

Contract for participating at the ,Gas Chromatography meets Non-Target Screening (GCmeetsNTS22)‘ (The German version is legally binding)

I. Registration Agreement, Registration Process and Payment Methods

1. This participation contract is aimed at both consumers and entrepreneurs.
A consumer is any natural person who concludes a legal transaction for purposes that are predominantly neither commercial nor self-employed.
An entrepreneur is a natural or legal person or a legal partnership who, when concluding a legal transaction, acts in the exercise of their commercial or independent professional activity.
The following applies to entrepreneurs: If the entrepreneur uses conflicting or supplementary general terms and conditions, their validity is hereby contradicted; they only become part of the contract if we have expressly consented to this.
2. By registering for and/or attending the “GCmeetsNTS22” seminar, all participants, speakers and sponsors agree to be bound by, and comply with, these contract with terms and conditions. It is the participant's responsibility to read and understand this contract with terms and conditions.
3. Registrants (participants, poster presenting person and speakers) will be able to select the registration fee of a) the full registration for online participation: **€ 150.- ; +VAT** or b) the registration fee of a registration for poster presenting persons: **€ 100.- ; +VAT** for each registration. The full registration is possible until 30th September 2022, the poster registration until June 30th 2022, 23:59 CET.
4. Students with verification documents will receive a 10% discount on the registration fee.
5. Participants via partner institutions are regulated like described in the relevant contract of the partner with AFIN-TS GmbH.
6. Registration information will be sent from AFIN-TS GmbH to registered delegates by email. If you have not received registration details within two weeks, please email education@afin-ts.de.
7. Each ‘online viewing’ participant has to register individually (also the persons who want to have the talks and discussion later ‘on-demand’).
8. An invoice will be sent to the participants latest until 1st November, 2022. We will not send a confirmation of payment. If the full payment has not been received before the deadline indicated at the invoice, the registration will remain valid, however the due fee will be increased according to the payment period (e.g. the late registration fee).
This is not true for participants via partner institutions. These will be accepted like described in the regarding partner contract.
9. All tickets must be paid for at least 48 hours prior to the event start date. Any overdue invoices for conference tickets may result in delegates being refused entry.

10. Registrants should obtain confirmation from the Conference Office of AFIN-TS GmbH before committing to other travel arrangements.

11. All conference materials will be placed digitally on an online platform.

12. Our contractual and non-contractual liability is limited to intent and gross negligence, unless it is a breach of an essential contractual obligation or injury to life, limb or health. The same applies to the liability of our agents. Liability under the Product Liability Act, pre-contractual liability and liability for guarantee statements remain unaffected.

13. All content, photos, texts and graphics are protected by copyright. They may not be copied, changed, reproduced or published in whole or in part without prior written consent. The participants / speakers ensure that they observe copyright law in presentations and adhere to the provisions of the Copyright Act (UrhG). We expressly point out the consequences under civil and criminal law in the event of a violation.

II. Cancellation Policy

1. All substitutions and cancellations must be received in writing to education@afin-ts.de

2. Delegated may nominate an alternative person from their organization to attend up to 48 hours prior to the start of the event. There after no more change is possible. Notify the change of name (and e-mail address) to education@afin-ts.de at the earliest convenience. The change of name will be confirmed by email notification.

3. Should substitution not be possible, cancellation charges apply as follows for the online participation:

- up to 10 weeks before the start of the event: free of charge (+ € 10.- (plus VAT) processing fee)
- 1 to 10 weeks prior to start of event: 25% of the delegate fee
- 1 week or less prior to start of event: 100% of the delegate fee

4. The date of the email receipt will be the basis for considering refunds. Please indicate your bank details on your written cancellation. Refunds will be made after the conference within two months.

5. AFIN-TS GmbH reserves the right to cancel the event up to four weeks before the planned start. In this case, registration fees received will be fully reimbursed. AFIN-TS GmbH will be not liable for any further damage caused by the cancellation.

6. In the event of fire, flood, power breakdown at the organizer or without limit other causes that AFIN-TS GmbH reasonably believes to be substantial or that are beyond AFIN-TS GmbH control, AFIN-TS GmbH reserves the right to change the times, dates and the venue of the conference, without incurring any liability to the participants. For the rest, reference is made to section I) No. 19. A change will be communicated to the registered persons.

7. No refunds will be granted for unattended events or early termination of attendance, in case of cancellation of speakers, lack of space in the conference room or any other incidents during the conference, which are beyond the control of the conference organizers.

III. Conference Program

1. AFIN-TS GmbH reserves the right to make alterations to the conference program, online program, online/seminar software and timings at any time.
2. In the unlikely event of the program being cancelled by AFIN-TS GmbH, a full refund will be made, unless the cancellation is due to, but not limited to activity out of their control e.g. the threat of natural disaster, terrorist activity, unrest in the region and/or pandemic lockdowns. Liability will be limited to the amount of the fee paid by the delegate.

IV. Personal Information

1. The participant knows and agrees that the personal data required for the implementation of the event will be stored on electronic data carriers by the organizer AFIN-TS GmbH. The participant expressly consents to the collection, processing and use of personal data. The stored personal data will be treated confidentially by the organizer AFIN-TS GmbH. The collection, processing and use of the participant's personal data takes place in compliance with the Federal Data Protection Act (BDSG) and the Telemedia Act (TMG). The participant has the right to revoke their consent at any time with effect for the future. In this case, the organizer AFIN-TS GmbH is obliged to delete the participant's personal data immediately.
2. The name, email address, institution name and country name will also be used to circulate last minute details and announcements of future AFIN-TS GmbH events and will be forwarded to the official 'GCmeetsNTS 2022' sponsors. If you do not like to receive this information or that the information will be given to the sponsors, please notify the organizers by email (education@afin-ts.de). Further see section IV. 1.
3. If you would like your record to be deleted after the conference, please notify the organizers by email (education@afin-ts.de).

V. Speakers Terms & Conditions

1. AFIN-TS GmbH may use the speaker's name and presentation materials for promoting delegate attendance at the conference.
2. Presentations and papers including all associated artwork and illustrations will not be returned unless specifically requested by the author.
3. AFIN-TS GmbH will record audio and/or video record the speaker's session as well as the platform discussion of each section and the recordings may be used in following the event for delegates or those who were unable to attend to review or replay. These records will be available longest two months for the participants.
4. AFIN-TS GmbH may reproduce copies of the speaker's presentation and the platform discussion (e.g. PowerPoint slides or supporting handouts) on paper and/or electronically following the event for delegates or those who were unable to attend to review or for viewing talks at other time and producing 'on-demand content'. Any acknowledgement regarding Copyright or support should be included at the end of the abstract/presentation, as these will be distributed to the conference participant.
5. Any speaker who does not wish to give permission for the above terms and conditions, is required to put this in writing to education@afin-ts.de before the start of the conference.

6. A registration of all speakers is mandatory.

7. This, the following data protection declaration (in the appendix), was read and understood. The participant agrees to the transfer and use of personal data to the contractual extent. Please fill in the attached data protection regulation correctly and have it signed by you and sent to the organizer at the latest at the beginning of your participation. If the participant uses materials from sponsors or downloads them online, the data protection regulation of the respective sponsor may also come into play. However, this is noted with the material.

VI. Other legal provisions

1. Should individually provisions of these general terms and conditions be invalid, this shall have no effect on the validity of the remaining provisions.

2. The AFIN-TS GmbH cannot assume liability for incorrect information or other errors resulting from technical problems or other reasons beyond its control.

3. The contractual relationship between the parties shall be interpreted, construed and governed by the laws of Germany.

As far as legally possible, both parties hereby submit to the jurisdiction of the Courts of Augsburg.

VII. Right of withdrawal

If you are a consumer (i.e. a natural person who concludes the contract for a purpose that cannot be attributed to your commercial or independent professional activity), you have a right of withdrawal in accordance with the statutory provisions.

The regulations that are detailed in the following apply to the right of withdrawal:

You have the right to withdraw from this contract within fourteen days without giving any reason. In order to exercise your right of withdrawal, you must give us [name of the entrepreneur, address and, if available, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address] by means of a clear declaration (e.g. a letter sent by post, fax or e-mail) of your decision to revoke this contract. You can use a model withdrawal form for this purpose, but this is not mandatory. If you make use of this option, we will send you a confirmation of receipt of such a revocation immediately (e.g. by email).

To meet the cancellation deadline, it is sufficient for you to send your notification of exercising your right of cancellation before the cancellation period has expired.

VIII. Privacy Policy

The German Privacy Policy can be found here: <https://afin-ts.de/datenschutz/>.