

Privacy notice

This privacy notice is provided pursuant to article 13 of Regulation (EU) no. 2016/679 – General Data Protection Regulation (hereinafter referred to as “GDPR”) by:

Area di Ricerca Scientifica e Tecnologica di Trieste – Area Science Park (hereinafter “**Area Science Park**”), with its registered office in Località Padriciano 99, 34149 Trieste, Italy

and

S.I.S.M. – Società Italiana di Scienze Microscopiche (hereinafter “**SISM**”) with its registered office in Area Science Park Basovizza, S.S. 14 km 163,5, 34149 Trieste, Italy

hereinafter jointly referred to as “Joint Controllers”

in relation to the processing of personal data carried out as part of the organisation of the XVIII “Multinational Congress on Microscopy” (hereinafter “MCM18”), taking place in Trieste from 12 to 17 September 2027.

1. Joint Controllers

Pursuant to the “Joint Controller agreement for the processing of personal data” entered into on 16 September 2026 in accordance with Article 26 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, Area Science Park and SISM jointly determine the purposes and means of the processing of personal data within the scope of the organisation of MCM18, as further detailed in point 5 of this privacy notice.

The person to whom the personal data being processed refer, in his/her capacity as data subject, may hence exercise his/her rights in respect of each of them, in accordance with article 26 of the GDPR. More specifically, the data subject can contact either Joint Controller by writing to the addresses mentioned above or by sending an e-mail to the following e-mail addresses:

- for Area Science Park: urp@areasciencepark.it;
- for SISM: info@sism.it.

2. Data Protection Officer (DPO)

Pursuant to article 37 of the GDPR, Area Science Park has appointed a Data Protection Officer, who can be reached at the following e-mail address: rpd@areasciencepark.it.

3. Origin of the personal data

The personal data processed by the Joint Controllers for the purposes described in this privacy notice are provided by the data subject.

4. Categories of personal data concerned

The personal data processed by the Joint Controllers for the purposes described in this privacy notice are “standard” personal data.

5. Purposes and legal basis of the processing

Subject to the provisions of article 4, paragraph 3 of the joint controller agreement referred to in point 1 of this privacy notice, whereby “the processing described under this Agreement will be aimed at the organisation of MCM18 [omissis] and, in particular, at the provision of organisational secretarial services, hostess services, hospitality services where required, and any other necessary services, as well as the management of relations with sponsors and exhibitors”, the personal data of the data subject referred to in this privacy notice are processed by the Joint Controllers for the purposes set out in the table below, alongside which the legal basis for the processing is also indicated.

Purpose of the processing	Legal basis for the processing
Replying to requests for information submitted by the data subjects	• The performance of a contract to which the data subject is party or the taking of steps at the request of the data subject prior to entering into a contract (article 6, paragraph 1, letter b) of the GDPR) • The performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller (article 6, paragraph 1, letter e) of the GDPR)
Sending the data subject informative or promotional materials or other notices by the Joint Controllers	The consent of the data subject (article 6, paragraph 1, letter a) of the GDPR)

6. Recipients or categories of recipients of the personal data

Without prejudice to any disclosure and further dissemination of the data under legal obligations or by orders of the authorities, the data will be known by the staff of the Joint Controllers, as well as by the staff of any data processors appointed by the Joint Controllers themselves, all of whom are authorised to process the data and specially trained to do so. A detailed and constantly updated list of the data processors is available to the data subject at the offices of each Joint Controller.

7. Transfer of the data to countries outside the EU

Should the Joint Controllers be required to transfer the personal data of the data subject to countries outside the EU, the transfer will be carried out in such a way as to provide appropriate or suitable safeguards in accordance with Chapter V of the GDPR.

8. Data storage period

- Data processed for the purpose of replying to a request for information submitted by the data subject will be retained until the data subject objects to the processing;
- data processed for the purpose of sending informative or promotional materials or other notices by the Joint Controllers will be retained until the data subject withdraws his/her consent.

9. Rights of the data subject

With reference to his/her personal data, the data subject has the following rights:

- a) right of access (article 15 of the GDPR);
- b) right to rectification (article 16 of the GDPR);
- c) right to erasure (article 17 of the GDPR);
- d) right to restriction of processing (article 18 of the GDPR);
- e) right to data portability (article 20 of the GDPR), if the processing is based on the performance of a contract or on the data subject's consent and is carried out through IT tools;
- f) right to object to the processing of the data (article 21 of the GDPR);
- g) right to withdraw his/her consent at any time, without affecting the lawfulness of processing based on consent before its withdrawal (article 7, paragraph 3 of the GDPR);
- h) right to lodge a complaint with the competent supervisory authority (article 77 of the GDPR).

To exercise the rights referred to in letters a) to g), data subjects may send an e-mail to the following addresses:

- for Area Science Park: rpd@areasciencepark.it;
- for SISM: info@sism.it.

The Joint Controllers shall provide a reply within one month of receipt of the request; that period may be extended to up to three months if the request is particularly complex. When applicable, the Joint Controllers shall communicate the exercise of the rights by the data subject to each recipient to whom the personal data have been disclosed, except for specific cases (for example where this proves impossible or involves a manifestly disproportionate use of means compared to the right protected).

10. Compulsory or optional nature of providing data and consequences of failure to provide data

Providing the personal data referred to in this privacy notice is optional, but necessary to carry out the activities that are required to achieve the purposes set out in point 5 of the notice itself. Therefore, any failure to provide such data shall preclude the activities in question.

11. Absence of automated decision-making

In the processing of the personal data referred to in this privacy notice, the Joint Controllers do not use any automated decision-making under article 22 of the GDPR.