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23rd International Congress 52nd Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assembly Panathlon International Jacques Rogge Award 4-7 June 2026 - Ghent (Belgium)

Dear Sirs,

We are pleased to provide you with some initial information about the events in question, which may help you plan your trip to Ghent (B).

• Main venue:

Scala Event Centre, Ghent, Belgium – a modern conference facility located just outside the city centre, with three partner hotels in the immediate vicinity, on-site catering services and ample parking. **All working sessions, the Congress and the General Assembly will take place at this venue.** ([SCALA event centre Ghent](#))

Provisional programme

Thursday 4 June – International Congress

• Scala Event Centre

- **1:00 p.m.** – Official opening of the Congress
- **6:00 p.m.** – End of the first part of the sessions
- **8:00 p.m.** – *Dinner at the Scala Event Centre Restaurant*

Friday, 5 June – International Congress – Jacques Rogge Award

- **10:00 a.m.** – Resumption of Congress proceedings
- **1:00 p.m.** – Conclusion of Congress proceedings
- *Light lunch*
- **4:00 p.m.** Transfer to Ghent City Hall (bus)
- **4:30 p.m.** – Institutional reception at City Hall
- **5:30 p.m.** – Jacques Rogge Award ceremony
- **8:30 p.m.** – *Dinner in Ghent*
- **11:00 p.m.** – Return to hotels at the Scala Event Centre

Saturday 6 June – Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assembly of Panathlon International

• Scala Event Centre

- **7:30 a.m.** – **Verification of credentials**
- **9:00 a.m.** – Opening of the Ordinary General Assembly
- **1:00 p.m.** – *Light lunch*
- **2:00 p.m.** Resumption of proceedings and continuation with Extraordinary Assembly
- **6:00 p.m.** – Conclusion of the Meeting
- **8:00 p.m.** **Communication Award – 75th Anniversary of PI – Gala Dinner**

The Extraordinary Meeting may continue on Sunday 7 June, if necessary.





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Logistical and practical information

How to get to Ghent

By plane:

- The most convenient international airports for reaching Ghent are:
 - **Brussels Airport – Zaventem** (~55 min by train to Gent-Sint-Pieters). ([Trainline](#))
 - **Brussels South – Charleroi Airport** (possible connections by bus or train with a change). ([Omio](#))

By train:

- From **Brussels Airport/Brussels-Zaventem**, you can take a direct train or a train with a change to **Gent-Sint-Pieters**, Ghent's main station (~55–60 min). ([Trainline](#))
- Gent-Sint-Pieters station is well connected by public transport to the Scala Event Centre.

By car:

- Ghent is easily accessible via the **E17** and **E40** motorways.
- The Scala Event Centre is located near the **R4 (Ghent ring road)**, with ample parking available.

Accommodation

Three hotels are connected to the Scala Event Centre.

→ We will *shortly* send you direct links for **booking rooms**, with price ranges and types available. Rooms can be booked not only for the official Congress period, but also for the days before and after.

Optional tourist programme

Dedicated tourist programmes are being prepared for interested members and accompanying persons. *Details and costs will be communicated shortly.*

Please **take note of the dates, programme and logistical information**. New operational details will be communicated as soon as possible.

Best regards,

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