

## CPV-17 TERMS & CONDITIONS

### 1. TYPE OF EVENT, LOCATION, HOST etc.

These General Terms and Conditions are valid for each attendee registered for the CPV-17 conference, April 12-14, 2021 (hereafter referred to as "conference"). The conference will be held as an online event.

Conference host: Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems (ISE), Heidenhofstr. 2, 79110 Freiburg, Germany,  
<https://www.ise.fraunhofer.de>

Responsible conference organizer, encashment and conference secretariat: PSE Conferences and Consulting GmbH, Emmy-Noether-Str. 2, 79110 Freiburg, Germany, [www.pse-co.de](http://www.pse-co.de) (hereafter referred to as "organizer").

### 2. PROGRAM AND SOCIAL PROGRAM

The conference program will be published on the conference website [www.cpv-17.org](http://www.cpv-17.org).

Conference and organizer cannot assume liability for any changes in the program due to external and unforeseen circumstances such as but not limited to cancellation of speakers, technical problems, etc. and reserves the right to cancel, postpone, relocate or change any of the sessions or to add new sessions and to make changes regarding speaker identity. Updates will be published on the website regularly.

### 3. REGISTRATION

#### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The registration deadlines are as follows (may be subject to change):

- Early bird registration deadline: March 08, 2021.
- Online registration will be possible until the end of the conference

Should one deadline be missed, the next applicable fee will be charged automatically. The registration will only be confirmed upon receipt of full payment. The online registration for CPV-17 is available on <http://www.cpv-17.org>.

#### STUDENT RATES

Students enrolled at an approved university will receive the reduced student conference fee. All student discounts are at the organizers' discretion, and proof of status (student card) is required. For this purpose, students will be sent a link where they can upload a scan of the student card. Discounts must be applied when registering – discount cannot be applied after the booking has been processed.

#### STUDENT TICKETS FOR PhD STUDENTS

In case you would like to register for a student ticket as a PhD student, the following document must be uploaded to the conference website:

- A personalized document on official university paper in English language, signed by the professor/PhD supervisor, proving that the participant is doing a doctorate.

### 4. PAYMENT

The whole payment procedure will be managed by the organizer. The online encashment is realized in cooperation with a bank security system company (PAYONE GmbH) and the security systems "Verified by Visa" (VbV) and "MasterCard Secure Code" (MSC).

Payment is required at the time of registration and should be made in the currency indicated.

Payment is possible by credit card (Visa, Master Card, and American Express). Attendees should complete the relevant section of the online registration form. Confirmation of the conference fee will be forwarded after acceptance of payment by the credit card company.

The conference fee and additional services may be subject to VAT. Should VAT rates increase, the fee and prices quoted will be subject to adjustments without prior notice.

The participant will receive confirmation of his/her online registration and payment by e-mail with the invoice attached. If no confirmation is received within 48 hours, please contact [info@cpv-17.org](mailto:info@cpv-17.org).

Each registration for the conference includes:

- Access to all online conference sessions, including a list of participants with a contact feature, the poster and sponsor area, during and for 2 more months after the conference. Presentations will be available as streaming on demand.
- Access to a password-secured area on the website after the end of the conference including:
  - a list of participants (including a contact feature)
  - all accepted abstracts
  - all given presentations in mp4 format and the presentation PDF, if provided by the author
  - all presented posters, including a picture of the poster and a mp4 format presentation, if provided by the author
  - the non-reviewed full papers (until publication with AIP; if cleared for publication)

## 5. CONFIRMATION/ADMISSION

**A delegate's registration will not be valid until receipt and clearance of payment by the conference secretariat.**

A letter of confirmation/payment receipt will be sent by email once the conference secretariat has received the fully completed registration form and the related payment.

**Conference tickets are not transferable.** The online access/login data must not be passed on to third persons. Each participant is only allowed to be logged on to one device. If there is suspicion of abuse, the organizer reserves the right to block any kind of digital access without prior notice.

### CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

The Certificate of Attendance for regular delegates and students will be available after the conference upon request. Please send an e-mail to [info@cpv-17.org](mailto:info@cpv-17.org).

## 6. CANCELLATION POLICY

Online conference tickets are non-refundable.

Substitutions, however, are free of charge. If you wish to substitute a participant, please contact the conference secretariat at your earliest convenience, but until April 7, 2021 the latest. After that, the ticket is non-transferrable.

Credit will not be given for unattended events or early termination of attendance.

## 7. CANCELLATION OF THE CONFERENCE

If the conference cannot be held or is postponed due to events beyond the control of the conference organizers (force majeure) or due to events which are not attributable to wrongful intent or gross negligence of the conference organizers, the conference organizers cannot be held liable by attendees for any damages, costs, or losses incurred, such as transportation costs, accommodation costs, financial losses, etc. Under these circumstances, the conference organizers reserve the right to either retain the entire registration fee or to reimburse the attendee after deducting costs already incurred for the organization of the conference and which could not be recovered from third parties.

## 8. DATA PROTECTION

The personal information provided by the participants will be held in a database. Credit card information will NOT be stored in this database. The email addresses will be used to circulate the conference newsletter, last minute details and announcement of future conference events and will be handed on to the organizer of the next conference. The data of the participants will not be given to a third party, not related to the conference. For further details please see the [Data Protection Policy](#) on the organizer's website.

### INTERNAL AREA - PARTICIPANT CONTACT FEATURE

The conference will offer a contact opportunity for conference participants in its Internal Area. All participants who want to use the contact feature will need to give their consent to send and receive mails to and from other conference participants. The first contact will occur indirectly and anonymously via the conference system. No personal data will be handed out to other participants.

### ONLINE CONFERENCE TOOLS

For all webinar or similar online conferencing and supporting tools that will be used (including posters, forum and chat), the attendee does implicitly accept the terms and conditions of the respective tool when using it. The organizers will do their best, but cannot guarantee, to select only tools that comply with the European Data Protection Regulation.

### AIP CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Each paper author's contact information (name, affiliation and e-mail address) will be shared with AIP Publishing (<http://publishing.aip.org/>), 1305 Walt Whitman Road, Suite 300, Melville, NY 11747-4300, USA. AIP Publishing collects all

copyright transfer forms electronically. After the volume has been submitted to AIP Publishing, they will send all authors an email asking them to complete their electronic forms. This entire procedure is outside of the responsibility of the organizer.

## **9. IMAGE AND SOUND RECORDINGS**

Recordings of images and sound are forbidden.

We would like to point out that in the case of digital event concepts, recordings of the webinars and, if applicable, sound recordings may be made which can be published to the public as well as for reporting, general public relations and advertising purposes. The conference organizer cannot ensure that pirated copies, screenshots or similar cannot be made by third parties.

## **10. LIABILITY**

The conference hosts and the organizer cannot be held liable for any deficiency or accident during the conference or the social events. Exceptions from this rule would include possible deficiencies in procurement occurring from wilful acts or from grossly negligent acts which will make the hosts of the conference and/or the organizer liable, restricted to each individual case. The coverage is based on the original value of the services booked according to our published offer.

The organizer shall be held liable in the framework of a duty of care as a respectable businessman according to statutory provisions. The organizer shall be liable regardless of the legal nature of the claim only in relation to willful acts or gross negligence. The organizer's liability is limited to the compensation of the direct damage; any liability for consequential damage is excluded. In cases of personal injury, statutory regulations shall apply. The liability of commissioned service providers shall remain unaffected by this. The attendee shall take part in the conference at his/her own risk. Verbal agreements shall not be binding if these have not been confirmed in writing by the conference organizer.

Before purchasing a ticket for the virtual event, it is the responsibility of the attendee to check whether the device and internet connection he/she intends to use are sufficient for the use of the product. If it turns out that this is not the case, this is not a defect for which the conference organizer is responsible. Upon request, the organizer will provide information on the system requirements.

The organizer does not guarantee that access to the online conference and the internal area will always be available or that the digital products will always be accessible. Rather, we expressly point out that access to our online services may be temporarily not possible or only possible to a limited extent (e.g. due to maintenance work, security measures or faults and problems over which we have no control). Temporary, short-term unavailability of access to our virtual event and internal area does not entitle you to price reductions, withdrawal or claims for damages.

## **11. FULFILMENT AND JURISDICTION**

All contractual and legal relationships are subject to the exclusive application of the law of Germany, and in the event of any legal claims arising from either party, Freiburg, Germany shall be the sole court of jurisdiction.

Conflicting terms of business formulated by the participant shall only become a part of the contract if the organizer specifically agrees to them in writing. All amendments or supplements to the terms of the contract must be made in writing.

## **12. SALVATORI CLAUSE**

If there is a determination of these Terms and Conditions to be ineffective or impracticable, then the validity of the remaining provisions shall in no way be affected. In such case the void and/or illegal provision shall be replaced by a valid provision which comes as close as possible to its intended effect and best coincides with the purposes of this contract.