

Ghent 2026 - Programme

Provisional Schedule

CEST	Tuesday, 8 September	Wednesday, 9 September	Thursday, 10 September	Friday, 11 September
8.00	Registration desk opens	Registration desk opens	Registration desk opens	Registration desk opens
8.30				
9.00				
9.30		Session 3 - Science, Vision and the Museum Object	Session 6 - Ensemble Thinking for Sustainable Conservation: Design, Dialogue and Climate Action	Session 7 - Collaborative Futures: Shared Stewardship and Communities
10.00	Opening Ceremony			
10.30	Forbes Prize Lecture	Q&A Session 3	Q&A Session 6	Q&A Session 7
11.00	Break	Break	Break	Break
11.30	The Ghent Altarpiece Round Table Session includes Maximiliaan Martens, Professor of Art History at Ghent University, Bart J.C. Devolder, Chief Conservator at Princeton University, with a talk by H��l��ne Dubois.	Round Table - Heritage, Security and Resilience: Conservation as Critical Infrastructure'	Round Table - 'Negotiated Ensembles: Knowledge, Action and the Politics of Conservation'.	Session 8 - Data, Technology and Future Infrastructure
12.00				
12.30		Lunch + Exhibitor Talks +		Q&A Session 8
1.00	Lunch +		Exhibitor Workshops + Talks	
1.30	Poster Session	Student Poster Session		Lunch
2.00	Session 1 - Keeping it all together	Session 4 - Continuities and Coexistence		Fellows Meeting + Students Meeting
2.30				
3.00	Q&A Session 1	Q&A Session 4	Technical Visits	Round Table - The Social Life of Ensembles

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3.30	Break	Break	Closing Remarks and Gathering of Global Ensembles	
4.00	Session 2 - Weaving Place: Landscapes and Living Ensembles	Session 5 - Breaking and the Re-making: Ethics of Division and Loss	Announcement for IIC Congress 2028 + Keck Award and Closing Ceremony	
4.30				
5.00	Q&A Session 2	Q&A Session 5	Closing Drinks Event	
5.30				
6.00	Reception			
6.30				
7.00				

List of Papers and Presentations

We are pleased to present the provisional programme (updated July 2026) of presentations and sessions for the IIC Congress Ghent 2026, showcasing innovative research, diverse perspectives and forward-thinking initiatives from leading international professionals in the field.

[Papers, Presentations and Round Tables](#)

List of Posters

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Technical Tours and Visits

IIC 2026 participants the opportunity to explore some of Belgium's most remarkable heritage institutions and ongoing conservation projects. Participants will have the chance to meet conservators, scientists and curators who contribute to the preservation and study of cultural heritage in Ghent and beyond.

In addition to visits to institutions, a selection of guided walking tours in Ghent will be offered, focusing on the city's historic fabric and cultural heritage in its urban context.

Where there is a cost associated with the tour or visit, this is shown in the description.

[Technical Tours and Visits - Full Details](#)