AIDS 2020 Terms & Conditions for
Media Representatives

Definitions

These Terms & Conditions for Media Representatives are valid for every person registered as a media representative to attend the 23rd International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2020), to be held in San Francisco and Oakland, United States, from 6-10 July 2020 (hereinafter referred to as “the conference”), including the AIDS 2020 pre-conferences on 4 and 5 July 2020.

All references to the age of a person, mentioned in this and other conference documents, refer to the age of that person as of 4 July 2020 (the first pre-conference day), unless otherwise specified.

All references to a date or a deadline, mentioned in this and other conference documents, refer to the Central European Time Zone (CET).

All references to “IAS” mentioned in this and other conference documents, refer to the IAS, a District of Columbia, United States, non-profit corporation with its principal office at 1035 Market Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103, USA, doing business in California as AIDS 2020 (IAS DBA AIDS 2020).

All references to International AIDS Society mentioned in this and other conference documents refers to the International AIDS Society, registered and based in Geneva, Switzerland. The International AIDS Society is the custodian of the International AIDS Conference and hosts the conference secretariat.

All references to conference organizers mentioned in this and other conference documents refers to the current partners: International AIDS Society, the Joint UN Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS), the International Community of Women Living with HIV (ICW) and the International Council of AIDS Service Organisations (ICASO).

Media registration and accreditation

Application process and requirements

Media representatives must register online by submitting both the media registration form as well as the supporting documents. To be able to register as a media representative, individuals must be at least 18 years old and may be asked to present an official identity card stating their age.

Journalists, photographers, videographers and community educators who are either employees of or on assignment for a recognized print, radio, broadcast or online consumer,
medical, community-based or AIDS service organization-sponsored media outlet are eligible to apply for complementary media registration.

To apply for a media accreditation, the following supporting documents must be submitted:

1. Letter from your editor stating the purpose of your assignment at AIDS 2020 (on official company letterhead).

2. Two articles on health and science HIV/AIDS topics with your byline, written within the last year (URLs or scanned copies of print pieces are accepted). Note, if original articles are not in English, please provide an English translation for review.

3. A copy of your current press badge. If you do not have a press card, your editor must state this clearly in the above letter.

*Please note: Communications support professionals attached to a recognized HIV research, advocacy or policy organization, whose work is directly related to supporting media coverage of presentations at AIDS 2020 are not considered media and must register as a regular delegate. Media accreditation for this category is not guaranteed, but is granted on a case-by-case basis.*

**Application review**

To be accredited as a media representative for AIDS 2020, all required media documentation must be submitted and approved by the AIDS 2020 Communications team.

Your media application will be processed only upon receipt of the fully completed registration form and verification of the requested supporting documents. The AIDS 2020 Communications team will thoroughly check and verify all submitted applications. Additional credentials may be requested before accreditation is approved. Please allow a minimum of 14 days’ processing time to receive confirmation of your registration. The AIDS 2020 Communications team cannot take responsibility for delays or delivery failure of supporting documentation. If the maximum delegate capacity is reached, the IAS reserve the right to refuse additional registrations.

Your media registration will only be confirmed once we have received and approved your completed registration form and required supporting documentation. As the number of media registrations is limited media registration is not guaranteed.

Media registration includes entry to selected pre-conferences (4 and 5 July 2020), all conference sessions (6-10 July 2020), the exhibition and poster area, the opening and closing sessions, the media centre and the press conference room(s). Conference materials are also included and will only be distributed onsite.

Media delegates may not share their passes with other delegates. Identification will be checked on entry to the media centre. Individuals who share their passes will be removed.

**Invoice/Registration confirmation**

There is no registration fee for accredited media representatives. Community support professionals pay the applicable regular delegate registration fee.

An invoice/registration confirmation will be sent by email once the AIDS 2020 Registration team has received the fully completed registration form, related payment (if applicable),
and after all required supporting documents have been provided and once all required supporting documents have been received and approved. Media representatives are requested to bring their invoice/registration confirmation to the conference in order to receive their name badge onsite.

Please note that access to the media centre may be refused without this identification.

Methods of payment

Payments (if applicable) should be made in advance and in US dollars only, using a credit card or by bank transfer. Personal cheques, company cheques or Euro cheques are not accepted. All bank fees and money transfer costs must be prepaid by the transmitter. Clearly indicate AIDS 2020 and the delegate’s name as a reference on all bank transfers.

Registration name change

A name change to an existing media registration is not possible. The granted media registration must be cancelled and the new media representative must register and submit the required documents for the application process.

Cancellation policy

Notification of cancellation must be made in writing and sent to the AIDS 2020 Registration team by email. The cancellation will not be effective until a written acknowledgement from the AIDS 2020 Registration team is received. Requests for refunds of any additional items ordered (such as to the local charitable giving programme) will not be accepted.

Cancellation of the conference

In the event that the conference cannot be held or is postponed due to events beyond the control of the IAS and the conference organizers (incl. force majeure) or due to events which are not attributable to wrongful intent or gross negligence of the IAS and the conference organizers, neither the IAS nor the conference organizers can be held liable by delegates for any damages, costs, or losses incurred, such as transportation costs, accommodation costs, costs for additional orders, financial losses, etc.

Under these circumstances, the IAS reserves the right to either retain the entire registration fee and to use it for a future conference, or to reimburse the delegate after deducting costs already incurred for the organization of the conference and which could not be recovered from third parties.

Modification of the programme

The IAS and the conference organizers reserves the right to modify the programme, which is published as an indication only.
Lost name badge

The conference name badge must be worn at all times during the conference. Access to the conference venues will not be granted without a proper name badge. If a media representative loses, misplaces or forgets the name badge, a handling fee of USD 65 will be charged for a new name badge. Upon handing out a new name badge, the lost badge will be deactivated and become invalid.

Letter of invitation

Individuals requiring an official letter of invitation for the conference can request one through the online registration form. To receive a letter of invitation, media representatives must first register to the conference, pay in full (if applicable) and have all required supporting documentation submitted and approved. The deadline to request a letter of invitation is 15 April 2020.

The letter of invitation does not financially obligate the conference organizers nor the IAS in any way, nor does it guarantee an entry visa to the United States. All expenses incurred in relation to the conference are the sole responsibility of the delegate.

Visa requirements

It is the media representative’s responsibility to investigate the visa requirements for the United States and apply for a visa, if necessary. Media representatives are advised to apply for their visa at least 90 days before travelling to the United States to ensure adequate processing times (that is no later than 15 April 2020 for conference delegates). For more information on the United States visa application processes and requirements, please review this webpage.

Media representative’s registration details (full name, home address, date of birth, nationality, passport number and participant number) may be shared with the United States immigration authorities to assist in the immigration process. However, the IAS, the conference organizers and/or the AIDS 2020 Registration team will not directly contact embassies and consulates on behalf of media representatives.

Data protection and sharing of contact details with third parties

The International AIDS Society will collect, process, transfer and store delegates personal data only for (i) the preparation and execution of the 23rd International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2020) and (ii) the preparation of future International AIDS Society and International AIDS Conferences. Data protection is warranted in accordance with the Swiss Data Protection Act and the Tele Service Data Protection Act. Delegates’ personal data will be retained securely and only be accessible on a ‘need to know’ basis by duly authorized persons.
The data of delegates registering for AIDS 2020 entered in the Conference Account (i.e. full first and last name(s), gender, date of birth, nationality, organisation type, profession type, email, full home address) will be shared with the following entity (i.e. third party), in countries which legislation might not ensure an adequate level of data protection:

- the AIDS 2020 Registration team, c/o K.I.T. Group, Germany.

In order to facilitate visa application and border entry processes, delegate registration details (full name, home address, date of birth, nationality, passport number and participant number) may be shared with the United States immigration authorities.

The contact details (full name and home address, email and phone) of delegates who have accepted to share their contact details when registering will be shared periodically with the following conference sponsors, in countries which legislation might not ensure an adequate level of data protection:

- Gilead, USA
- Johnson & Johnson/Janssen, USA
- Merck, Sharp & Dohme, Corp. USA
- ViiV Healthcare, UK

The above mentioned conference sponsors may only use these contact details to contact delegates regarding activities at the conference or other communications which may be of related interest. Therefore, data might be passed on to third parties unless otherwise explicitly indicated by the delegate on the registration form.

The delegates herewith authorize the International AIDS Society to collect, process and transfer their personal data to the above listed third parties and authorities. The delegates further expressly acknowledge and agree that any personal data disclosed in connection with the Conference Account and registration form will be subject to the laws of the country where it is transferred and may not be covered by Swiss law. The International AIDS Society cannot assure delegates that the laws and regulations in the recipient country will necessarily offer the same level of confidentiality or data protection as under Swiss law and may require the above listed third parties and/or authorities to whom the personal data is transferred, to disclose all or any part of the personal data to other authorities or third parties.

The International AIDS Society will nevertheless contractually ensure that your personal data will be processed by the above listed third parties to the same extent as it is authorized for itself under Swiss law. The International AIDS Society will also ensure that all third parties which will process your personal data have implemented appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect your personal data against accidental or unlawful destruction or accidental loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure or access, and which provide a level of security appropriate to the risk represented by the processing and the nature of the data to be protected.

K.I.T. Group will collect and store all personal data for the preparation and execution of the AIDS 2020 only and not use the personal data for any other purposes.

When you register you will be asked to complete the online form providing for example: your name, address and email address. The above collected information is required to process, book and complete your booking (including the sending of a confirmation email of the booking to you).
All data will be saved and processed in compliance with the EU-General Data Protection Regulation (EU-GDPR).

In order to protect and safeguard the personal data provided to K.I.T. Group, K.I.T. Group has implemented and uses appropriate business systems and procedures. For example, your credit card information is transmitted to us through a secure server protocol, which encrypts all your personal and credit card details. The encryption method used is the industry standard "Transport Layer Security (TLS)" technology. Our TLS certificate has been issued by utn.usertrust.com.

Furthermore, we have implemented and use security procedures and technical and physical restrictions for accessing and using personal information. Only authorized employees are permitted to access personal information for performing their duties in respect of our services. Our server and network are protected by firewalls against unauthorized access and we have intrusion detection systems that monitor and detect unauthorized (attempts to) access to or misuse of our servers.

In addition, data might be passed on to third parties unless otherwise explicitly indicated by the attendee. Your contact details will only be forwarded in accordance with Art. 6 sec. 1 lit a-f GDPR:

(a) given consent,
(b) performance of or entering into a contract,
(c) compliance with a legal obligation,
(d) protection of vital interests of data subject or another natural person,
(e) public interest or exercise of official authority,
(f) legitimate interest of data controller.

For further information please read the privacy policy.

Click here for further information about K.I.T. Groups privacy policy. Should you have any queries regarding the processing of your personal data please contact our data protection team (datenschutz@messe-berlin.de).

Conference Embargo Policy

All AIDS 2020 conference abstracts are released to delegates and media under a strict embargo policy. A detailed breakdown of embargo procedures for different types of abstracts is available on the AIDS 2020 conference embargo policy page. All conference participants, presenters and media are asked to respect this policy.

Photo and video consent

The International AIDS Society takes photographs and videos of the events related to the conference for use in the International AIDS Society’s news and promotional materials in print, digital, email and other media, including the International AIDS Society’s website and social media platforms such as Smug Mug. Event participants grant the International AIDS Society the right to use any image, photograph and voice in this context without compensation. All media become the property of the International AIDS Society and may be displayed, distributed or used by the International AIDS Society.
Principles and Values of Conference Participation

By attending AIDS 2020, delegates agree to comply with the Principles and Values of Conference Participation. The full policy is available on the conference website and on site at the registration counter.

Liability

The IAS and the conference organisers shall be held liable in the framework of a duty of care as a respectable business according to statutory provisions. The liability of the IAS and conference organisers - for whatever legal reason - shall be limited to intent and gross negligence. The liability of commissioned service providers shall remain unaffected by this. The delegate shall take part in the conference at his/her own risk. Oral agreements shall not be binding if these have not been confirmed in writing by the IAS.

Fulfilment and jurisdiction

This Terms & Conditions for Media Representatives and the rights of the Parties hereunder shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Washington, District of Columbia, USA, without regard to choice of law rules.

Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of, or in relation to, this Terms and Conditions for Delegates shall be resolved by arbitration in accordance with the Swiss Rules of International Arbitration of the Swiss Chambers' Arbitration Institution in force on the date on which the notice of arbitration is submitted in accordance with these Rules. The number of arbitrators shall be one. The seat of the arbitration shall be Geneva. The arbitral proceedings shall be conducted in English. The arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions for Expedited Procedure.

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