# INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON BALNEOLOGY

## AIX-LES-BAINS 2026 // Balneology: trajectories, priorities and perspectives

## Wednesday, 4 November 2026 – National Day

| | AFRETh | SNMTH | SFMTH | Faculty Teaching Committee | CNETh | FTCF | ANMCT | Club OT | AFTH | Clusters / Regions | University Diploma students |
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| 08:30<br>10:00 | | | | Welcome for doctors in training (30 people)<br>Level 1, ROOM 4 | CNETh Board meeting 20 people<br>Level 2, Salle Lac 21–22 | Participant registration on the ground floor of the Convention Centre (badge collection, welcome coffee, etc.) | | | | | |
| 10:00<br>10:15 | Opening of the National Congress | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10:15<br>12:00 | Auditorium: Plenary session // The medical legitimacy of spa medicine: time for decisions | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12:00<br>13:00 | Partner Village: Launch of the National Meetings<br>Official addresses / press conference | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12:00<br>14:00 | Lunch break in the Partner Village | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14:00<br>15:45 | Auditorium: Plenary session // Balneology: creating value and driving regional development | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15:45<br>16:15 | Break in the Partner Village | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16:15<br>17:30 | | How to practise spa medicine: regulatory developments<br>Level 1, Room 4 | | | Auditorium: Ordinary General Meeting (OGM) + Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) | | | | | | |
| 17:30<br>19:00 | | | Technical meeting<br>Level 1, Room 4 | | Auditorium: Technical meeting open to everyone | | | | | | |
| 19:00<br>20:30 | Visit to the Aix Marlioz Spa Resort | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20:30<br>23:00 | Opening ceremony of the International Congress (FTCT / FEMTEC)<br>Dinner at Domaine de Marlioz | | | | | | | | | | |

## Thursday, 5 November 2026 – National and International Day

| | SNMTH | SFMTH | Collège enseignants | CNETh | FTCF | ANMCT | Club OT | AFTH | 77th FEMTEC Scientific Congress and General Assembly. Balneology and Cutting-Edge Technologies: Shaping the Road to 2034 |
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| 8:30<br>9:00 | Participant registration | | | | | | | | |
| 9:00<br>10:30 | Auditorium: Plenary session // European programmes: opportunities to seize | | | | | | | | |
| 10:30<br>11:00 | Break in the Partner Village | | | | | | | | |
| 11:00<br>12:30 | Auditorium: Plenary session // Comparing medical practices and reimbursement systems in France and Europe | | | | | | | | |
| 12:30<br>14:00 | 12:30–13:00 FEMTEC opening ceremony and group photo - Lunch break in the Partner Village | | | | | | | | |
| 14:00<br>15:30 | | | | | | Technical meeting<br>Level 1, Room 5 | | AFTh<br>Level 3, Rooms 31–32 | FEMTEC Scientific Session: Balneotherapy in France – From Historical Heritage to Contemporary Evidence and Clinical Practice<br>Level 2, Rooms 23–24 |
| 15:30<br>16:00 | Break in the Partner Village | | | | | | | | |
| 16:00<br>18:30 | | | | | Ordinary General Meeting (OGM) + Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)<br>Level 1, Room 4 | | Technical meeting<br>Level 1, Room 5 | AFTh<br>Level 3, Rooms 31–32 | FEMTEC Scientific Session: Hot Springs, Spa Medicine and Wellness: Development Models and Perspectives. Q&A and moderated discussion<br>Level 2, Rooms 23–24<br>17:30–18:00 – Managing and Executive Board Meeting<br>Level 2, Rooms 23–24,<br>18:00–18:30 – FEMTEC General Assembly – first call<br>Level 2, Rooms 23–24 |
| 18:30<br>20:00 | Visit to the Chevalley Spa Resort | | | | | | | | |
| 20:30<br>23:00 | GALA DINNER AND EVENING AT THE CASINO | | | | | | | | |

## Friday, 6 November 2026 – International Day

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| 8:30<br>9:00 | Welcome coffee |
| 9:00<br>10:30 | Auditorium: Plenary session: Balneology in the age of artificial intelligence and digital transformation<br>Scientific Session: Artificial Intelligence and Digital Transformation in Medicine. Q&A and moderated discussion |
| 10:30<br>11:30 | Break in the Partner Village |
| 11:30<br>13:30 | Auditorium: Scientific session (open to all) – Natural Therapeutic Factors and the WHO 2025–2034 Strategy for Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine |
| 13:30<br>15:00 | Lunch break in the Partner Village |
| 15:00<br>17:30 | FEMTEC General Assembly – second call<br>Level 2, Rooms 23–24 |
| 17:30<br>18:30 | Closing ceremony<br>Level 2, Rooms 23–24 |
| 19:00 | FEMTEC closing dinner |