

— WOMEN IN HPC —

# WHPC

# @ ISC 2026


**STRONGER TOGETHER IN HPC**

# Know Before You Go

first-timer & community guide

## ISC High Performance 2026:

 July 17 June 22–26, 2026

 CCH – Congress Center Hamburg, Germany

 WHPC events are open to all ISC pass holders

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# Welcome to WHPC @ ISC 2026

We're heading back to Hamburg, and WHPC will be there to bring the energy and passion of our community to ISC High Performance 2026!



## Who we are

Women in HPC is the only international organisation working to improve equity, diversity, and inclusion in high performance computing. We bring the community together to raise awareness, support organisations and individuals, and give people the chance to network, learn, and grow stronger.



## Everyone is welcome

- Everyone with an interest in diversity, equity & inclusion is welcome irrespective of gender
- All WHPC sessions are open to ISC conference & exhibition pass holders
- Register for ISC 2026 to access every WHPC event
- New here? You belong, come say hello at any WHPC moment

July  
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# WHPC @ ISC 2026 — Don't Miss These

All WHPC sessions are open to ISC pass holders build them into your week. (Check the app for final times & rooms.)

## TUESDAY -23 JUN

2:15–3:00 pm

### WHPC Community Meet-Up

*Featuring “AI Factories in Europe”*

7:00–8:30 pm

### Tech Talks by Women in HPC

*Join us at the Exhibitor Gala*

## WEDNESDAY -24 JUN

All day

### Diversity Day Celebrate Inclusivity in HPC

10:45–11:45 am

### Super(computing) Heroes BoF

Afternoon

### WHPC Poster Series & Networking Reception

## ✨ WHPC also powers across the week

- The ISC26 Fishbowl Discussion — where the audience is the panel
- Support for the midweek keynote (Amanda Randles, Duke University)
- WHPC moderators facilitating vendor & community sessions, Tue–Thu

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## YEARS OF ISC

1986 - 2026

**1986**

**ISC1 - Mannheim**

*Supercomputing seminar begins*

**2004**

**Moves to Heidelberg / Dresden / Leipzig**

*Growth into a European forum*

**2015**

**ISC arrives in Frankfurt**

*Becomes the global HPC meeting point*

**2026**

**ISC 2026 - Hamburg**

*Connecting HPC, AI & Quantum*




**ISC celebrated 40 years in 2025, watch for anniversary moments continuing through ISC 2026!**


# JOIN US FOR ISC 2026!

*Europe's leading forum for high performance computing, now in its 41st year. ISC brings together scientists, engineers, students, and technology leaders to explore today's breakthroughs in HPC, artificial intelligence, and quantum technologies, and what lies ahead - while championing energy-efficient, sustainable computing and empowering the next-generation workforce.*


## DATES

 June 22–26, 2026

## LOCATION

 CCH – Congress  
Center Hamburg,  
Germany

## THEME

 Connecting the Dots  
HPC · AI · Quantum

Conference Theme

# Connecting the Dots



## HPC · AI · Quantum

ISC 2026 unites HPC, AI, and the emerging quantum paradigm. As AI accelerates atop high performance hardware and quantum aligns with HPC workloads, merging these technologies is not just an academic goal but an economic imperative.



## Innovation & Sustainability

We welcome people of every background and career level: students, early career, mid-level, and senior leaders. Connect people and technologies while making energy-efficient, sustainable computing the cornerstone of future computing power.

# Why Attend ISC?



## Connect with the Global Community

Join 3,500+ scientists, researchers, engineers, students, journalists, and analysts, plus 200+ technology providers, exchanging ideas to shape the future of HPC.



## Explore Future Trends in HPC, AI & Quantum

Experience Europe's largest HPC exhibition, a future-proof technical program, and insights from 750+ speakers across all career levels and research domains.



## Share Your Work & Build Connections

Present in the contributed program, meet peers through curated networking and social activities, nearly 50% of HPC users, vendors, and providers participate exclusively at ISC.

**3,500+** ATTENDEES

**200+** EXHIBITORS

**750+** SPEAKERS


**41st** EDITION

# Registration Details

Registration opens March 25, 2026 — Early Bird ends May 6!

Prices below are for the Conference Pass (all sessions + exhibition). Tutorial, Workshop, and Exhibition passes are also available. Fully catered. All prices net; 19% VAT added.

Conference Pass	Early Bird Mar 25 – May 6	Regular May 7 – Jun 21	Onsite Jun 22 – 26
Industry	€1,629	€2,059	€2,269
Academia	€1,079	€1,469	€1,679
Student	€319	€439	€539

 Exhibition


from €369

 Tutorial (Jun 22)

from €109

 Workshop (Jun 26)

from €279

 Conference (Jun 23–25)

from €319

Full pricing & deadlines: [isc-hpc.com/attendance/registration/](https://isc-hpc.com/attendance/registration/) · Student & academia rates require valid proof of status.

# Conference Program Overview



## Tutorials

*Hands-on learning — Monday, June 22*



## Keynotes & Invited Program

*Opening, midweek & closing keynotes, invited talks, panels*



## Contributed Program

*Research papers, posters, Birds-of-a-Feather sessions*



## NEW: Community Stage

*Interactive meetups, peer exchange & community-led debate*



## Exhibition

*Europe's largest HPC show floor — 200+ exhibitors*



## Vendor Program

*Vendor Showdown, roadmaps, HPC Solutions Forum*



## Student Program

*Student Volunteer Program & Student Cluster Competition*



## Workshops

*Deep-dive sessions — Friday, June 26*

# Conference Program at a Glance

Date	Program	Notes
Mon, June 22	Tutorials (full-day, hands-on learning)	Sessions start 9:00 am
Tue, June 23	Conference opens · Opening Keynote · Papers · BoFs · Community Stage · Exhibition opens 1:00 pm	Opening Reception 6:30–8:30 pm
Wed, June 24	Midweek Keynote · Invited talks · Papers · Posters · Exhibition 10 am–6 pm	Poster Reception
Thu, June 25	Awards · Closing Keynote · Papers · BoFs · Exhibition 9 am–4 pm	TOP500 · Award sessions
Fri, June 26	Workshops (deep-dive sessions)	Half/full day

Sessions start at 9:00 am daily. Build your personal schedule in the Swapcard event app — full details at [isc-hpc.com/program/schedule/](https://isc-hpc.com/program/schedule/)



# Networking Tips for First-Timers

*Have a networking tip that worked for you? Here's a starter set then add your own.*



## Prep a 30-second intro

Your name, role, what you work on, and what you're hoping to find this week.



## Quality over quantity

Two or three real conversations a day beat a stack of business cards.



## Plan ahead in Swapcard

Find people with shared interests and request meetings before you arrive.



## Don't skip the receptions

The Opening and Poster Receptions are where the best conversations start.



## Just join the group

A friendly "mind if I join?" is all it takes to get into a conversation.



## Follow up within a week

A short, personal note afterwards keeps a new connection warm.



Got a networking tip? Drop it in the #isc Slack channel (Women in HPC).

# ★ Sessions & Events to Look Out For

A favourite session or event on your radar? Here are a few ISC 2026 highlights to start.

## Opening Keynote



**Martin Schulz**

*TUM & LRZ, Germany*

## Midweek Keynote



**Amanda Randles**

*Duke University, USA*

## Closing Keynote



**Jack Dongarra**

*U. Tennessee & ORNL, USA*



## TOP500 reveal

Latest global supercomputer rankings



## Community Stage

New: meetups & community-led debate



## Student Cluster Competition

Teams push hardware to the limit



## Birds-of-a-Feather

Informal, topic-driven discussions



## Tech Talk by Women in HPC

WHPC session & poster pitch



## Exhibition floor

Europe's largest HPC show floor



Which session are you most excited about? Tell us in #isc.



# First-Timer's Hamburg Cheat Sheet

*Have a Hamburg recommendation? Start with these, then add your own gems below.*



## Getting around & near the venue

- Your pass includes a free hvv transit ticket, use it day and night
- The CCH is 2 min from Dammtor station; stroll through Planten un Blomen park
- Coffee and quick bites are easy to find around Dammtor / Stephansplatz
- Taxis and MOIA electric rideshare are handy for late evenings



## Eat, drink & explore

- Try a Franzbrötchen pastry, and a Fischbrötchen by the harbour
- Evenings: Schanzenviertel bars, or a harbour walk at the Landungsbrücken
- Must-see: Elbphilharmonie plaza (free), Speicherstadt & Hafencity
- Rainy hour? Miniatur Wunderland is a crowd favourite
- Pack a rain jacket. Hamburg weather turns quickly



Have a Hamburg gem - food, sights, or a quiet corner? Drop it in #isc slack channel.



# Your Survival Guide for Conference Week

*Got a survival tip? Here's how seasoned attendees make it through five full days.*

1

## **Pace yourself**

Pick your must-see sessions and leave room to breathe, it's a marathon.

2

## **Shoes & water**

Comfortable shoes and a refillable water bottle are non-negotiable.

3

## **Sit near the aisle**

So you can slip between concurrent sessions without the awkward shuffle.

4

## **Plan the night before**

Build tomorrow's schedule in Swapcard so mornings are stress-free.

5

## **Recharge often**

Use power-bank stations and take real breaks between sessions.

6

## **Catch up later**

Missed something? Recordings are posted each evening on the platform.



What's your #1 survival tip? Share it in #isc.



# First-Timer Top Tips

*Save this slide - the essentials at a glance, across every part of the week.*



## NETWORKING

- Prep a 30-second intro: name, role, focus
- Two or three real chats beat a pile of cards
- Follow up within a week to keep it warm



## SESSIONS

- Catch the three keynotes (Schulz, Randles, Dongarra)
- Try the new Community Stage meetups
- Build your agenda in the Swapcard app



## HAMBURG

- Use your free hvv transit ticket day & night
- CCH is 2 min from Dammtor station
- Pack a rain jacket — weather turns fast



## SURVIVAL

- Comfortable shoes + a refillable water bottle
- Pace yourself; leave room to breathe
- Missed a talk? Recordings post nightly



New to the community? Join the #isc channel on the Women in HPC Slack — [womeninhpc.slack.com](https://womeninhpc.slack.com)



# Networking & Social Activities

*Nearly half of all HPC users, vendors, and providers participate exclusively at ISC — make the most of every connection in Hamburg!*



## Where the community meets

- Exhibition Opening Reception on the show floor (Tue evening)
- Research, Project & WHPC Poster Reception
- Meet & Greet and structured networking sessions
- Community Stage meetups, connect around shared interests
- Tech Talk by Women in HPC (WHPC)



## Open to all registered attendees

Most social activities are included with your pass — check the app for ticketing where required.



## Plan it in Swapcard

Bookmark social activities, find people with shared interests, and let the platform suggest matches.



## Explore Hamburg after hours

Use your free hvv transit ticket to head into the city for dinner and drinks with new contacts.



# Awards & Recognition

Celebrating excellence across the HPC community — presented during ISC 2026



## Jack Dongarra Early Career Award

Recognizes outstanding early-career contributions to HPC. The 2026 award goes to Devesh Tiwari (Northeastern University) for advancing sustainable and post-Moore computing.



## Hans Meuer Award

Honours the most outstanding research paper submitted to the conference's Research Paper sessions.



## Best Student Paper Award

Recognizes the strongest student-led research paper in the technical program.



## Research Poster Awards

Selected from accepted posters for scientific excellence, clarity, and significance in HPC, AI & related fields.

Award sessions are included with the Conference Pass. · [isc-hpc.com/program/#awards](https://isc-hpc.com/program/#awards)

# Getting Ready & Preparing for ISC 2026



## Get the Swapcard App

Download from the App Store or Google Play. Log in with your registration email to build a schedule, connect, and explore the floor plan.



## Confirm Lodging

Book early. Official partner Grand Elysée Hamburg (code ISCALL26) and Hotelservice-Deutschland.de offer ISC rates. Beware hotel-booking scams.



## Review the Program

Browse tutorials, workshops, keynotes, the technical program, Community Stage, and the exhibition on the ISC website.



## Review the Code of Conduct

ISC is committed to a respectful, harassment-free event. Please review the Code of Conduct before attending.



## Sort Your Travel

All passes include a free hvv transit ticket (Jun 22–26). Consider the Deutsche Bahn Event Ticket; start any visa process 3–6 months ahead.



## Connect & Update

WiFi is available throughout the venue (login printed on your badge). Update your devices and enable standard security features.



# Badge Pickup & Getting Situated

## Check-In & Badges

- Pick up your badge at the check-in terminals in the entrance hall using your QR code (printed or digital)
- Bring a valid photo ID; students also bring a valid student ID
- Badges are not mailed and must be collected in person
- Wear your badge visibly inside the venue at all times
- Badges are non-transferable; €30 charge to replace a lost badge
- Exhibitor-only early check-in opens the day before; attendee check-in opens Tue, June 23, 7:30 am

## Catering & Dietary Needs

ISC is a fully catered event. Buffets display food icons, and QR codes provide allergen and additive details. A wide selection of vegetarian and vegan dishes is offered. For specific needs, contact [operations@isc-events.com](mailto:operations@isc-events.com).

## WiFi & Essentials

Venue WiFi login is printed on your badge, please respect the WiFi policy (no personal access points). Free reusable water bottles and refill stations, power-bank charging stations, and a cloakroom are available throughout the venue.



# Accessibility & Belonging

ISC High Performance is committed to an inclusive, welcoming environment for everyone.



## Accessible Venue

The CCH is fully accessible: ramp access, lowered counters, tactile floor panels, and Braille and tactile signage throughout key locations.



## Accessible Program

Sessions are designed to be accessible to all attendees. See the CCH accessibility page for detailed guidance.



## Stay Comfortable

Free reusable water bottles and refill stations, a cloakroom, and quiet wayfinding help you pace your day.



## Code of Conduct

ISC will not tolerate discrimination or harassment. A dedicated team and reporting channel handle any violation with care.



## Reporting Channel

Report incidents through the official channel — note that anonymous complaints cannot be investigated.




## Help On-Site

Info Counter at the main entrance for assistance and lost & found. CCH Hotline +49 40 3569 4444, or dial 112 in an emergency.







# Venue Essentials & Reporting

 <b>CCH – Congress Center Hamburg</b>	
 <b>Keynotes &amp; Plenary</b>	<i>Main halls, CCH</i>
 <b>Sessions &amp; Rooms</b>	<i>Halls &amp; rooms across floors 1–3</i>
 <b>Exhibition</b>	<i>Hall H (show floor)</i>
 <b>Student Program</b>	<i>Dedicated student area</i>
 <b>Speakers &amp; Press Room</b>	<i>Hall D, 2nd floor</i>
 <b>Info Counter / Lost &amp; Found</b>	<i>Main entrance hall</i>
 <b>Cloakroom</b> ·  <b>Power banks</b>	<i>Foyers throughout</i>

** Reporting Unacceptable Behavior**

ISC is dedicated to a welcoming, inclusive, harassment-free experience for everyone. Please review the ISC Code of Conduct for policies and processes.

 <b>In person</b>	Info Counter, main entrance hall
 <b>Code of Conduct</b>	<a href="https://isc-hpc.com/code-of-conduct/">isc-hpc.com/code-of-conduct/</a>
 <b>CCH Hotline</b>	+49 40 3569 4444
 <b>Emergency</b>	Dial 112

*Note: anonymous complaints cannot be investigated.*

# Conference Participation Tips



## Arrival

Sessions start at 9:00 am. Collect your badge early — check-in lines are busiest on the first morning.



## Scheduling

Use the Swapcard app for real-time session times, room locations, and your personal agenda.



## Engagement

Ask questions during Q&A and introduce yourself with your name and affiliation.



## Exhibition

Explore 200+ exhibitors for technology, partnerships, and job leads across HPC, AI & quantum.



## Badge

Keep your badge visible in all sessions and on the show floor. Remove it when you leave the venue.



## Flexibility

Move between concurrent sessions freely. Sit near an exit so you can switch tracks smoothly.



## Networking

Aim to meet a few new people each day. The Community Stage and exhibition are great icebreakers.



## Be Ready

Prepare a 30-second intro. Bring cards or a digital card app, and update your LinkedIn before you arrive.

# Get Social | Stay Connected



**WHPC Website**

womeninhpc.org



**WHPC @ ISC 2026**

womeninhpc.org/events/isc-2026



**WHPC Slack**

Join us, and find the #isc channel



**LinkedIn**

linkedin.com/company/women-in-hpc



**Newsletter & Membership**

Free to join at womeninhpc.org/membership



**Mentoring & Chapters**

womeninhpc.org/community/mentoring



**Contact**

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# What to Pack



## Comfortable Shoes

For the spacious CCH and exploring Hamburg on foot



## Layers + Rain Gear

June in Hamburg is mild but changeable — bring a light jacket and umbrella



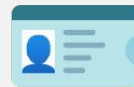
## Travel Adapter

Germany uses Type C/F plugs, 230V — bring an EU adapter



## Reusable Water Bottle

Free refill stations are available throughout the venue



## Photo ID

Required for badge pickup; students bring a valid student ID



## Business Cards

Physical cards or a digital card app for fast networking

*June in Hamburg: average high ~21°C (70°F), low ~12°C (54°F). Mild, often breezy and rainy — pack for changeable weather.*

# Explore Hamburg

*Germany's gateway to the world - harbour city of bridges, water, and music*

## Getting Here

- CCH is 2 min from Dammtor station, in the city centre
- Hamburg Airport: S-Bahn ~30 min, or taxi/MOIA ~20 min
- By train: Deutsche Bahn Event Ticket available nationwide
- All passes include a free hvv transit ticket (Jun 22–26)

## June Weather

- Average high: ~21°C (70°F)
- Average low: ~12°C (54°F)
- Mild, breezy days; cooler evenings
- Frequent showers — pack a rain jacket & umbrella

## Key Attractions



### Elbphilharmonie

Iconic concert hall with a public viewing plaza over the harbour



### Speicherstadt & HafenCity

UNESCO warehouse district, canals & modern waterfront



### Miniatur Wunderland

The world's largest model railway — book the night experience



### Planten un Blomen

Park between the CCH and the city — great for a walk between sessions



# Get Involved with WHPC



## Stronger together, all year round

WHPC is the only international organisation working to improve equity, diversity, and inclusion in HPC, and the community is what makes it work. Whether you're brand new or a longtime member, there's a place for you, and ISC is a perfect moment to plug in.



## Ways to plug in

- Become a member individual membership is free at [womeninhpc.org/membership](https://womeninhpc.org/membership)
- Join a local Chapter or Affiliate, or the mentoring programme and fellowships
- Volunteer, submit a poster or Tech Talk, post a job, or sponsor a future programme
- Share feedback through the ISC evaluations, your input shapes what comes next

# After the Conference

## Follow-Up

Reach out to new contacts by email or LinkedIn within a week to keep your connections warm.

## Share Feedback

Complete the post-conference evaluations to help improve future ISC events, your input matters!

## Catch the Content

Recordings, slides, and posters live on the event platform; research papers publish open-access in IEEE Xplore and workshop proceedings in Springer LNCS.

## Stay Connected


Follow ISC on LinkedIn and YouTube, subscribe to the newsletter, and keep the conversation going in the #isc Slack channel.


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