



# **General Terms and Conditions of the Annual Biocontrol Industry Meeting ABIM**

# Introduction

The ABIM services may include but may not be limited to an exhibition in the Congress Center Basel, a conference in the auditorium and breakout sessions/workshops and other meeting spaces in physical or virtual format. Open spaces are available for ad-hoc meetings, 1-to-1 meetings and poster exhibition in physical or virtual format.

#### 1) Applicability

The Annual Biocontrol Industry Meeting ABIM is organised by ABIM AG ('the organiser'). All services provided in the context of the meeting will be subject to these General Terms and Conditions. By registering, you agree to these Terms and Conditions.

#### 2) Entering into the agreement

Once you have registered for the meeting, you will have entered into the agreement and will receive confirmation by email.

#### 3) Payments

Delegates may only pay for registration with a credit card.

# 4) Cancellation

#### a) Cancellation of attendance

Cancellations must be made in writing by the deadline dates; telephone cancellations will not be accepted. Refunds or credits will not be given for failure to attend, late arrival, unattended events or early departure.

Where cancellation occurs more than 30 days prior to the start of the meeting, an administration fee of 20% of the registration fee will be charged (up to and including 19 September 2020).

Where cancellation occurs more than 14 days prior to the start of the meeting, an administration fee of 50% of the registration fee will be charged (up to and including 5 October 2020).

Where cancellation occurs later than this, the registration charges are payable in full and no refund will be given. It is acceptable to send a replacement person to the meeting with appropriate written notification.

If you are unable to attend the meeting because you were denied a visa, you will be granted a refund only if you submit a copy of your visa rejection letter and proof that you applied for a visa no later than 31 August 2020. Any refund will be issued minus the cancellation fee as mentioned above.





Please note that no refunds will be issued for additional fees paid for express shipping of invitation letters and/or Accompanying Person registration cancellation due to visa denial. Without exception, all valid requests for refunds must be received in writing no later than 15 days after the end of the meeting.

### b) Cancellation of posters

Where cancellation occurs more than 30 days prior to the start of the meeting, an administration fee of 20% per poster will be charged (up to and including 19 September 2020).

Where cancellations occur more than 14 days prior to the start of the meeting, an administration fee of 50% per poster will be charged (up to and including 5 October 2020). Where cancellation occurs later, the amount for the posters is payable in full.

#### 5) Accompanying persons:

Accompanying persons are non-delegates, non-researchers, non-IBMA members who may be traveling with a meeting delegate and who have no scientific or other professional interest in the meeting. Meeting delegates, students, technicians, colleagues, past IBMA members etc. do not qualify as accompanying persons and are required to pay the appropriate registration fee if they wish to attend. If your accompanying person wishes to hear your presentation, he or she must register and pay a CHF 150 fee to receive a special guest's pass for the whole day; after 2 pm CHF 80. This pass will admit an accompanying person for one day of the meeting only and will not be honored at any other time during the meeting. Anyone who wishes to attend more than one day of the meeting is considered to have more than a "personal" interest and will be required to pay the appropriate fee.

#### 6) Refund policy

Refunds will be processed within 60 days of the meeting. Refunds of CHF 30 or less will be treated as a contribution and will not be refunded. Refunds due to overpayment or changes to an existing registration will be subject to a CHF 20 processing fee. Express shipping fees for invitation letters are non-refundable.

#### 7) Changes to the programme, place or timing of the meeting

Where there is good reason to do so, the organisers are entitled to change the place and/or timing of meetings. Attendees will then be permitted to withdraw.

Where there is good reason to do so, the meeting may be cancelled; any fees or charges that have already been paid will be refunded minus an administration fee of 20% of the total cost. No claims for compensation above and beyond this will be valid. Irrespective of this, the organiser may cancel the meeting up to 14 days before it starts without giving a reason (up to and including 5 October 2020).

In case of force majeure, for example war, unrest, natural disaster, fire, strike, lock-out, sabotage by third parties, official order, pandemic, epidemic etc., neither party may hold the other liable for any delay to or non-performance of the agreement which results from this force majeure. The organisers reserve the right to make changes to the programme.





#### 8) Prices and services

The published prices cover all services provided by the organisers as mentioned in the website, app, programme, contracts and terms and conditions. No compensation will be made for any services not accepted in their entirety.

#### 9) Liability

Regardless of the legal reason, the organisers are only liable for financial and material damage arising intentionally or from gross negligence. The organisers accept no liability for: accidents occurring during the meeting, or en route to or from the meeting venue; theft; or loss of or damage to any items.

# 10) Data protection

- (1) You can register for our seminars and events via our online registration service. For this purpose, the following data marked as mandatory data must be entered: selected event, first name, surname, e-mail address, home address and mobile phone number. We need this data to register your online registration and to enable your participation in the conference. The provision of further, specifically marked data is voluntary and is used in order to optimize the seminar content and to be able to use further contact options with you.
- (2) The legal basis for this is our legitimate interest in offering you an online registration for our event in accordance with Art. 6 Par. 1 S. 1 lit. f GDPR. The data will not be passed on to third parties or used in any other way.
- (3) If you do not wish to register online, you can also contact us at the address given in the imprint to register for our seminars.
- (4) By attending ABIM, you are agreeing to let us keep in contact. You always have the ability to see the data we process, and you have the right for deletion at any time.
- (5) As part of the registration service, particularly the 1-to-1 networking feature, delegates can voluntarily choose the option to release certain data for the purpose of networking. This is limited to first name, last name, organization. This same information will be recorded in a list of delegates, which if delegates agree, will be shared with other delegates. Your data will be entered in the delegate lists on the basis of your consent; the legal basis is Art. 6, para. 1, sentence 1, lit. a GDPR. Your data will not be used for any other purpose than the compilation of delegate lists. Consent to appear on the list is given separately for each seminar and can be revoked at any time.

# 11) Applicable law and jurisdiction

The provisions of Swiss law shall apply exclusively to all relationships under the agreement. The place of jurisdiction for all claims relating to your order is Laufenburg, Switzerland. The organisers are also entitled to bring legal action under a different jurisdiction. Should any individual provisions be or become ineffective, this will not affect either the effectiveness of the rest of the agreement or these Terms and Conditions.





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