professionals from the areas of hospital architecture, engineering, infrastructure and medical technology.

V - México

Following the celebration of SMAES's 35th anniversary, the association will hold the **XXI SMAES International Congress** in November 2026 in Mexico City, bringing together international experts to discuss advances in hospital architecture, clinical engineering, and technologies applied to healthcare environments. - <https://www.smaesac.org/>

VI - Chile

The **AARQHOS 2026 Hospital Architecture Congress** will take place between November 18 and 20, 2026, in Santiago, with the central theme "Architecture for pain and mental health". - <https://aarqhos.cl/>

The meeting will promote discussions on neuroarchitecture, humanization of care spaces, mental health and new approaches to health care.

VII – Venezuela



On May 27 and 28, 2026, the II International Digital Meeting AVAIMS 2026 took place, promoted by the Venezuelan Association of Architecture and Medical Infrastructure in Health (AVAIMS) in the city of Caracas. The event had significant international participation, and the Opening was held with the online presence of Walt Vernon (USA/IFHE) and a lecture by Fábio Bitencourt (Brazil/IFHE).

This event, under the theme "The Structural System of Health", featured a high-level program of speakers from all over Latin America, Spain, and the USA.



Education, Training and Technical Cooperation - IFHE Academy

In addition to major scientific congresses, Latin American associations maintain an ongoing program of courses, seminars, workshops, and technical meetings.

These initiatives complement major scientific events and reinforce the regional commitment to continuing education and professional development. This June, the Brazilian Association (ABDEH) made all its technical journals - Revista Ambiente Hospitalar - and conference proceedings from 2006 to 2024 freely available to everyone www.abdeh.org.br.



In Venezuela, AVAIMS celebrated its 14th institutional anniversary and promoted in-person and digital technical meetings focused on modernizing health infrastructure and strengthening hospital engineering.

In Bolivia, ABAIH continues to invest in professional specialization programs and in strengthening clinical engineering and hospital infrastructure, contributing to the training of specialists and the institutional development of the sector.

In Argentina, AADAIH has been strengthening its tradition in professional training programs, technical exchanges, and the dissemination of innovative experiences in health projects. Similarly, the Argentine Association (AADAIH) also makes its Yearbooks – ANUARIO AADAIH available at the website <https://aadaih.org.ar/publicaciones>

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Strengthening the Latin American Presence in IFHE

The IFHE Latin America Regional Group remains committed to strengthening national associations and expanding international cooperation in architecture, engineering, and infrastructure for healthcare.

The diversity and quality of the initiatives developed throughout 2025 and 2026 demonstrate the region's growing capacity for articulation and its contribution to global debates on sustainability, resilience, digital transformation, technological innovation, and the humanization of care environments.

More than just an events agenda, the actions developed by Latin American associations reflect a collective effort to promote safer, more efficient, sustainable, and people-centered healthcare environments, strengthening collaborative ties between countries and expanding Latin America's participation in IFHE initiatives.

IFHE members and the entire international community of architecture, engineering, and infrastructure for healthcare are cordially invited to participate in these initiatives, strengthening the exchange of knowledge and technical cooperation throughout Latin America.

Cristiane Silva - Brazil

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Events calendar 2026/2027 – IFHE Latin America

Country	Entity	Event	website	Date	City	Theme
Venezuela	AVAIMS	Segundo Encuentro Digital Internacional AVAIMS	https://avaims.com/home	27-28 may /26	Caracas	The Structural System of Health
Colombia	ACAIH	VII Encuentro Nacional de Arquitectura e Ingeniería Hospitalaria	https://sociedadcolombianadearquitectos.org	2-4 Jul//26	Cartagena	360 Design
Spain	IUA (UIA) / PHG	International Congress of Architects	https://www.uia-architectes.org/en/events/world-congresses-of-architects/barcelona-2026/	28/06 – 02/07/26	Barcelona	World Congress of Architects
Colombia	ACAIH	XV Congreso Colombiano de Arquitectura e Ingeniería Hospitalaria	https://sociedadcolombianadearquitectos.org	Sept/26	Bogotá	Transitions: Design to Protect, Develop and Restore Health
Brazil	ABDEH	XI Congresso Brasileiro para o Desenvolvimento do Edifício Hospitalar	https://cbdeh.abdeh.org.br/programacao	19-22 Aug	Brasilia	Technology, Sustainability and Longevity
Costa Rica	ACOAIIH	Congreso Internacional de Infraestructura Hospitalaria	https://acoaihcr.com/congreso2026/	14-16 Oct/26	San José	Healing Spaces
USA	IFHE/AMFP	29th IFHE Congress	https://amfp.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=513573&module_id=691537	17-20 oct/26	New Orleans	Patient-centered healthcare
México	SMAES	XXI Congreso SMAES	https://www.smaesac.org/noticias#congresos	Nov/26	Mérida, Yucatán	Hospital Architecture
Chile	AARQHOS	Congreso de Arquiteutura Hospitalar AARQHOS	https://congreso.aarqhos.cl/	18-20 Nov/26	Santiago	Pain and Mental Health
Switzerland	IFHE / IFHE-EU	IFHE-EU Congress	https://www.ifhe.eu/welcome-to-ifhe-eu	23-27 may/27	Baden / Zurich	*****
Argentina	AADAIH/IFHE AL	37° Congreso ADAIH / 1° Congreso IFHE Latam	https://aadaih.org.ar/congresos	27-30 april/27	Buenos Aires	Architecture for healthcare
Cuba	CCAIHN	VI Convención Internacional de Salud "Cuba-Salud 2027		April/27	Havana	Innovation and Heritage