

ICIFMS20

PRIVACY POLICY

This privacy policy applies to the ICIFMS20 and supplements the general [EPFL privacy policy](#).

1. Who is responsible for the processing of your personal data and for which purposes?

The Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) is the data controller and processes your personal data to ensure an adequate organization, follow-up, communication and promotion of the 20th International Conference on Internal Friction and Mechanical Spectroscopy (ICIFMS20), which will take place on 7-10 July 2025 on the EPFL site in Lausanne (Switzerland).

The “Group of Mechanical Spectroscopy” (GR-DM), a lab of the EPFL, is responsible for the complete organization of the event/conference, the communication with the speakers and participants before and after the end of the event/conference, as well as communication and promotion of the event.

The purpose of the processing of your personal data is handling registration and attendance, reporting on the event/conference, as well as ICIFMS20 follow-up actions. It includes, in particular, lists and mailing lists for contacts, invitations, participants, meeting follow-up, follow-up actions, photographs/pictures, presentations, news and publications.

Your personal data will not be used for any automated decision-making including profiling.

2. Legal basis for data processing

The GR-DM at IPHYS processes your personal data in accordance with the Swiss Federal Act on Data Protection (hereinafter “FADP”) as well as, where applicable, the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regards to the processing of Personal Data and on the free movement of such data (General Data Protection Regulation, hereinafter “GDPR”). The processing of your personal data is based on your consent. By registering to the event, you are consenting to the processing of data that is necessary to the organization of and your participation to the event. A separate consent for additional purposes is asked for in the registration form, in particular for taking and diffusion of photos during the event/conference, including the attendee’s name, affiliation and email address in the list of participants which will be shared among participants.

3. What data we collect about you?

Identification/Contact data, such as first name, last name, title, job title, organization, e-mail address, phone number; information about the form of transport used and hotel.

Please note that there will be photos taken during the event based on the prior consent of the speakers and the participants. These photos/videos may be published by GR-DM for communication/education purposes.

4. Who accesses your data and to whom is it disclosed?

Access to your data is granted only to GSM, who is/are involved in the organization of the event. Where necessary, we may also share your information with service providers for the purposes of organizing the conference.

The list of participants/speakers is shared among participants/speakers who gave their consent during registration.

We will never sell your personal data for marketing purposes.

5. Data Security and Data transfers

In order to protect your personal data, a number of technical and organizational measures have been put in place.

Technical measures include appropriate actions to address online security, risk of data loss, alteration of data or unauthorized access, taking into consideration the risk presented by the processing and the nature of the data being processed.

Organizational measures include restricting access to the data to authorized persons with a legitimate need to know for the purposes of this processing operation.

6. How long do we keep your data?

Personal data is kept as long as follow-up actions to the event/conference are necessary with regard to the purpose(s) of the processing of personal data as well as for the meeting and its related management. The data retention will be at most 2 years in order to transfer the participant list to the next conference organizer.

Data necessary for logistics purposes (refund of expenses, transport, etc.) are kept according to the rules set in the [ETH Act](#) and in the [EPFL financial regulation](#).

Photos are stored with restricted access at EPFL for 12 months at most.

Data protection rights and Contact

Please refer to the [EPFL privacy policy](#).



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