



Hall 7
C40/D41

Congress programme
11th International
Swimming Pool and
Wellness Forum
28-31 Oct 2025

Welcome to the International Swimming Pool and Wellness Forum from 28 to 31 October 2025!

This year's programme is as diverse as our industry and offers exciting content for both the public and private swimming pool markets. You can look forward to first-hand trend reports and practical solutions covering everything from making swimming pools more attractive, pool construction, digitisation, climate resilience and personnel policy to water treatment.

In its 11th edition, the forum once again looks beyond the pool edge to our European neighbours. This year's partner country, Belgium, will provide insights into the Belgian swimming pool and wellness market. The presentation of the 'Belgian Excellence for aquanale' swimming pool awards is eagerly awaited. On Wednesday, the challenges and innovations in the Swiss labour market will be discussed, followed by the popular aperitif. On Thursday morning, trends and perspectives in the Italian pool and wellness market will be presented, followed by a get-together in the 'Caffè Italia'.

Thanks to numerous partners, participation is free of charge for all trade fair visitors.

The organisers and speakers look forward to welcoming many visitors and extend a warm welcome to swimming pool builders, public pool operators, hoteliers, architects, planners, swimming pool employees and all other interested parties.

All lectures are free* of charge and can be can be attended without registration.

*An admission ticket for aquanale/FSB is obligatory.

Languages:

English and German (simultaneous interpreting - please bring your own smartphone and headset!)

Venue:

Koelnmesse GmbH | Hall 7, C40/D41

Messeplatz 1 | 50679 Cologne

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Tuesday, 28 October 2025**Hall 7, C40/D41**

- 11:00 - 11:45** **Chlorine gas training**
Robert Varlemann, Consultant Beierlorzer GmbH
- 13:00 - 13:45** **Latest news on pay scale policy: Verdi and the aquatic industry**
Presentation followed by a panel discussion
Ralf Nix, Federal Head of the Environment, Green Spaces, Crafts and Commercial Services Group, Verdi
- 14:00 - 14:45** **Reforming the job description 'Specialist employee for swimming pool operations'**
Maximilian Faber, city councillor of the municipality of Friedrichsdorf, Head of Sports Facilities and Swimming Pools, Executive Board member of LV Hessen Bundesverband Deutscher Schwimmmeister e.V.
- 15:00 - 15:45** **DIN 19643: Current status of swimming and bathing pool water treatment**
Thomas Beutel, expert in swimming pool technology and dosing plant engineering, Lutz-Jesco
Dr Dirk P. Dygutsch, Managing Director, Dr Nüsken Chemie GmbH
- 16:00 - 16:45** **Marketing for pool builders: Greater digital visibility**
Ben Treffer, sales & marketing expert, Poolbau-Marketing
Fabian Vogel, Management & Business Development, Poolbau-Marketing
- 17:00 - 17:30** **Every Child a Swimmer: How to get as many children as possible to learn to swim**
Bill Kent, Chairman, International Swimming Hall of Fame



Wednesday, 29 October 2025**Hall 7, C40/D41****10:15 - 10:45 Energy-efficient fitting of indoor swimming pools**

Joachim Hopp, owner, pool architect

11:00 - 11:45 New findings from an engineering perspective**Moderator:** Jürgen Kannewischer, Managing Director, Kannewischer Ingenieurgesellschaft**Experience with ceramic filter systems**

Tom Devin, founder & Director, DevinConsulting

Carbon-free pools with geothermal probes

Andreas Debus, Managing Director, Kannewischer Ingenieurgesellschaft

Pool out of the box: A modular swimming pool with three locations

Joachim Maier, POOL out of the BOX, and Marco Lassnig, Zeller Bäderbau

12:00 - 12:45 Sustainability and decarbonisation of public pools

Panel discussion on energy monitoring, user-dependent building control and decarbonisation

Moderator: Marc Riemann, Head of pool operations management, Kölnbäder**Experts:** Nick Yannakis, Technical Director, Beca

Mark Palmer, Director of Engineering and Sports Sector Leader, Max Fordham

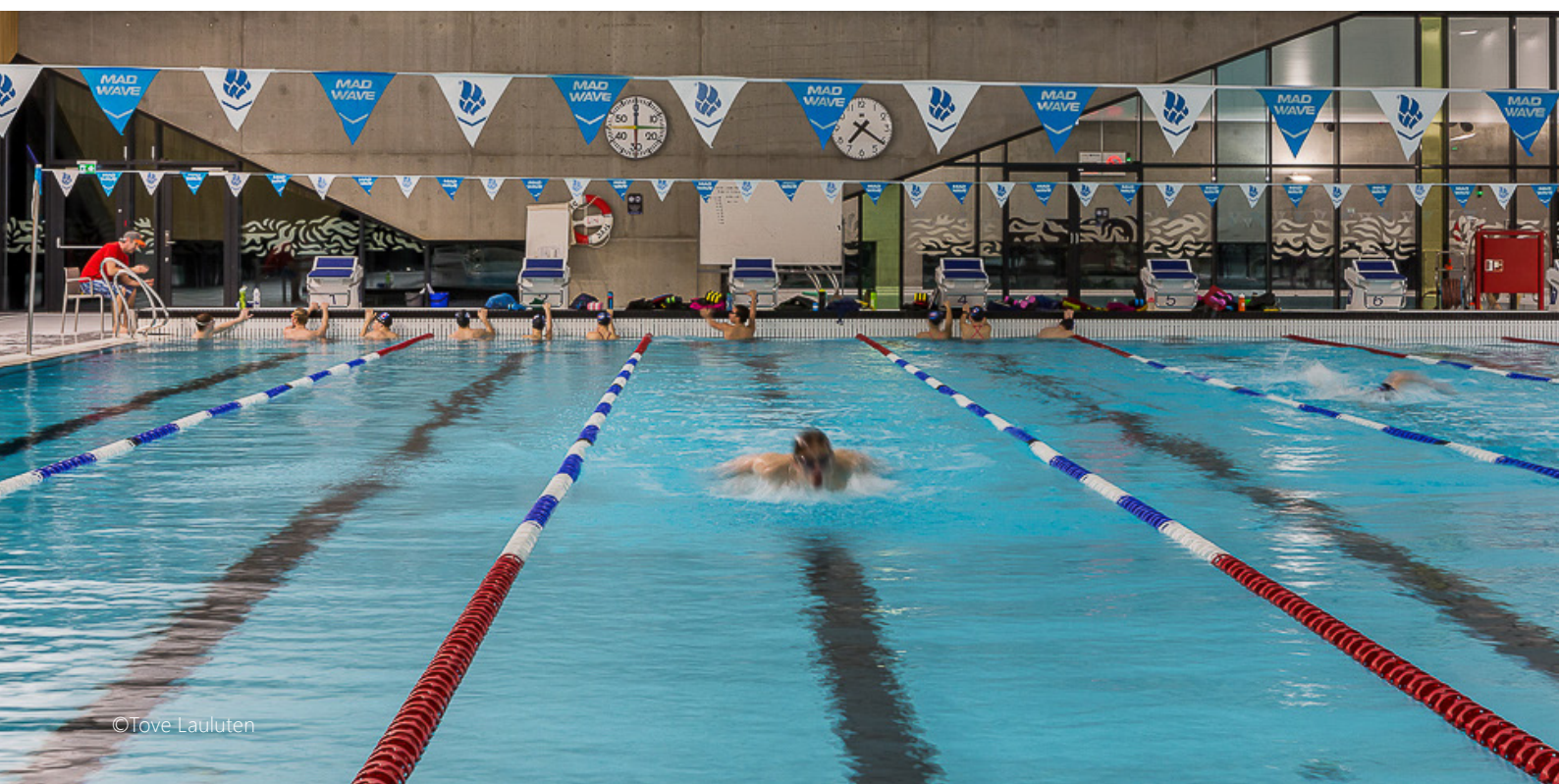
Jürgen Kannewischer, Managing Director, Kannewischer Ingenieurgesellschaft

13:00 - 13:45 IOC IAKS Architecture Prize 2025: Presentation of award-winning pools**Moderator:** Ernst Ulrich Tillmanns, 4a Architekten**Parramatta Aquatic Centre, Sydney**

Elena Lucio, Grimshaw

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Paul Fast, hcma architecture + design



Wednesday, 29 October 2025**Hall 7, C40/D41****14:00 - 14:45****Planning criteria for energy-efficient swimming pools**

Frank Eisele, expert in swimming pool and wellness technology and building services for indoor swimming pools, WWS Eisele

Ullrich Staib, Managing Director, SHS Schmierer - Swimming Pools + Wellness

Alexander Ziegler, Managing Director, ISO

15:00 - 16:00**Electrical installations in swimming pools**

Frank Eisele, expert in swimming pool and wellness technology and building services for swimming pools, WWS Eisele

Fritz Schindler, expert in electrical engineering

16:30 - 17:30**Swiss swimming pool market**

Insights into the Swiss swimming pool market with a focus on challenges and innovations in the training of swimming pool experts

Sacha Stettler, Member of the Training Commission, aqua suisse

Yves Burgener, Executive Board member, aqua suisse

Followed by aperitif



Thursday, 30 October 2025

Hall 7, C40/D41

10:15 - 10:45

Caffè Italia – Italian pool and wellness market – trends, topics and perspectives

Dott. Maurizio Gorato, Vice President of Assopiscine

Giacomo Rossetto, Executive Board member, Assopiscine

Followed by discussion over drinks and snacks at the bsw stand next to the ISWF area

11:00 - 11:30

Controlled treatment of pool water, taking the example of Grone outdoor nature pool

Michael Messner, Press Officer, Deutsche Gesellschaft für naturnahe Badegewässer e.V.

11:30 - 12:00

The tub is empty! Or: What do we do when we run out of pool water?

Proposed solutions for climate-resilient pool water

Michael Messner, Press Officer, Deutsche Gesellschaft für naturnahe Badegewässer e.V.

12:00 - 12:30

Winsen/Luhe Natural Outdoor Pool – Sustainable & Energy-Efficient for a Better Climate

Hannes Kurzreuther, Project leader, Polyplan-Kreikenbaum Group

13:00 - 14:00

Initial and continuous further training in the swimming sector

Thomas Schwarz, head of advanced training, lecturer,

Federal Technical College of the Federal Association of German Swimming Instructors

14:30 - 15:30

Building for exercise – technology meets water

Host: Dieter Vatheuer, Managing Partner, Prova Unternehmensberatung

Welcome address

Jürgen Kannewischer, Präsident der Internationalen Akademie für Bäder-, Sport- und Freizeitbauten in Deutschland e.V.

Cost reductions in swimming pool construction by lowering the standards demanded in the regulations

Christoph Keinemann, owner, GSF - Planning Company for Sports and Leisure Facilities

Ventilation – current situation

Bernd Pietsch, Managing Partner, Wolff & Partner

POS systems

Thomas Gutjahr, Managing Director, entervo-access

15:45 - 18:30

Partner Country Belgium

Belgische Federatie van Zwembad- en Wellnessprofessionals Fédération Belge des Professionnels de la Piscine et du Bien-Être

Special Belgium: The partner country introduces itself

Steffert Vanneste, Vice President of the Belgian Swimming Pool Association

The Belgian swimming pool and wellness market

Joeri Dils, Managing Director, T&A

Presentation of the swimming pool awards 'Belgian Excellence for aquanale'

Followed by Belgian reception

Friday, 31 October 2025**Hall 7, C40/D41**

11:30 - 12:00 **Chlorine gas training**
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12:30 - 13:30 **Using proficiency badges to inspire children and young people to swim**
Dr. Uwe Hoffmann, President of the Association of German Recreational Divers



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Trade fair information

aquanale – International trade fair for Sauna. Pool. Ambience.
Halls 7 and 8, 28 to 31 October 2025, www.aquanale.com

FSB – International Trade Fair for Public Space, Sports and Leisure Facilities
Halls 9 and 10, 28 to 31 October 2025, www.fsb-cologne.com



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