



INVITATION – 5th International Last Aid Conference Innovative Ways in Last Aid for Caring Communities Liechtenstein | 11th – 12th September 2026

You are warmly invited to join us at the 5th International Last Aid Conference, taking place in Liechtenstein from 11th to 12th September 2026.

The conference is organised by **Hospizbewegung Liechtenstein**, **Last Aid International**, and the **Last Aid Research Group International (LARGI)**, in cooperation with the **Liechtensteinische Alter- und Krankenhilfe (LAK)** and the **Private University in the Principality of Liechtenstein (UFL)**.

Our goal is to present and discuss the latest developments in Last Aid Education and Caring Communities, exploring how these two approaches can complement and strengthen each other.

Join experts, educators, researchers, policymakers, professionals, volunteers, and other interested participants from around the world to exchange knowledge, experiences and innovative ideas about end-of-life care and community compassion.

Conference Theme: Innovative Ways in Last Aid for Caring Communities

Key Topics include:

- World Café on *Innovative Ways in Last Aid for Caring Communities*
- Last Aid Courses for different groups
- Results from international Last Aid research projects
- Combining Caring Communities and Last Aid
- Networking opportunities

Invited Keynote Speakers

- **Georg Bollig** (Germany)
- **Bernhard Güntert** (Switzerland/Liechtenstein)
- **Jason Mills** (Australia)
- **Karin Schmid** (Brazil)
- **Erika Zelko** (Austria)

Registration and further information: <https://lastaidconference.ufl.li>

We look forward to welcoming you to Liechtenstein for two inspiring days of learning, sharing, and networking!



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Programme Day 1: Friday, 11th September 2026

Start/End: 9:00 / 17:00 (CEST, Triesen)

09:00	Registration	
09:30	Welcome Address Franz Josef Jehle, President of the Hospizbewegung Liechtenstein	
	Official Welcome Dr. Emanuel Schädler, Minister for Social Affairs and Justice, Liechtenstein	
	Opening Remarks PD Dr. Georg Bollig, Founder of Last Aid International	
	With introductory harp music by Annelies Arnold-Brandstätter	
	The contribution of Compassionate Communities and Last Aid Courses to Public Health Palliative Care	Associate Professor PD Dr. med. Georg Bollig, PhD, MAS, DEAA (DE)
	Palliative Care & Caring Community in Liechtenstein	Michael Rogner (LI)
11:00	Coffee break	
	World Café**: Last Aid and Networks in Community Palliative Care	
12:15	Plenary session I - Combining Caring Communities and Last Aid	Session Chair: Georg Bollig
	The Growth and Impact of Last Aid in Australia	Associate Professor Jason Mills (AU)
	Compassionate Communities and Last Aid in Brazil	Karin Schmid (BRA)
	Discussion – questions & answers	
13:00	Lunch break	
14:30	Plenary session II – International Experiences	Session Chair: Erika Zelko
	Spirituality in Last Aid Courses – Findings from a Survey of Course Instructors in Switzerland	Eva Niedermann
	Last Aid in France: A 4-Year Review	Elisabeth Balladur
	Implementing Last Aid in Norway: Building Compassionate Communities Through Public Engagement	Ruth Marie Donovan
	MAiD in Canada and Last Aid: Part 2	Julie McIntyre
	Discussion – questions & answers	
15:30	Coffee break	
15:45	Plenary session III – Last Aid Courses for different groups and populations	Session Chair: Michael Rogner
	Implementation of Last Aid Courses in the hospital in Nettetal, Germany as an educational project to improve palliative care knowledge in the community	Gertrud Bollessen
	Last Aid in the Gadertal: A Culturally Sensitive Approach	Siglinde Rottensteiner
	Personal experiences from teaching Last Aid Courses for medical students as a peer teacher at the University Hospital of Cologne	Nico Földes
	Raising awareness of Last Aid in France: a national communication strategy to accelerate session deployment	Catherine Renard
	Discussion – questions & answers	
	Closing and Summary of Day 1	Erika Zelko / Georg Bollig
17:00	End of Day 1	



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Programme Day 2: Saturday, 12th September 2026

Start / End: 09:00 / 14:00 (CEST, Triesen)

08:30	Doors Open	
09:00	Guided Poster Walk* with opening and closing harp music by Annelies Arnold-Brandstätter	
	Opening Day 2	Franz Josef Jehle
09:30	Plenary session IV – Last Aid research and perspectives Last Aid development through research	Session Chair: Georg Bollig
	Financing Palliative Care, Hospice Care and Last Aid: Is there a problem?	Prof. Dr. oec. Bernhard Güntert (CH/ FL)
	Caring till the End – What research teaches us about Last Aid	Univ.-Prof. Dr. med. Erika Zelko (AT)
	Teamhub – Digital Infrastructure for the Global Last Aid Community	Mathias Bader
	Discussion – questions & answers	
10:40	Coffee break	
11:00	Plenary session V - Diversity in Last Aid	Session Chair: Yvonne Odoni
	Last Aid for Deaf / Hard-of-Hearing Individuals – Why One Accessibility Solution Is Not Enough	Tim Goswin
	Impact of the Last Aid Course on Palliative Care Literacy among University Students	Patrícia Maluf Cury
	Barriers to Informal Caregiver Involvement in Palliative Care: A Cross-Sectional Study from Latvia	Davis Vecmuktans
	Oral presentation of the best poster	TBA
	Discussion – questions & answers	
12:00	Recap Word Café	
12:35	Closing and Summary of Day 2	Erika Zelko / Georg Bollig
	Farewell to Liechtenstein and Welcome to the 6th International Last Aid Conference in 2028	
14:00	End of Day 2	

* The posters will be displayed in the foyer and conference hall on both conference days. During the guided poster walk (Day 2), they will be presented by their authors.

** The World Café collection will be on display during the conference and will be summarised at the end of the event (Day 2, Recap)