



AIDS 2022: Terms & conditions for media

Definitions

These terms & conditions for media are valid for every person registered as media to AIDS 2022, the 24th International AIDS Conference, (hereinafter referred to as "the conference" or "AIDS 2022"), taking place in Montreal, Canada, and virtually from 29 July to 2 August 2022, with pre-conference meetings set to begin on 27 July 2022.

All references to the age of a person, mentioned in this and other conference documents, refer to the age of that person as of 27 July 2022, unless otherwise specified.

All references to a date or a deadline, mentioned in this and other conference documents, refer to the Central European Time Zone (CET).

The organizer of AIDS 2022 is IAS – the International AIDS Society – which is registered and based in Switzerland.

Media registration and accreditation

Application process and requirements

Media must register online by submitting both the media registration form as well as the required supporting documents. To be able to register as media, you must be at least 18 years old. You may be asked to present an official identity card stating your age. If the maximum in-person capacity is reached, the IAS reserves the right to decline new in-person plus virtual registrations, or requests to change from virtual registrations to in-person plus virtual registrations.

Only qualified journalists and media organizations will be accredited. Journalists, photographers, videographers and community educators who are either employees of or on assignment for a recognized print, radio, broadcast or online consumer, medical, community-based or AIDS service organization-sponsored media outlet are eligible to apply for complimentary media registration. Please note that for the purpose of media accreditation, the term "community educator" refers to anyone doing journalism for an AIDS service organization or other community-based media outlet.



To apply for a media accreditation, the following supporting documents must be submitted:

- Letter from your editor stating the purpose of your assignment at AIDS 2022 (on official company letterhead).
- Two articles on health and science HIV/AIDS topics with your byline, written within the past year (URLs or scanned copies of print pieces are accepted). Note, if original articles are not in English, please provide an English translation for review.
- A copy of your current press badge. If you do not have a press card, your editor must state this clearly in the above letter.

Please note: Communications support professionals attached to a recognized HIV research, advocacy or policy organization, whose work is not directly related to supporting media coverage of presentations at AIDS 2022 are not considered media and must register as a regular delegate. Please contact the [AIDS 2022 Registration team](#) to request a media access as part of your regular delegate registration. Media accreditation for this category is not guaranteed and is granted on a case-by-case basis.

Application review

Your 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 AIDS 2022, 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. Please allow a minimum processing time of 14 days to receive confirmation of your registration. The IAS Media team cannot take responsibility for delays or delivery failure of supporting documentation. Your media registration will only be confirmed once we have received and approved your completed registration form and required supporting documentation. As the number of media registrations is limited, media registration is not guaranteed.

In-person plus virtual registration

The in-person plus virtual registration for media includes:

- In-person access to all conference sessions, satellite sessions, poster discussion sessions, the exhibition, the Global Village, the pre-conference meetings and the media centre.
- Online access to all conference sessions, satellite sessions and pre-conference meetings streamed live on the virtual platform, session recordings and on-demand content, the virtual exhibition, e-posters, the virtual Global Village and the virtual media centre throughout the conference and after.

Virtual registration

The virtual registration for media includes online access to all conference sessions, satellite sessions and pre-conference meetings streamed live on the virtual platform, session recordings and on-demand content, the virtual exhibition, e-posters, the virtual Global Village and the virtual media centre throughout the conference and after.



Registration confirmation

There is no registration fee for accredited media.

A registration confirmation will be sent by email once the AIDS 2022 Registration team has received the fully completed registration form and after all required supporting documents have been provided and approved.

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.

Registration format change

AIDS 2022 allows you to change your registration to virtual or in-person plus virtual as follows until 1 June 2022.

Conference format change

Should the IAS change the conference format to fully virtual, all in-person plus virtual registrations will be converted to virtual registrations and the difference refunded.

Cancellation policy

Notification of cancellation must be made in writing and sent to the AIDS 2022 Registration team by email. Requests for refunds of any additional items ordered (such as the local charitable giving programme) will not be accepted. The cancellation will not be effective until a written acknowledgement from the AIDS 2022 Registration team is received.

Cancellation of AIDS 2022

If AIDS 2022 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, the IAS cannot be held liable by delegates 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.

Lost name badge

The conference name badge must be worn at all times during the in-person conference. Access to the conference facilities will not be granted without a proper name badge. If a media loses, misplaces or forgets the name badge, a handling fee of USD65 will be charged for a new name badge. Upon handing out a new name badge, the lost badge will be deactivated and become invalid.



Letter of invitation

Media requiring an official letter of invitation from the IAS can request one through the online registration form. To receive a letter of invitation, media representatives must first register for AIDS 2022, and any supporting documentation required by the AIDS 2022 Registration 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. The letter of invitation does not guarantee an entry visa to Canada.

Visa requirements

It is the sole responsibility of the media representatives to confirm any [visa requirements](#). Media representatives who require an entry visa must allow sufficient time for the application procedure. Media representatives should contact the nearest Canadian embassy or consulate to determine the appropriate timing of their visa applications. We strongly encourage media representatives to submit their visa applications to the authorities as early as possible and at least 12 weeks before the travel date.

Media registration details may be shared with the Canadian immigration authorities to assist in the immigration process. However, the IAS and/or the AIDS 2022 Registration team will not directly contact embassies and consulates on behalf of media representatives.

Data protection and sharing of contact details with third parties

The IAS will collect, process, transfer and store media representatives' personal data only for (i) the preparation and execution of AIDS 2022 and (ii) the preparation of future International AIDS Society, AIDS and HIVR4P conferences. Data protection is warranted in accordance with the Swiss Data Protection Act and the Tele Service Data Protection Act. Delegates' personal data will be retained securely and only be accessible on a need-to-know basis by duly authorized persons. For further information please read the [IAS data privacy policy](#).

The data of media representatives registering for AIDS 2022 entered in the conference account – that is, full first and last name(s), date of birth, email, country of residence, nationality, healthcare professional status, gender, organization, profession – will be shared with the following entity (third party), in countries which legislation might not ensure an adequate level of data protection:

- AIDS 2022 Registration team, c/o K.I.T. Group, Germany
- AIDS 2022 Virtual Platform Provider

In order to facilitate border entry and visa applications, media representative data included in your letter of invitation (first and last name, home address, date of birth, passport number, nationality) may also be shared with the Canadian immigration authorities.



The media representatives herewith authorize the IAS to collect, process and transfer their personal data to the above listed third parties and authorities. The media representatives 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 media representatives 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 delegates' personal data will be processed by the above listed third party to the same extent as it is authorized for itself under Swiss law. The IAS will also ensure that all third parties that will process media representatives' personal data have implemented appropriate technical and organizational measures to protect media representatives' personal data against accidental or unlawful destruction or accidental loss, alteration, 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 AIDS 2022, and not use the personal data for any other purposes.

During the registration process and the execution of the Conference the personal data of each attendee is processed. All personal data will be processed in accordance with the applicable data protection regulations, in particular the General Data Protection Regulation GDPR (Regulation (EU) 2016/679) 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, (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 attendee consents to such data processing insofar as it is necessary for his 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 [privacy policy](#).



Conference embargo policy

All AIDS 2022 abstracts are released to delegates and media under a strict embargo policy. A detailed breakdown of embargo procedures for different types of abstracts is available on the AIDS 2022 [conference embargo policy page](#).

All conference participants, presenters and 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 AIDS 2022 will be filmed and photographed, you hereby agree that, by attending the conference, your image and/or voice may be recorded and published or broadcasted through different media.

IAS principles and values of conference participation

By attending AIDS 2022, delegates agree to comply with the [IAS principles and values of conference participation](#).

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 delegate shall take part in AIDS 2022 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 & 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 shall be resolved by arbitration in accordance with the Swiss Rules of International Arbitration of the Swiss Chambers' Arbitration Institution in force on the date on which 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 Geneva. The arbitral proceedings shall be conducted in English. The arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions for Expedited Procedure.

Click [here](#) for further information on the IAS' copyright, disclaimer and privacy policies.