

## **DATA PROTECTION POLICY**

### **General Regulations**

The International Cytokines and Interferon Society (THE CYTOKINE SOCIETY) reserves the right to amend the existing data protection regulations in strict accordance with prevailing legal norms at any time.

### **PERSONAL DATA:**

Your voluntarily transmitted personal details (through submission in the online forms respectively sent by your group coordinator) will be collected, saved and processed in accordance with the most recent legislation on data protection (EU-GDPR 2018).

Registration, abstract submission, additional bookings & hotel bookings:

A registration and/or abstract submission to Cytokines 2026 is not possible without collecting, saving and processing your personal data. This is solely for the purpose of organizing and realizing the event. Your data will only be passed on to third parties, who are directly involved in running the event and when the organizational process makes it necessary – in accordance with your bookings (registration department, organizing society, hotel, transport companies, etc.).

### **PHOTOS/VIDEOS:**

By registering to attend Cytokines 2026, you grant permission to THE CYTOKINE SOCIETY to use photos/videos taken of you, and respectively your company presence by our official photographer (team) onsite during the meeting for marketing purposes (event reporting, promotion of follow-up events & self-marketing) for an indefinite period of time. If you do not want to have any photos/videos taken of you published, you may contact us at any time: [cytokines@wma.co.at](mailto:cytokines@wma.co.at)

### **LINKS TO OTHER WEBSITES:**

Our online forms may contain links to other websites. THE CYTOKINE SOCIETY is not responsible for the data you provide on other websites. Our partner companies are also bound to act according to EU-GDPR, the implementation however rests with each company individually. Our data protection guidelines are solely applicable to data controlled by us (THE CYTOKINE SOCIETY).

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### **Information Obligation acc. Art 12-14 EU-GDPR (EU-DSGVO)**

We would be pleased to provide you with the following information describing the type, purpose and scope of the processing of your personal data.

#### **CONTROLLER:**

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Management of the person responsible: Stephanie Flores

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#### **PROCESSOR:**

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Management of the person responsible: Mirjam Uebelhör, Jerome del Picchia

Data Protection Coordinator: Nikolett Ruoss

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**PURPOSES OF PROCESSING:**

Depending on the participant status and the bookings of the data subject (see Booking Overview E-Mail), the data are processed for one or more of the purposes listed below.

<b>Processing Purpose</b>	<b>Data Categories</b>
Participant Management (Registration, Additional Bookings, Virtual Congress Platform)	name contact data address data/invoice data registration data additional bookings travel data (if necessary) passport data (if necessary) special requirements (sensitive data) special dietary requirements (sensitive data)
Hotel Management	name contact data address data/invoice data hotel booking data travel data (if necessary) credit card guarantees (if necessary)
Scientific Management & Coordination Scholarships, Grants and Awards	name contact data date of birth (if necessary) date of graduation (if necessary) lecture data (speaker, topic, title)
Industry Management (Exhibition & Sponsoring)	name contact data company data
General Organization / Accreditation & Compliance	name & city/country institution/organization (if necessary) specialization (if necessary) lecture data (speaker, topic, title)

General Organization /  
Accounting

name  
contact data  
registration data  
additional bookings  
bank data (if necessary)  
credit card data (if necessary)

Marketing & Development

name  
contact data  
photos/films  
statistical data (ONLY anonymized)

**LEGAL BASIS FOR THE DATA PROCESSING PURPOSES:**

**Processing Purpose**

**Legal Basis**

Participant Management  
(Registration, Additional Bookings,  
Virtual Congress Platform)

Binding completion of the registration for the participation of  
the selected event  
Written confirmation of the group coordinator that participant  
data may be used  
Binding booking of ticket(s) to one or more social events of the  
selected event  
Consent of the data subject (sensitive data)

Hotel Management

Binding conclusion of a hotel booking by the person concerned  
or his group coordinator  
Written confirmation from the group coordinator that  
participant data may be used

Scientific Management &  
Coordination Scholarships, Grants  
and Awards

Binding completion of the abstract submission for the selected  
event  
Acceptance of active participation in the selected event

Industry Management  
(Exhibition & Sponsoring)

Binding contract conclusion of the data subject and the  
company represented by him/her to take part at the selected  
event

General Organization  
(Accreditation & Compliance,  
Accounting)

Fulfilment of contract and law  
Legitimate interest of the controller (see point 4.4.)

Marketing & Development

Legitimate interest of the controller (see point 4.1.-4.2.)

**THIRD PARTY DATA RECIPIENTS - CATEGORIES:**

The recipients only receive the data they require, not your full data record. Your data will only be forwarded when the organizational process makes it necessary – in accordance with your bookings – and when a legal basis exists.

<b>Processing Purpose</b>	<b>Data Categories</b>	<b>Recipient Categories</b>
Participant Management (Registration, Additional Bookings, Virtual Congress Platform)	name contact data address data/invoice data registration data additional bookings travel data (only if necessary) passport data (only if necessary)	service providers (fulfilment agents)
	special dietary requirements (sensitive data)	Caterer
Hotel Management	name contact data address data/invoice data hotel booking data travel data (if necessary) credit card guarantees (if necessary)	DMC, travel agency, hotels
Scientific management & coordination of grants and awards	name contact data date of birth (if necessary) date of graduation (if necessary) Lecture data (speaker, topic, title)	Oxford Abstract – abstract management software – UK – A standard clause agreement with the provider of the abstract processing software Oxford Abstracts regarding data protection according to the GDPR is in place.

Industry Management (Exhibition & Sponsoring)	name contact data company data	service providers (fulfilment agents)
General Organization/ Accreditation & Compliance	name & city/country institution/organization (if necessary) specializations (if necessary) lecture data (speaker, topic, title)	relevant accreditation authorities, service providers (fulfilment agents)
General Organization/ Accounting	name contact data registration data additional bookings bank data (if necessary) credit card data (if necessary)	responsible authorities, bank, fiscal office, tax consultant, service providers (fulfilment agents)
Marketing	name contact data	service providers (fulfilment agents)
Development	statistical data (ONLY anonymized)	Industry partners

**TRANSFER TO THIRD COUNTRY:**

<b>Processing Purpose</b>	<b>Data Categories</b>	<b>Recipient Categories</b>
Scientific management & coordination of grants and awards	name contact data date of birth (if necessary) date of graduation (if necessary) Lecture data (speaker, topic, title)	Oxford Abstract – abstract management software – UK A standard clause agreement with the provider of the abstract processing software Oxford Abstracts regarding data protection according to the GDPR is in place.

**DATA STORAGE PERIOD:**

Sensitive data (special dietary requirements), which are collected with consent of the data subjects, as well as passport data and information submitted for statistical data collection are irrecoverably deleted with the end of the event wrap-up.

International Cytokine & Interferon Society will retain your Personal Data only for as long as is necessary for the purposes set out in this Privacy Policy. We will retain and use your Personal Data to the extent necessary to comply with our legal obligations (for example, if we are required to retain your data to comply with applicable laws), resolve disputes, and enforce our legal agreements and policies.

International Cytokine & Interferon Society will also retain Usage Data for internal analysis purposes. Usage Data is generally retained for a shorter period of time, except when this data is used to strengthen the security or to improve the functionality of our Service, or we are legally obligated to retain this data for longer time periods.

Upon revocation of the person concerned, their data will be deleted immediately.

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### **Data subject rights**

We are pleased to inform you about your rights according to EU-GDPR:

#### **DATA SUBJECT RIGHTS acc. Art 15-21 EU-GDPR:**

- Right of access by the data subject
- Right to rectification
- Right to erasure/"Right to be forgotten"
- Right to restriction of processing
- Right to data portability
- Right to object (at legitimate interest of the controller)

Detailed descriptions can be found [here: http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32016R0679&from=EN](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32016R0679&from=EN)

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#### **RIGHT TO WITHDRAW CONSENT acc. Art. 7 EU-GDPR**

Depending on your participant status, we kindly ask you for different declarations of consent. These are queried within the online forms or directly inquired from the affected person/group coordinator/company representative. The declarations of consent are not compulsory according to the EU GDPR.

Each data subject has the right to withdraw his/her given consent(s) at any time. The withdrawal of the consent does not affect the legality of the processing carried out based on the declaration of consent until the withdrawal.

#### **Processing of your data by the International Cytokines and Interferon Society (THE CYTOKINE SOCIETY)**

Your personal data (comprising name, contact data, address data, organization/institute & registration category), collected by the WMA GmbH, is passed on to THE CYTOKINE SOCIETY. The named society has permission to process your personal data and to contact you directly for own purposes incl. society newsletters, promotion of topic-related events, information about activities of the society (eg: membership, competitions, travel grants, etc.) and the evaluation and further development of the current event, as well as its future editions.

## Transfer of your data to exhibitors and sponsors

### Badge scanning in the exhibition area & at corporate satellites

Please note: If you have your badge scanned by an exhibitor/sponsor at Cytokines 2026, you thereby agree that your personal data (consisting of name, contact data, address data & organization/institute), collected by the WMA GmbH, may be forwarded (via a contracted service provider) to the exhibitor/sponsor by whom you have your badge scanned, and the respective company may contact you directly for its own purposes.

### Lead retrieval in the exhibitor pages & at corporate satellites

Please note: By registering to Cytokines 2026, you thereby agree that your personal data (consisting of name, last name, academic title, city, country, email, and institution), collected by the WMA GmbH, may be forwarded (via a contracted service provider) to the sponsor you visited through the exhibitor page and/or corporate satellite *in the virtual platform*, and the respective company may contact you directly for its own purposes..

## **RIGHT TO LODGE A COMPLAINT WITH A SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY acc. Art 77 EU-DSGVO**

Every data subject shall have the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority, if the data subject considers that the processing of personal data relating to him/her infringes to the EU-GDPR.

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## **Description of the other purposes**

### **Legitimate Interests of the Controller acc. Art 6 (1) f) EU-GDPR**

#### **ADVERTISING AND MARKETING:**

Processing data of the data subject to inform him/her about the above-mentioned event, as well as future and topic-related events.

#### **DEVELOPMENT:**

Processing data of the data subject to develop the program as well as the organization and implementation of the above-mentioned event, future and topic-related events.

#### **PUBLICATION OF THE PROGRAMME:**

Processing data of the data subject for the promotion and publication of the event program via various communication channels (including website, social media and print media).

Concerns the following data subject categories: speaker & chairs, abstract presenters, industry

#### **ACCREDITATION & ADHERENCE TO NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMPLIANCE REGULATIONS: DFP, CME, EFPIA, MedTech, etc.**

Processing data of the data subject in order to organize the accreditation of the scientific program and to adhere to national and international compliance regulations in the field of medical events.

Concerns the following data subject categories: organizing society, speaker & chairs, abstract presenters, industry.