General Terms and Conditions of Events of Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft zur Förderung der angewandten Forschung e.V.

1. Scope
(1) These General Terms and Conditions of Events apply to events that are held by the Fraunhofer Society (hereinafter “Fraunhofer”). They govern the rights and obligations in connection with participation in such an event by the other party to the contract (“Participant”).

(2) Institutes and research units of Fraunhofer are legally dependent institutions of Fraunhofer. The events of an institute or research unit are therefore determined by the general Fraunhofer events. Fraunhofer reserves the right to make changes in the program schedule and/or content for good cause in the program schedule or content as far as the supporting program is governed by these General Terms and Conditions of Events therefore exist for and against Fraunhofer. Declarations made by a Fraunhofer institute or research unit are attributable to Fraunhofer. The point of contact for events of an institute is that institute itself (“Organizer”).

(3) These General Terms and Conditions of Events do not apply to the mere leasing out event space so that the third parties can hold an event.

(4) These General Terms and Conditions of Events apply on an exclusive basis unless expressly provided otherwise hereinafter. Terms and conditions of participants or third parties that conflict with, deviate from, or supplement these General Terms and Conditions of Events shall not become an element of the contract, even if Fraunhofer does not expressly object to them.

(5) In case of Events of Fraunhofer, the safety guidelines and the relevant house rules that apply at the event venue must be observed.

2. Subject of the contract
(1) The subject of the General Terms and Conditions of Events is participation in an event by Participant, the holding of the event, and the provision by Organizer of services, if any, to accompany the event.

(2) The content, schedule, and other information concerning an event are set out in the relevant event description (see Sec. 5).

3. Registration; conclusion of contract; on-site registration
(1) Registration for an event can take place via websites used for this purpose by Organizer or via email if Organizer has provided.

(2) Unless otherwise specified in the individual case, Participant, by filling out and submitting the registration form provided, issues an offer to participate in the event. A contract regarding participation in the event comes into effect when this offer is accepted by Organizer. Acceptance takes place via confirmation of registration, which is transmitted by email or mail.

(3) In the case of online registration, Participant will receive an automated email confirmation that his/her registration has been received. This email does not yet constitute acceptance within the meaning of paragraph 2 above.

(4) Participants are required to bring the registration confirmation with them to the event and may be required to show it. There is no guarantee that Participant will be able to participate without showing the registration confirmation. Participants who wish to use a discount may be required to show the status of their discount at the venue.

(5) A registration confirmation is binding in principle and entitles Participant to participate in the event in question. There is no claim to participation in certain parts of the program unless these have been expressly booked in advance. This applies in particular to parts of the program open only to a limited number of participants. Moreover, in the case of free participation in events open to a limited number of participants, Fraunhofer reserves the right to refuse access to the event on site – including for certain times only and/or for certain parts of the event – for safety reasons as required by the venue’s maximum occupancy. Fraunhofer will provide advance notice of such non-binding participation wherever possible.

(6) If on-site registration is required in order to enter the event, Participant will receive advance notice of such non-binding participation wherever possible. Name badges and/or other visual/technical means of identification may be issued for access. This ensures that access to the event is limited to Participants and other authorized parties. Name badges and other means of identification must not be shared with third parties.

4. Contract information
You can access, store, and print out these General Terms and Conditions of Events online via https://www.ict.fraunhofer.de/en/conferences/Eventregulations/GeneralTer msEvents.html. We store the text of the contract (contract information and terms and conditions of participation). For your contract, even if Fraunhofer does not expressly object to them.

5. Event description
(1) The content, schedule, and other information concerning an event are set out in the relevant event description provided by Organizer.

(2) The right to make changes in the program schedule and/or content for good reason is reserved. Organizer will make every effort to communicate any changes in advance by email or on the relevant official event or institute website.

(3) If a supporting program is offered for Participants in addition to the actual event program, this supporting program is provided by a third party unless otherwise agreed. In this case, the legal relationship exists between Participant and the third party as far as the supporting program is concerned. Fraunhofer is not a party to that contract.

6. Participation fee; due date, price reduction
(1) In the case of events for which a fee is charged, Participant is obligated to pay the agreed participation fee. The amount of the participation fee is stated in the event description.

(2) The participation fee must be paid in advance in accordance with the payment options stated. The registration fee must be paid no later than the payment instruction.

7. Changes for good cause in the program schedule or content do not constitute grounds for reducing the participation fee.

8. Cancellation by Participant; designation of a representative
(1) No contractual right of rescission or cancellation on the part of Participant is agreed.

(2) If Participant is unable to attend the event for any reason, the participation fee is due and payable nonetheless, and payments that have already been made will not be refunded. This applies even if Participant cancels his or her participation before the event starts.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 2 above, Organizer may provide for full or partial refunds of the participation fee. Further information on this is set out in the relevant event description.

Withdrawal Policy
You have the right to withdraw from this contract within 14 days without giving any reason. The withdrawal period will expire after 14 days from the day of the conclusion of the contract.

To exercise the right of withdrawal, you must inform us of your decision to withdraw from this contract by an unequivocal statement (e.g. a letter sent by post, fax or e-mail). You may use the attached sample withdrawal form, but it is not obligatory.

To meet the withdrawal deadline, it is sufficient for you to send your communication concerning your exercise of the right of withdrawal before the withdrawal period has expired.

Effects of withdrawal
If you withdraw from this contract, we shall reimburse to you all payments received from you, including the costs of delivery (with the exception of the supplementary costs resulting from your choice of a type of delivery other than the least expensive type of standard delivery offered by us), without undue delay and in any event not later than 14 days from the day on which we are informed about your decision to withdraw from this contract. We will carry out such reimbursement using the same means of payment as you used for the initial transaction unless you have expressly agreed otherwise; in any event, you will not incur any fees as a result of such reimbursement.

If you requested to begin the performance of services during the withdrawal period, you shall pay us an amount that is in proportion to what was provided up to the point of withdrawal in relation to the full coverage of the contract.

Sample withdrawal form
To
Fraunhofer Institute for Chemical Technology ICT
Joseph-von-Fraunhofer Straße 7
76327 Pfinztal

Tel.: +49 721 4640-0
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We (*) hereby give notice that we (*) withdraw from my/our (*) contract of sale of the following goods (*)/for the provision of the following service (*),

Ordered on (*)
Received on (*)
Name of the consumer(s)
Address of the consumer(s)
Signature of the consumer(s) (if only this form is submitted on paper)

Date

(*): Please use an appropriate status.
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9. Cancellation by Organizer; rescision by Organizer
   (1) Organizer reserves the right to cancel or discontinue the event for good cause pursuant to the provisions below. Good cause is deemed to exist if, upon consideration of all circumstances of the individual case and upon weighing the interests of both parties, Organizer cannot reasonably be expected to hold the event. In particular, good cause is deemed to exist if there is a credible risk of terrorist attacks, natural disasters, force majeure (e.g., acts of war, strike, epidemic, disruptions of operations), or in the event of the absence, illness, or death of a speaker or other persons who are essential to the content and implementation of the event program.
   (2) If the event is cancelled pursuant to paragraph 1 above, the obligation to pay a participation fee ceases to apply. Participant may demand a refund for payments already made. If the event is aborted, only a prorated refund will be provided. Participant has no other claims due to the event being cancelled or aborted unless Organizer is responsible for the reason for the cancellation or premature termination.
   (3) If the number of registrations for the event is so low that holding the event is no longer reasonable for Organizer in economic terms upon consideration of the event format and its planned overall parameters (e.g., event venue, meals and other refreshments, number of speakers), Organizer is entitled to declare its withdrawal from the event and cancel it.

10. Right to make and enforce house rules; no smoking
   (1) The house rules of the specific event venue apply. Participant shall follow instructions issued in the exercise of the right to make and enforce house rules.
   (2) In principle, smoking is prohibited at the event venue. This does not apply to specially designated outdoor areas or indoor spaces.

11. Coat check
   (1) If offered, Participant shall use the designated coat check areas to check personal items.
   (2) No liability is assumed for personal items and the contents of bags or pockets in items left on unsupervised coat stands or racks outside the coat check areas.

12. Telecommunication connections; Internet access
   (1) Organizer is not obligated to provide Internet connections (Wi-Fi, LAN) as part of an event.
   (2) If Internet connections are offered at the event venue as an exception, the Organizer is not obligated to provide Internet connections (Wi-Fi, LAN) as part of an event.

13. Advertising and sales activities
   (1) Participants are not permitted to engage in any kind of advertising or to offer or sell goods or services at the event venue or the associated grounds except with Organizer's prior written consent.
   (2) Participants themselves are responsible for the information they provide regarding the event (e.g. on the Internet) and are not deemed to be acting on Organizer's behalf in this regard.

14. Sponsoring
   (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Sec. 13 (1) above, Participants who are involved in the event through financial support or support in kind (sponsors) are entitled to designate themselves as event sponsors. Details are set forth in an agreement between Organizer and the sponsor, which must be concluded separately.
   (2) Participants, and especially sponsors, are not permitted to designate themselves as sponsors, supporters, or the like of Fraunhofer or any of its institutes.
   (3) Organizer and sponsors are obligated to show consideration for each other's legitimate interests. This continues to apply after the end of an event.

15. Photos, video/audio recordings
   (1) Organizer will take photos and make video/audio recordings (e.g. photos or videos) during the event, including the supporting program, and use these for purposes of documentation, for reporting during and after the event, for post-event promotion, and for announcing future events. Organizer is entitled to provide the photos and recordings to third parties (also including the press, for example for the stated purposes and to publish them on media platforms (e.g., Facebook, Instagram and Organizer's own website).
   (2) Organizer shall take care to ensure that the personal rights of the Participant are not violated when photos, video/audio recordings are used.
   (3) Participant is not permitted to take photos or make video/audio recordings and use them except for personal purposes. Participant is not permitted to make any commercial use of the image and/or video/audio material except with Organizer's prior written consent.

16. Event materials; copyright and rights of use
   (1) Organizer is entitled to fund out contributions that have been submitted as part of the event to Participants, make them publicly accessible on the event website, and publish and disseminate them in the conference proceedings of the event.
   (2) Event documents handed out to Participants are protected by copyright. Reproduction, dissemination, and/or publication of these documents is not permitted. Reproduction of the documents without Fraunhofer's express consent is permitted exclusively for personal purposes within the meaning of Sec. 53 of the German Copyright Act (Urheberrechtsgesetz) and is also liable for injury to life, body or health of persons.

17. Liability
   (1) Organizer assumes no liability for ensuring that the information and content provided by third parties in the event documents are up-to-date, accurate, and complete. In particular, Organizer assumes no liability for damages or losses due to defects or lost profit. This limitation of liability also applies in the event of fault on the part of Organizer's legal representative or vicarious agent.

18. Data protection
   Organizer processes personal data collected in connection with registration for and participation in the event in compliance with the applicable provisions of the law on data protection. For further information, in particular on the purposes and scope of processing and on the rights of data subjects, please see Organizer’s data protection information ([https://www.iat.fraunhofer.de/de/liferay/pages/content/regulations/data protection](https://www.iat.fraunhofer.de/de/liferay/pages/content/regulations/data protection)), which is referenced each time a Participant registers for the event.

Final provisions
(1) Should one or several provisions of these Terms and Conditions become invalid, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby.
(2) Amendments to these Terms and Conditions must be in written form. This rule shall also apply to the amendment of the provision on the written form.
(3) All claims arising out of or in connection with these General Terms and Conditions of Events shall be subject to German law.
(4) If Participant is a merchant (Haftpflichtkunde), a legal entity under public law, or a special asset fund under public law, the place of jurisdiction for all disputes arising out of or in connection with these General Terms and Conditions of Events is Munich.