

2026 AIPPI World Congress - Terms & Conditions

Welcome to AIPPI. This Site is operated by Association pour la Protection de la Propriété Intellectuelle, with headquarters in Zurich, Switzerland ("AIPPI"). The following terms and conditions apply to the registration of Congress attendees ("Participant") for the **2026 AIPPI World Congress to be held in Hamburg, Germany** ("Congress") and the use of the registration and the Congress Site ("Site"). Please read them carefully before using the registration Site and/or registering for the Congress.

1. Your agreement

By using this Site or registering for the Congress, you expressly accept these terms and conditions and agree with its applicability.

2. Cookie and Privacy Policy

Please review our Cookie and Privacy Policy available at [AIPPI](#) which also applies to the use of this Site.

3. Payment of Congress Registration Fees

Payment of the Congress registration fees must be made via credit card. Most common credit cards are accepted. Other payment methods will not be accepted. Please follow the payment instructions provided upon completion of the registration form.

4. Congress Badges and Event Admittance

Congress badges with Participants' photographs will be issued at the Registration Desk at the Congress venue. Only registered Participants will be permitted to pick up their own badges in person. Proxy check-ins are not permitted.

The photographs to be used on the Congress badges must be uploaded when completing the registration form. Please follow the requirements of the photographs as specified in the registration form.

Congress badges must be worn at all times during the Congress at the Congress venue and will be required for entering into sessions and attending all events. No sharing or transferring of badges to others will be allowed. Participants found violating this policy will have their badges confiscated and will be asked to leave the Congress without refunds or readmission to the Congress.

AIPPI reserves the right to remove any Participant who is deemed a threat or causes danger to other Participants. Such Participants will have their badges confiscated and will be asked to leave the Congress without refunds or readmission.

5. List of Participants

All Participants hereby agree to have their contact details (first name, last name, company name, job title, email address, country and national/regional group) to be included in the list of Participants. The list of Participants is made available on the Congress's online platform and will be accessible only by registered Participants. The purpose of this list is to allow registered Participants to connect with each other. Any other use of the list of Participants and of any contacts of the Participants is not permitted and you hereby commit to refrain from making any unpermitted use of the contact details by accepting the terms and conditions.

AIPPI will not provide a separate 'list of attendees' in any file format due to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

6. Event Photographs and Videos

AIPPI will record the whole Congress, including all the sessions and events, by way of video recording, photographs and other means. You hereby agree that AIPPI can use such recordings or materials which may include your images and likenesses in any way to promote AIPPI, its works and activities, including but not limiting to AIPPI's Newsletter and other promotional materials during and after the Congress.

This consent can be withdrawn by any registered Participant at any time, by sending an email to: registration@aippi.org.

7. Cancellations and Refunds & Registration Transfers

AIPPI may, in its sole discretion, defer or cancel the Congress if it assesses the levels of risk to personal safety to be heightened. In this case, the registration fees will not be refunded.

Force Majeure:

In the event of circumstances beyond the reasonable control of AIPPI, including but not limited to acts of God, natural disasters, war, acts of terrorism, governmental actions, pandemics, or any other unforeseeable events (collectively referred to as “Force Majeure Events”), AIPPI shall be deemed not to be in default of these Terms and Conditions or any contract with the Participants, nor shall it be held liable for any failure or delay in performing its obligations.

AIPPI reserves the right to cancel, modify, or suspend its services without liability upon the occurrence of any Force Majeure Event. In the case of cancellations due to Force Majeure Events, AIPPI will make reasonable efforts to accommodate refunds or rescheduling, provided always that, AIPPI shall not be responsible for any costs beyond the value of the services provided, paid by the Participant.

Personal matters of Participants are not considered Force Majeure Events.

Visa Refusal:

In the event of a visa refusal, a refund will be considered only if the refusal is communicated to the General Secretariat (registration@aippi.org) **two (2) weeks** prior to the start of the Congress and the visa application was made **three (3) months** before the Congress. Please submit a copy of the visa refusal letter, including the date.

General Cancellation:

For all cancellations listed below, a 3% administrative fee will be deducted from the total amount paid before processing the refund.

- 100% Refund on or before **16 August 2026**
- 50% Refund between **17 August 2026** and **6 September 2026**
- 10% Refund between **7 September 2026** and **20 September 2026**

All deadlines, including those for cancellation requests, transfers and discount periods, are based on Swiss time (CEST). After **20 September 2026**, there will be no refunds for cancellations.

Registration Transfer:

It is possible to transfer a registration to another member of AIPPI before **20 September 2026**.

Any requests for cancellation, transfer or other changes must be in writing and sent to the AIPPI General Secretariat at registration@aippi.org.

All deadlines including requests for cancellation, transfer and discount periods are based on Swiss time CEST.

8. Visa Requirements and other requirements

All Participants agree to take responsibility for checking and complying with the relevant visa requirements before entering the country or region where the Congress is being held.

If an invitation letter or proof of registration of the Congress is required to support a visa application, please refer to the Visa page on the Congress website. Participants are recommended to secure a visa as soon as possible as the application may take some time.

AIPPI does not bear responsibility for any delays in visa application process, visa refusals, or any other issues related to obtaining a visa for the Congress.

Participants are also reminded to check other entry requirements such as health and safety regulations which may vary and change from time to time.

9. Disclaimer

As provided under the applicable law, AIPPI shall not be liable for any personal injury, loss or any damage of properties arising out of the conduct of and your participation in the Congress and its related activities and the use of this Site.

10. Communications and Contents

You may post reviews, comments, photos, videos, and other content on the Site and/or on other media, including social media, in relation to the Congress; these activities are permitted, as long as the content is not illegal, obscene, threatening, defamatory, invasive of privacy, infringing of intellectual property rights (including publicity rights), or otherwise injurious to third parties, and does not consist of or contain software viruses, political campaigning, commercial solicitation, chain letters, mass mailings, or any form of "spam" or unsolicited commercial electronic messages. You may not use a false e-mail address, impersonate any person or entity, or otherwise mislead as to the origin of a communication or card or other content. You represent and warrant that you own or otherwise control all of the rights to the content that you post; that the content is accurate; that use of the content you supply does not violate any third-party rights; and that you will indemnify AIPPI for all claims resulting from content you supply.

Any communication, information or action by you during the Congress and at the Congress premises is permitted only insofar as this complies with these terms and conditions and Privacy Policy and is connected to the Congress and your participation in the same.

AIPPI has the right but not the obligation to monitor and edit or remove any content, activity or content from the Site and the Congress premises. AIPPI takes no responsibility and assumes no liability for any content, information or activity by you and by registered Participants on the Site, at the Congress premises and/or in relation with the Congress.

11. Applicable law and jurisdiction

These terms and conditions are governed by Swiss law, to the exclusion of any conflict of law rules. All disputes arising out of, or in connection with the use of this Site and your registration and/or participation in the Congress, including disputes regarding the conclusion, validity, binding effect, amendment, breach, termination or rescission of any related activities, shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the ordinary courts of the city of Zurich, Switzerland, the venue being Zurich 1.

Your use of the Site and your participation in the Congress is considered a business activity.

These Terms and Conditions were released on 17 April 2026.

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