



Conference:
March 2-4, 2027
Messe München, Germany

Terms and Conditions for Submitters, Speakers and Co-Authors of the LOPEC Conference

1. Scope

These Terms and Conditions apply to:

1. submitters participating in the Call for Papers (CfP);
2. accepted speakers and poster presenters (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Speakers"); and
3. co-authors of conference contributions.

These Terms and Conditions govern the submission, selection and presentation of contributions, as well as the related rights and obligations.

These Terms and Conditions supplement the Organizer's General Terms and Conditions (GTC). In the event of any conflict, these Terms and Conditions shall prevail.

Invited speakers are subject to these Terms and Conditions accordingly; however, they are exempt from the selection process under the Call for Papers. Deviating arrangements may be agreed individually.

By submitting a contribution or accepting an invitation, the participant acknowledges and accepts these Terms and Conditions.

2. Call for Papers (CfP)

2.1 Submission

Contributions must be submitted exclusively via the designated online submission tool. Submissions must be completed and submitted within the specified deadline.

2.2 Eligibility for Participation

The submission of an abstract constitutes an application and does not establish any entitlement to inclusion in the conference program.

2.3 Review and Selection

All submitted contributions will be reviewed by an expert committee.

Selection will be based in particular on scientific and/or technical quality, relevance, and suitability for the conference topic.

The decision regarding acceptance or rejection is final. There is no entitlement to receive reasons for the decision.

2.4 Co-Authors

Submitters shall ensure that all named co-authors are aware of the submission and of the associated processing of their personal data and that, where required, all rights and consents necessary for the purposes set out in Sections 5 and 6 have been obtained.

3. Participation as a Presenter

3.1 Registration

Accepted Speakers are required to register for the conference within the specified deadline and to purchase a speaker ticket unless expressly agreed otherwise.

3.2 Presentation of the Contribution

Speakers undertake to:

1. personally present the accepted contribution;
2. adhere to the allocated time slots; and
3. prepare the content in accordance with the submitted proposal.

3.3 Speaker Profile

For the preparation of the conference program, conference app, and other conference-related information and communication media, Speakers shall provide the Organizer, upon submission, with a short professional biography and a current portrait photograph.

Such information will be used for the presentation of the Speakers in connection with the organization, promotion, and documentation of the LOPEC Conference.

3.4 Changes

Any changes to the title, content, or presenting person require the Organizer's prior approval.

3.5 Failure to Attend

In the event of a Speaker's failure to attend without prior coordination, the Organizer reserves the right to remove the contribution from the program. Such failure may affect future participation procedures.

4. Upload of Presentations and Conference Proceedings

Speakers are required to upload their presentation materials via the designated platform by the deadline communicated by the Organizer.

The upload serves the purpose of content-related and technical review and ensures the smooth execution of the conference.

Inclusion of presentation materials in the official Conference Proceedings and making such materials accessible shall take place solely on the basis of a separate voluntary consent pursuant to Article 6(1)(a) GDPR, which will be requested during the upload process for the specific purpose concerned and separately from the contractual relationship.

Granting such consent is voluntary. Participation in the conference and acceptance of the contribution are not dependent upon giving consent.

Consent may be withdrawn at any time with effect for the future without affecting the lawfulness of processing carried out prior to the withdrawal.

The right to withdraw consent will be expressly communicated before consent is given.

The Organizer shall document the granting of consent in a verifiable manner in accordance with Article 7(1) GDPR.

5. Publication and Right of Use

Upon acceptance of a contribution, Speakers grant the Organizer a non-exclusive, royalty-free licence to use the submitted abstracts and any presentation materials expressly approved for the respective use, solely for the purposes of organizing, documenting, and communicating the LOPEC Conference.

The right of use includes, in particular, use for:

- conference programs;
- the website and conference app;
- Conference Proceedings;
- post-event reporting;
- press and public relations activities; and
- communication and marketing measures directly related to the LOPEC Conference.

The right of use is limited in scope, duration, territory, and purpose to the respective conference-related purpose and the media and channels required for that purpose.



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Any use by the Organizer outside the conference context, in particular for independent third-party products, permanent promotional use, or other broader exploitation, requires a separate agreement or consent.

To the extent necessary for the aforementioned purposes, the right of use also includes the right to reproduce, distribute, make available to the public, and editorially adapt the materials, in each case solely within the agreed purpose of use.

Unless expressly agreed otherwise, all copyrights and related rights remain with the respective rights holders.

In case of doubt, only those usage rights that are necessary to achieve the contractual purpose shall be deemed granted.

6. Photography and Video Recordings

During the event, photographs and video recordings will be made by the Organizer or commissioned service providers. Such recordings may include both overview and atmosphere shots of the event as well as individual or focused images of identifiable persons.

6.1 Overview and Atmosphere Shots. Such recordings are created and processed on the basis of the Organizer's legitimate interests in documentation, reporting, and public relations pursuant to Article 6(1)(f) GDPR, provided that no overriding interests of the data subjects prevail.

The Organizer conducts a documented balancing-of-interests assessment and observes the principles of data minimization and proportionality.

The right to object pursuant to Article 21 GDPR remains unaffected.

6.2 Individual and Focused Recordings of Identifiable Persons. Where such recordings are specifically created and published for communication, marketing, or promotional purposes, processing shall be based on the voluntary consent of the data subject pursuant to Article 6(1)(a) GDPR.

Consent may be withdrawn at any time with effect for the future.

6.3 Information and Objection On Site. Participants who do not wish to appear in individual recordings may notify the conference management on site. Such requests will be taken into account within the limits of legal requirements and organizational feasibility.

6.4 Publication. All publications shall comply with the applicable legal requirements.

Where publication exceptionally serves journalistic or editorial purposes, Sections 22 and 23 of the German Art Copyright Act (Kunsturhebergesetz – KUG) shall apply.

6.5 No Recording of Presentations. Individual presentations will not be recorded in their entirety unless this has been expressly announced and separately supported by an appropriate legal basis.

7. Data Protection

7.1 Controller

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81829 München
Phone: +49 89 949-20720
Email: info@messe-muenchen.de

7.2 Data Protection Officer

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Datenschutzbeauftragter
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81829 München
Email: dsb@messe-muenchen.de

7.3 Purposes of Processing

The personal data collected in connection with submission and participation will be processed exclusively for the organization and conduct of the conference.

This includes, in particular, the publication of participants' names, organizations, countries and, where provided, photographs, short biographies, and information relating to contributions in connection with the conference, for example on the website, in the program, in the conference app, or in other conference materials.

7.4 Legal Basis

Personal data are processed on the basis of:

- Article 6(1)(b) GDPR where processing is necessary for participation and related pre-contractual and contractual measures;
- Article 6(1)(f) GDPR where processing serves legitimate interests in organization, documentation, and communication (legitimate interest: execution and appropriate public presentation of the conference);
- Article 6(1)(a) GDPR where consent is obtained (in particular for Conference Proceedings, individual recordings, and marketing purposes);
- Article 6(1)(c) GDPR where processing is necessary to comply with legal obligations (e.g., retention obligations).



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7.5 Recipients / Categories of Recipients

Personal data will only be disclosed where necessary for the conduct of the conference or where a corresponding legal basis exists.

For submission management, abstract management, peer review, and program creation, the conference management software Converia is used. The software is provided by Converia GmbH, Kaufstraße 2–4, 99423 Weimar, Germany, acting as a processor pursuant to Article 28 GDPR. Data are stored exclusively on servers located in a German ISO 27001-certified data center and transmitted in encrypted form (SSL).

For the upload of presentations prior to the event, technical checks, on-site technical support, and the creation and provision of the Conference Proceedings, the Organizer cooperates with Neumann & Müller GmbH & Co. KG, Industriestraße 8, 70794 Filderstadt, Germany, acting as a processor pursuant to Article 28 GDPR.

Additional categories of recipients may include hosting and cloud service providers, printing and mailing service providers, commissioned photography and video service providers, and, where required by law, public authorities.

Data processing agreements pursuant to Article 28 GDPR have been concluded with all processors.

7.6 Transfers to Third Countries

No transfer of personal data to countries outside the EU/EEA takes place within the framework of the conference platform used; processing occurs exclusively on servers located in Germany.

Should a transfer to recipients in a third country occur in individual cases, for example through additional service providers, such transfer shall take place only where an adequacy decision of the European Commission exists or appropriate safeguards pursuant to Article 46 GDPR are provided, particularly Standard Contractual Clauses.

A copy of such safeguards may be obtained via conference@lopec.de.

7.7 Retention Period

Personal data will be stored for as long as necessary for the preparation, conduct, and follow-up of the conference.

Thereafter, the data will be deleted unless statutory retention obligations (in particular commercial and tax law retention periods of generally six or ten years pursuant to Section 257 German Commercial Code (HGB) and Section 147 German Fiscal Code (AO)) or other legitimate reasons require further retention.

Content published on the basis of consent will be removed following withdrawal of consent to the extent technically and organizationally feasible.

7.8 Rights of Data Subjects

Subject to the applicable legal requirements, data subjects have the right to:

- access (Article 15 GDPR),
- rectification (Article 16 GDPR),
- erasure (Article 17 GDPR),
- restriction of processing (Article 18 GDPR),
- data portability (Article 20 GDPR), and
- object to processing based on legitimate interests (Article 21 GDPR).

Where processing is based on consent, such consent may be withdrawn at any time with effect for the future pursuant to Article 7(3) GDPR.

Participants will be informed of this right before consent is given.

7.9 Right to Lodge a Complaint

Data subjects have the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority, in particular in the Member State of their habitual residence, place of work, or the place of the alleged infringement (Article 77 GDPR).

The competent supervisory authority for the Controller is:

Bavarian State Office for Data Protection Supervision (BayLDA)
Promenade 18
91522 Ansbach
Germany

7.10 Obligation to Provide Data

Provision of the personal data required for submission and participation is necessary for the performance of the participation relationship.

For Speakers, this includes in particular the provision of a short biography and portrait photograph for presentation in the conference program, conference app, and other conference-related information and communication media.

Without such information, inclusion in the conference program is not possible.

7.11 No Automated Decision-Making

No solely automated decision-making, including profiling within the meaning of Article 22 GDPR, takes place.

7.12 Additional Information

Further information can be found in the [Organizer's Privacy Policy](#).



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8. Amendments and Cancellation

The Organizer reserves the right to make changes to the program or to cancel or postpone the event for good cause.

In such cases, there shall be no entitlement to the holding of the event or to compensation for damages.

9. Liability

The Organizer shall have unlimited liability in cases of intent and gross negligence.

In cases of ordinary negligence, the Organizer shall be liable only:

1. without limitation for damages arising from injury to life, body or health; and
2. for damages arising from the breach of essential contractual obligations, limited to the foreseeable damage typical for the contract.

Essential contractual obligations are obligations whose fulfillment is essential for the proper performance of the contract and on whose compliance the contractual partner may regularly rely.

Any further liability is excluded.

The respective Speakers bear sole responsibility for the content of their contributions.

10. Final Provisions

The laws of the Federal Republic of Germany shall apply, excluding the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG).

To the extent legally permissible, the place of jurisdiction shall be the registered seat of the Organizer.