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HIV Science Geneva 2027: Terms and conditions for media

Definitions

These terms and conditions for media are valid for every person registered as a media (hereinafter referred to as "media representative", "media" or "data subject") for HIV Science Geneva 2027, taking place in Geneva, Switzerland, from 10 to 15 July. HIV Science Geneva 2027 comprises HIVR4P 2027, the 6th HIV Research for Prevention Conference, taking place from 10 to 12 July 2027, and IAS 2027, the 14th IAS Conference on HIV Science, taking place from 12 to 15 July 2027.

All references to the age of a person, mentioned in this and other conference documents, refer to the age of that person on 10 July 2027, unless otherwise specified.

All dates and deadlines in these terms & conditions and other conference documents are given in Geneva time (CET in the European winter and CEST in summer).

The organizer of HIV Science Geneva 2027 is IAS – the International AIDS Society – a Swiss non-governmental organization with its principal office at Avenue de France 23, CH-1202 Geneva, Switzerland (IDE/UID: CHE-111.717.829).

Conference registration

Media representatives must register online by submitting both the fully completed media registration form and the required supporting documents. If the maximum capacity is reached, the IAS reserves the right to decline new registrations.

Age and Eligibility requirements

To register as media, individuals must be at least 18 years old. Media representatives may be asked to present an official identity card stating their age or birthdate.

Three categories of media registration are available. Each category requires the submission of supporting documents to be considered for media accreditation.

Category 1: Journalists, photographers and videographers who are either employees of or on assignment for a recognized print, radio, broadcast or online consumer, medical, community-based or HIV service organization-sponsored media outlet.

Required documentation:

- Letter from your editor stating the purpose of your assignment at HIV Science Geneva 2027 (on official company letterhead). If you are a freelance journalist, please provide a letter stating the purpose of your assignment(s) and what outlet(s) you are providing coverage for.
- A copy of your current press badge/media accreditation or two recent HIV- or global health-related articles with your byline (URLs or scanned copies of print pieces are accepted). Note: If original articles are not in English, please provide an English translation for review. Your byline must be clearly visible for our review.

Category 2: Public-facing communications professionals attached to a recognized non-profit HIV research, advocacy or policy organization and whose work is directly related to supporting media coverage of presentations at HIV Science Geneva 2027. Public Relations agencies working for for-profit companies are not eligible for this category.

Required documentation:

- A letter from the communications director of your non-profit organization stating the purpose of your assignment at HIV Science Geneva 2027 (on official company letterhead). This letter must clarify that you will be attending HIV Science Geneva 2027 to report on the conference in your public-facing communications or media role for your organization.
- Two samples of recent public-facing work produced for your organization (this can include blog posts and social media). This work should be related to HIV or global health more broadly. Note: If original samples are not in English, please provide an English translation for review.

Category 3: Social media influencers who make significant contributions to the HIV response. These influencers or content creators must be working in the HIV response and/or related fields or have strong connections with key populations and have a social following of over 30,000 on X, Bluesky, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, TikTok and/or YouTube.

Required documentation:

- A letter briefly outlining what you plan to cover at HIV Science Geneva 2027 and links to your social media accounts. Your accounts must have over 30,000 followers in total.
- Two recent posts you have produced on HIV, broader public health or key populations. If the original samples are not in English, provide an English translation for review.

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Application review

The media application will be processed only upon receipt of the fully completed registration form and verification of the requested supporting documents. To be accredited as media for HIV Science Geneva 2027, all required submitted media documentation must be approved by the IAS Media team. The IAS Media team will thoroughly check and verify all submitted applications.

Additional credentials may be requested before accreditation is approved. A minimum processing time of 14 working days is required for media application review and media registration. The IAS Media team cannot take responsibility for delays or delivery failure of supporting documentation. Media registration will be confirmed only once upon receipt and approval of the completed registration form and all required supporting documentation. As the number of media registrations is limited, media registration is not guaranteed.

Media registration

HIV Science Geneva 2027 comprises IAS 2027 and HIVR4P 2027. Media registration gives you access to all conference sessions, satellite sessions and poster discussion sessions across both conferences, the IAS 2027 exhibition, the media centre, and on-demand access to session recordings.

The media representative's first name(s) and last name(s), as entered in the conference account and registration form, will be printed on the name badge. If you would like your preferred name(s) to be printed instead of these name(s), please request this change at the registered media desks in the registration area on site.

Registration confirmation

There is no registration fee for accredited media.

A registration confirmation will be sent by email by the Registration team once the completed registration form and any required supporting documents have been received, and the media application has been approved by the IAS Media team.

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.

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Conference format change

If the IAS changes the conference format to fully virtual, all registrations will be converted to virtual registrations. Media representatives cannot hold the IAS liable for any damages, costs, financial losses or any other losses incurred.

Cancellation policy

Notification of cancellation must be made in writing and sent to the Registration team by email. The cancellation will not be effective until the media representative receives a written acknowledgement from the Registration team.

Cancellation of HIV Science Geneva 2027

If HIV Science Geneva 2027 cannot be held or is postponed due to events beyond the control of the IAS (including force majeure) or due to events that are not attributable to wrongful intent or gross negligence of the IAS, media representatives cannot hold the IAS liable for any damages, costs, financial losses or any other losses incurred.

Modification of the programme

The IAS reserves the right to modify the programme, which is published as an indication only.

Replacement name badge

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

Letter of invitation

Individuals requiring an official letter of invitation from the IAS can download one through their conference account. To download a letter of invitation, media must first register and any supporting documentation required by the IAS Media team must be approved.

This letter of invitation does not place any financial obligations on the IAS. All expenses incurred in relation to conference participation are the sole responsibility of the media representative. The letter of invitation does not guarantee an entry visa for Switzerland.

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Visa requirements

It is the sole responsibility of the media representative to comply with any entry and/or visa requirements. Media representatives should therefore contact their nearest Swiss embassy or consulate to determine their entry and visa requirements.

Registration details from media representatives may be shared with Swiss immigration authorities to assist in the immigration process. However, the IAS and/or the Registration team will not directly contact embassies and consulates on behalf of media representatives.

Further information on entry and visa requirements as well as the refund process and proofs to be provided can be found on the HIV Science Geneva 2027 Immigration page.

Data protection and sharing of contact details with third parties

The IAS will collect, process, transfer and store data subjects' personal data only for: (i) the preparation and execution of HIV Science Geneva 2027; and (ii) the preparation of future IAS, AIDS and HIVR4P conferences. Data protection is warranted in accordance with the Swiss Federal Act on Data Protection (nFAPD), the European Union General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Data subjects' personal data will be retained securely and accessible only on a need-to-know basis by duly authorized persons. For further information, please read the IAS data privacy policy.

The details of data subjects registering for HIV Science Geneva 2027 entered in the conference account – that is, full first and last name(s), date of birth, email, country of residence and healthcare professional status – will be shared with the following parties:

- IAS Registration team, c/o K.I.T. Group, Germany
- Presentation support and app provider, c/o Key 4 Events, France

The data subjects' details entered in the conference account and registration form (first and last name, date of birth, gender, passport number, nationality, country of residence and email) may also be shared with Swiss immigration and security authorities.

In addition, certain contact details (full name, participant type, email, country, zip code and healthcare professional status) may be shared with conference sponsors using lead capture when data subjects voluntarily allow their badge to be scanned during the conference.

The data subjects herewith authorize the IAS to collect, process and transfer their personal data to the above-listed third parties and authorities. The data subjects 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 IAS cannot assure the data subjects 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 IAS will nevertheless contractually ensure that data subjects' personal data will be processed by the above-listed third parties and authorities to the same extent as it is authorized for itself under the nFADP and the GDPR. The IAS will also ensure that all third parties that will process data subjects' personal data have implemented appropriate technical and organizational measures to protect data subjects' personal data against accidental or unlawful destruction or accidental loss, alteration and unauthorized 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 HIV Science Geneva 2027 and will not use it for any other purposes.

During the registration process and the execution of the conference, the personal data of each data subject is processed. All personal data will be processed in accordance with the applicable data protection regulations, in particular, the GDPR and the German Federal Data Protection Act (BDSG).

Personal data will not be forwarded to a third party unless in accordance with Art. 6 Sec 1 lit a-f GDPR: (a) express consent; (b) performance or conclusion of a contract; (c) fulfilment of a legal obligation; (d) protection of vital interests of the data subject or another natural person; (e) public interest or exercise of official authority; and (f) legitimate interest of the data controller and balancing of interests.

In the course of participation in the conference, personal data may be processed by companies based in third countries outside the European Union. The data subject consents to such data processing insofar as it is necessary for their participation and the full use of the conference services.

For further details on data processing, your rights about information and access to personal data and how to contact the data protection officer, please refer to the IAS data privacy policy.

Conference embargo policy

All HIV Science Geneva 2027 abstracts are released to media under a strict embargo policy. A detailed breakdown of embargo procedures for different types of abstracts is available on the embargo policy page.

All media commit to adhere to this policy when they apply for conference registration.

Photo and video consent

In view of the fact that the events related to HIV Science Geneva 2027 will be filmed and photographed, you hereby agree that, by attending the conference, your image and/or voice may be recorded and published or broadcast through different media.

If you do not consent to close-up photography or close-up filmed material, please inform the photographer or videographer immediately during the event. Following the conference, you may also request the removal of your image from IAS communications by contacting media@iasociety.org.

If a media representative wishes to film or take photographs at HIV Science Geneva 2027, it is the media representative's responsibility to first seek permission from all those being filmed or photographed in line with host city or any other applicable laws or regulations.

Principles of conference participation

By attending HIV Science Geneva 2027, media representatives agree to comply with the IAS conferences code of conduct.

Liability

The IAS 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 – for whatever legal reason – shall be limited to intent and gross negligence. The liability of commissioned service providers shall remain unaffected by this. The media representative shall take part in HIV Science Geneva 2027 at their own risk. Oral agreements shall not be binding if these have not been confirmed in writing by the IAS.

Fulfilment and jurisdiction

These terms and conditions for media and the rights of the parties hereunder shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Switzerland, without regard to choice of law rules.

Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of, or in relation to, these terms and conditions for media, including the validity, invalidity, breach or termination thereof, shall be resolved by arbitration in accordance with the Swiss Rules of International Arbitration of the Swiss Arbitration Centre in force on the date when 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 in Geneva, Switzerland. The arbitral proceedings shall be conducted in English. The Expedited Procedure shall apply.

Click here for further information on the IAS privacy policy.