

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF PERSON CENTERED MEDICINE

18th Geneva Conference on Person Centered Medicine

Person-centered Care for Mental Health and Chronic Conditions

31 March – 2 April 2026 in Geneva, Switzerland

Principally In-person, Partially On-line Event at the Geneva University HUG Belle Idee Clinic

Program Draft

31 March: Institutional Meetings at Centre de Direction, Room A (2me etage),

Geneva University Belle Idee Clinic (all program participants invited)

13:00 Departure Point at Ibis Geneve Centre Lac Hotel Lobby, 26 Rue de Berne, near Gare Cornavin Train Station. Then, Geneva Bus 9 from Cornavin Station to Bus Stop Petit Bel Air.

14:00 ICPCM Institutional Development Planning (J Mezzich, V Novakovic, M Bras, M Recinos, S Kalra, R Kallivayalil, L Jouini, A Spadini,)

15:30 ICPCM Educational and Research Planning (I. Salloum, J Mezzich, S Kaiser, V Djordjevic, M Lara-Cabrera, B Jelakovic, S. Rawaf)

17:00 ICPCM Board Meeting (I Salloum, J Mezzich, M Botbol, T Ghebrehiwet, W Van Staden, S Rawaf, M Bras, I Sinha, J Snaedal and invitees)

19:30 Networking Dinner at a restaurant in Geneva.

1 April: First Core Day at Ajuriaguerra Auditorium, Geneva University Belle Idee Clinic

9:00 Opening Session

-Welcome Greetings: ICPCM President (I Salloum), World Medical Association President, Geneva University Representative (S. Kaiser)

-Thematic Introduction to the Program: J Mezzich and S. Kalra

- The Jim Appleyard Lecture: Recovery and Person Centered Medicine: Stefan Kaiser (Head, Geneva University Psychiatry Department)

10:00 Symposium 1: Person-centered Diagnosis for Mental Health and Chronic Conditions

- The new International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11) and person-centered diagnosis: Elvia Velasquez (Colombia)
- Person-centered communication: Marijana Bras & Veljko Djordjevic (Croatia)
- New models for person-centered diagnosis for mental health and general health: Juan Mezzich (USA and Peru)

11:15 Coffee Break

11:30 Symposium 2: Person-centered Care for Mental Health & Chronic Conditions

- Person-centered primary care: Matteo Apuzzo (WHO, Kazakhstan)
- Person-centered care for substance use & comorbid conditions: Ihsan Salloum (USA)
- Person-centered and life style medicine: Bojan Jelakovic (Croatia)

12:45 Group Photograph and Lunch Break

14:00 Symposium 3: Person-centered Community and Public Health

- Community construction of health in ancestral populations: Mayra Recinos & Mariola Vicente (Guatemala)
- Social salutogenesis and the construction of positive health: Ottomar Bahrs (Germany)
- Advances in people-centered public health: Salman Rawaf (UK)
- Mutual care and peer-support for chronic conditions: Sanjay Kalra (India)

15:15 Practical Training Session 1: Person-centered Engagement and Empathy:

Leaders: Michel Botbol (France) & Marijana Bras (Croatia)

16:15 Coffee Break

16:30 Antoine Bess and Jitendra Trivedi Forum for Mental Health Professionals

Chairs: Roy Kallivayalil (India), Michel Botbol (France)

- Vlad Novakovic (USA)
- Hans-Rudolf Pfeifer (Switzerland)
- Horacio Vargas (Peru): Integrating person-centeredness in undergraduate medical curricula.
- Werdi Van Staden (South Africa)
- John Cox (UK)
- Sophia Achab (Geneva University, Switzerland)

17:30 – 18:15 ICPCM General Assembly

19:00 Conference Dinner, Restaurant Grand-Chêne, Rue de Genève 1, 1225 Chêne-Bourg.

2 April: Second Core Day, Ajuriaguerra Auditorium, Geneva University Belle Idee Clinic

09:00 The Paul Tournier Prize 2026 Lecture

Chairs: Ihsan Sallom, Juan Mezzich, Frederic Von Orelli, Hans-Rudolf Pfeifer

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2026 Paul Tournier Prize Lecture: Norman Sartorius (Switzerland)

09:45 Symposium 4: Person-centered Education for Mental Health and Chronic Conditions

- From educational & social psychiatry to person centered medicine: Roy Kallivayalil (India)
- Person-centered medicine through developmental trajectories: Raphael Bene (Switzerland)
- From person-centered medicine to person-centered university: Fernando Caballero & Juan Perez-Miranda (Spain)
- Person-Centered Education for Comorbid Conditions: The Case of Diabetes and Eye Disorders. Snjezana Kastelan (Croatia)

11:00 Coffee Break

11:15 Practical Training Session 2: Shared Decision-Making

Leaders: Ihsan Salloum (USA), Vlad Novakovic (USA) and Sanjay Kalra (India)

12:15 Lunch Break

13:30 Practical Training Session 3: Promotion of Health through Lifestyle Strategies

Leaders: Bojan and Ana Jelakovic (Croatia)

14:30 Symposium 5: Person-centered Research on Mental Health and Chronic Conditions

- Integrating scientific collaboration for person centered medicine: Armen Soghoyan (Armenia)
- Models for person-centered health research: Mariela Lara-Cabrera (Norway)
- Systematic literature reviews for person centered medicine: Mohammed Abou Saleh (United Kingdom)
- Digital technology and artificial intelligence for person centered medicine: Davor Mucic (Denmark)

15:45 Coffee Break

16:00 Andrija Stampar Forum for General Health Professionals

Chairs: Veljko Djordjevic (Croatia) and Salman Rawaf (UK)

- Klaudia Duka Glavor (Croatia)
- Dunja Novakovic (Ireland)
- Imelda Medina (USA)
- Tesfa Ghebrehiwet (Canada)
- Martina Matovinovic (Croatia)
- Domagoj Kelimanic, Nada Pjevac, Venija Cerovecki (Croatia)
- Ines Khochtali (Tunisia & USA): Therapeutic patient education and self-care
- Marinka Baricevic-Baranovic (Croatia)
- Suresh Sharma (India)

17:00 Closing Session

- Conference Summary (Marijana Bras)
- 2026 Geneva Declaration (Juan Mezzich and Sanjay Kalra)
- Next Steps (Ihsan Salloum and Juan Mezzich)

18:00 End of Scientific Program

19:00 Farewell Networking Dinner at the Paul Tournier Museum and Home, Hosted by Alain and Oriane Tournier