



Cannes, 7 April 2025

Cannes and its Palais des Festivals et des Congrès will be celebrating the 100th Annual Congress of the French Society of Orthopaedic and Trauma Surgery (SOFCOT) in 2026.

The French Society for Orthopaedic and Trauma Surgery (SOFCOT) has chosen Cannes and its Palais des Festivals et des Congrès to celebrate its 100th Congress on 11, 12 and 13 November 2026.

This leading medical congress, which attracts more than 4,000 surgeons and healthcare professionals every year, will be held in Cannes for the first time for this, its 100th event.

Hosting this congress is the result of the Palais des Festivals et des Congrès' 12 out of 12 months' strategy to attract major medical congresses from November to February. This strategy has already achieved several notable successes, including hosting the *Rencontres Cours St-Paul* (1,000 pax), the *Assises Face et Cou* (over 3,500 pax), the French Psychiatry Congress (3,500 pax) and the *Assises de Génétique Humaine et Médicale* (3,500 pax).

The Palais des Festivals et des Congrès is perfectly suited to this type of event, since Cannes has a very high-quality hotel sector to suit all budgets, which is particularly competitive during this season. With excellent rail, air and road access, Cannes offers a perfect setting where everything can be done on foot for the biggest events, especially medical ones. This unified location in an exceptional Mediterranean setting and the mobilisation of the social-professional sector was fundamental factors in SOFCOT's decision to choose Cannes for its 100th year and thus celebrate the history of one of the most renowned learned societies in the medical sector.

"Cannes is establishing itself as a leading destination for major medical congresses by hosting the 100th Congress of the French Society of Orthopaedic and Trauma Surgery. Thanks to the Palais des Festivals et des Congrès, which leads Paris in terms of turnover, the number of accredited delegates and hotel nights occupied, we offer healthcare professionals an environment conducive to discussions, innovation and the integration of the latest technological advances. As part of this momentum, Cannes is also investing in training and skills development in the healthcare sector. The creation of the Inter-University Diploma in 'Communication, Media and Cancer', in partnership with the Université Côte d'Azur, and the D.E.U.S.T. in Pharmacy Technician Preparation at the Municipal Apprenticeship Training Centre bear witness to our desire to promote knowledge transfer and improve patient care."

David Lisnard, Mayor of Cannes

"Hosting a congress on the scale of the SOFCOT is strong recognition of the growing attractiveness of our destination for major medical meetings. This iconic event is fully in line with our strategy to make Cannes a key venue for scientific and medical conferences. Thanks to our modern

infrastructure, optimal accessibility and diversified hotel sector, we can offer organisers and participants an exceptional setting where everything can be done on foot. We are honoured to host the 100th year of the SOFCOT congress and to contribute to expanding its influence.

Jean-Michel Arnaud, Chairman of the Palais des Festivals et des Congrès de Cannes

"The SOFCOT's mission is to promote and develop research and innovation in orthopaedic and trauma surgery, in particular through its annual congress, which brings together surgeons and healthcare professionals involved in managing musculoskeletal pathologies. The Palais des Festivals et des Congrès in Cannes has been chosen as the venue for the 100th SOFCOT congress. This will be an event with a Mediterranean flavour and a strong international outlook. All the French specialists in bone and joint surgery will be present for this major event in the history of SOFCOT, a place for meetings and discussions between all generations. The quality of the facilities at the Palais, the variety of hotels available and the ease of travel will contribute, along with the richness of the scientific programme, to the success of this, the 100th annual congress of SOFCOT in Cannes, which we hope will be a landmark event for our society".

Prof. Christophe Hulet and Prof. Jean-Noël Argenson, Chairmen of the 2026 Congress and SOFCOT

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