



Press Release: Uphill Conf 2026

Uphill Conf Returns May 7 & 8, 2026: Real-World AI in Production Takes Center Stage

Switzerland's premier tech conference enters its sixth year with expanded program featuring battle-tested AI implementations and industry leaders

Berne, Switzerland – February 25, 2026 – Uphill Conf, the technology conference hosted atop the Gurten in Berne, Switzerland, announces its return for May 7 & 8, 2026. Following two consecutive sold-out editions and exceptional attendee feedback, the sixth iteration continues its mission to showcase the real-world impact of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning on software engineering.

From Experimentation to Production Reality

While 2024 marked Uphill Conf's pivot to Applied AI for Software Developers and 2025 doubled down on practical applications, the 2026 edition reflects a significant shift in the AI landscape: generative AI has moved from proof-of-concept to production deployment. After 1-2 years of real-world implementation, companies now have valuable insights, optimized solutions, and lessons learned to share with the developer community.

The question is no longer "Can we build this with AI?" but "What did we learn after running it in production?" Uphill Conf 2026 brings together teams who've been in the trenches.

What's New in 2026

Expanded Lounge Stage

The former Lounge Track evolves into a full-fledged Lounge Stage, giving more speakers the opportunity to share their work and ensuring a wider range of voices and perspectives are heard. The stage will also host curated panel discussions with leaders in the AI space, facilitating deeper conversations about the challenges and opportunities of production AI systems.

Focus on Experience Reports

Moving beyond tutorials and introductions, Uphill Conf 2026 emphasizes first-hand experience reports from development teams running AI solutions in production. Attendees will gain insights into what works, what doesn't, and what comes after the initial deployment.

From Production Reality to Tomorrow's Solutions

With GenAI implementations now 1-2 years into operation, speakers will share hard-won learnings from running AI systems at scale, while also looking ahead to the latest developments and emerging approaches that will shape the solutions of tomorrow.

Strengthened Leadership Team

The Uphill Conf organizing team welcomes three new members who bring deep AI expertise and community connections:

- **Marco Cermusoni**, Head of AI & Automation at Bossinfo
- **Nico Martin**, Machine Learning Engineer at Hugging Face and a well-liked guest on the Uphill stage for the past two years
- **Tobias Kluge**, "Mr. AI" at incratec GmbH and co-organizer of the Machine Learning & Artificial Intelligence Meetup Bern

These additions strengthen the well-established team of recent years:

- **Matthias Junker**, Co-Founder & CTO MinimalTools and co-organizer of Uphill Conf since its first edition
- **Christian Baumann**, IT Project Lead & Agile Coach at Schaltstelle GmbH
- **Johann Gyger**, Founder of peakscale.cloud, CNCF Ambassador, and organizer of Cloud Native Day Switzerland
- **Roland Weiss**, Senior Software Architect specializing in AI-powered digital products
- **Christof Leuenberger**, Technical Product Owner & Technology Architect at Schaltstelle GmbH

Program Highlights

About two-thirds have already been published, with several exciting additions still to come. The program continues the practical, hands-on approach tailored specifically for software developers, demonstrating how the latest AI advancements are fundamentally reshaping software development practices.

The Uphill Experience

Uphill Conf maintains its unique intimate format, welcoming attendees to the elegant glass "Pavillon" on the Gurten. The venue offers breathtaking panoramas of the Swiss Alps and the historic capital city of Berne, creating an inspiring environment for learning and networking.

The two-day event features full-day workshops on May 7 and the main conference on May 8. Conference tickets (CHF 390) include coffee, snacks, lunch, and apéro. Full-day workshops are available separately at CHF 750.

Registration and Information

Full details and ticket sales: <https://uphillconf.com/tickets/>

Conference website: <https://uphillconf.com/>

About Uphill Conf

Uphill Conf is Switzerland's premier conference for software developers exploring the intersection of AI and practical software engineering. Held annually in Berne, the event has established itself as a go-to gathering for developers seeking real-world, production-ready AI knowledge in an inspiring alpine setting.

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