

# Global SMAdvocacy Event 2026

## Registration Process

Attendance at the **Global SMAdvocacy Event 2026** is **by invitation only**, and places are limited. The registration process has been designed to ensure a smooth and inclusive experience for all participants. Up to two participants per organisation can participate in the Global SMAdvocacy event.

The Global SMAdvocacy Event 2026 welcomes two groups of participants:

1. Scholarship Awardees
2. Participants Registering Without a Scholarship

Each group follows a different registration pathway, outlined clearly below.

All participants must register for the Congress and, once workshop registration opens, select their preferred Workshops, as places are limited. SMA Europe will provide the correct Congress registration links by email to each participant (including reduced or free tickets). Please do not register directly through the public Congress website.

All participants of the Global SMAdvocacy Event are invited to bring a poster presenting one specific project your organisation is particularly proud of.

Before arranging your travel and accommodation in Budapest, we encourage you to take a moment to review our [accessibility guide](#), it may help you plan a smoother trip.

### 1. Registration Process for Scholarship Awardees

#### Step 1 - Invitation and Documentation

Attendance at the Global SMAdvocacy Event is by invitation only. Eligible individuals received an official invitation, which included instructions on how to apply for a scholarship (only one scholarship per organisation may be granted).

#### Step 2 - Scholarship Application and Approval

Applicants completed and submitted the official scholarship application form. All applications were reviewed, and successful applicants were notified of the outcome.

#### Step 3 - Scholarship Agreement

Recipients must review and sign the Scholarship Agreement to formally accept the scholarship and its terms and conditions.

Reimbursement will take place after the event once all required receipts have been submitted. Medicongress will be responsible for processing all reimbursements. After the Congress, Medicongress will contact each scholarship awardee with detailed instructions, including how to submit receipts and the official reimbursement claim form.

#### Step 4 - Final Registration for the Congress and Workshops

Once the Scholarship Agreement has been signed:

- Participants must complete their Congress Registration (link will be provided by SMA Europe).
- Participants must also register for Workshops once workshop registration opens. Places are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants will receive email notification once registration becomes available.

## 2. Registration Process for Participants Without a Scholarship

### Step 1 - Invitation Request and Eligibility Confirmation

Organisations not awarded scholarships may request an invitation by emailing [SMAcademy@sma-europe.eu](mailto:SMAcademy@sma-europe.eu).

Attendance will depend on:

- Eligibility criteria, and
- Availability of remaining places for the Global SMAAdvocacy Event.

Once participation is confirmed, SMA Europe will send the appropriate registration links by email.

### Step 2 - Registering for the Congress

Confirmed participants must register using the Congress Registration link provided by SMA Europe, for organisational representatives.

Organisations may nominate up to two delegates to attend the Global SMAAdvocacy event.

### Step 3 - Registering for Workshops

Participants must also register for Workshops separately when workshop registration opens.

Workshop places are limited. All participants will receive an email notification when registration opens, including instructions on how to select their sessions.

## Useful Information and Links

- [5th International Scientific Congress on Spinal Muscular Atrophy](#)
- [Global SMAAdvocacy Event 2026](#)
- [Congress Accessibility Guide](#)
- Contact for Invitations or Questions: [SMAcademy@sma-europe.eu](mailto:SMAcademy@sma-europe.eu)