

General Terms and Conditions for Participation in the German Rheumatology Congress 2026

1. Scope

1.1 The following General Terms and Conditions apply to the comprehensive legal and contractual relationship established to enable the participation of individual or multiple participants in the German Rheumatology Congress 2026 (hereinafter referred to as the 'Congress') and the Rheumatologische Fortbildungsakademie GmbH (hereinafter referred to as the 'Organiser') in 2026. Any deviating terms and conditions of participants shall not apply.

1.2 Within the framework of cooperation agreements, the Organiser acts exclusively as an intermediary for services provided by third-party providers. In the event of a booking for such services, the contracts relating to the respective service shall be concluded exclusively between the person making the booking and the third-party provider / service provider. This applies to the use of the m-anage congress portal (www.m-anage.com), the congress app and the online congress, for which special regulations apply in accordance with the terms of use of M Events Cross Media GmbH (hereinafter referred to as 'M Events').

1.3 The provisions of these General Terms and Conditions are an integral addition to the General Terms and Conditions of the Organiser (see link at the end of these General Terms and Conditions), so that the latter and these General Terms and Conditions shall be deemed to constitute a uniform set of rules and regulations with regard to participation in the German Rheumatology Congress 2026. In the event of conflicting interpretations, the provisions of these General Terms and Conditions shall apply.

1.4 Furthermore, by registering for the congress, participants agree to all terms and conditions of third parties directly involved in the implementation of the congress. In particular, these are the terms and conditions that apply to the congress premises. These are available at the following link: <https://www.leipziger-messe.de/de/agb/>

2. Registration for the congress / booking confirmation

2.1 Registration for the congress takes place via the congress portal m-anage (www.m-anage.com) and, for individual bookings only, via the congress app and online congress. Partial registration is only possible for event components that are advertised as individually bookable. The organiser's booking offer on the congress portal, in the congress app and in the online congress is merely a non-binding invitation to conclude a contract. By booking a congress ticket and clicking on the 'Order and pay' button, the registrant submits a binding application. The contract is only concluded upon receipt of the registration confirmation / booking confirmation from the organiser following receipt of the booking. The content of the concluded contract can be found in the registration confirmation / booking confirmation and these terms and conditions for the congress, which are also available on the congress website at <https://rhkongress.de/agb>.

2.2 To participate in the congress, registration is required online via the m-anage congress portal. After registering on the portal, participants will find the 'Congress Participation' ticket in the 'Registration' section of their user account. After booking this ticket (by clicking on the 'Order with obligation to pay' button), participants are bindingly registered for the congress. When booking 'Congress participation in person including online', participants will receive their booking confirmation and their personal QR code by email, which will give them access to the congress and the congress documents. All participants are entitled to access the

online content of the congress. They can access this by logging in via their personal user account on the m-anage congress portal, in the congress app or in the online congress.

2.3 In special cases, the organiser is entitled to exclude participants from further participation for good cause, e.g. in the event of late payment, etc. In the event of exclusion, participants are not entitled to a reduction in price.

2.4 Only registered persons are authorised to participate. The disclosure of access data is considered misuse. The organiser is entitled to immediately block access data in the event of misuse.

2.5 Name changes may only be made if the identity of participants is retained, in the event of spelling errors during registration or due to official name changes, e.g. due to marriage (proof required). Participants will be charged a flat-rate processing fee of EUR 10.00 for each name change. Name changes must be reported up to two weeks before the start of the conference. After that, changes are no longer possible.

2.6 It is generally not possible to replace registered participants. If new / different participants are to attend, a new registration is mandatory. Exceptions are only possible for the same ticket and participant type and by agreement if a registrant has booked a quota of at least 10 participants and up to 1/10 of the participants are to be replaced.

3. Scope of services

3.1 The scope of services is set out in the organiser's congress description (preliminary / main programme of the congress on the congress website <https://rhkongress.de/>). Minor deviations from the congress description are reserved with regard to the content and schedule of the congress. The organiser reserves the right to replace announced speakers with others for important organisational or factual reasons. The overall character of the conference shall be maintained in the event of any changes. The organiser shall notify participants of any significant changes.

3.2 The conference language is generally German, with English used for selected conference presentations where necessary. There will be no simultaneous translation.

3.3 Participation is available during the conference as described in the conference description. Live online participation will be available from the start of the event. Participants are responsible for creating the necessary conditions for using the conference at their own expense and on their own responsibility, in particular an internet connection, the use of a current internet browser and, in the case of online presentations, a functioning loudspeaker. If live online participation fails, participants are not entitled to a refund of the participation fees.

3.4 Authorised participants who have booked 'Congress participation in person including online' will receive their congress documents in paper form at the event venue.

4. Participation fee

4.1 If participation is subject to a fee and nothing else has been agreed, the participation fee is per person. For bookings of 'Congress participation in person incl. online', the fee includes access to the scientific events, the exhibition, the get-together, the provision of congress documents and access to online and on-demand content. The fee for online participation only includes online access to scientific events offered online (not including the entire congress programme), the poster lounge, the congress app and on-demand content. The full

range of services included in the participation fee can be found on the congress website and in the preliminary and main programme of the congress. We reserve the right to make changes.

4.2 To take advantage of a reduced participation fee in accordance with the price list on the congress website or in the congress portal m-anage or in the congress app and in the online congress, a copy of proof or a membership number for granting the reduction must be submitted with the registration without being requested. A subsequent reduction after confirmation of the registration booking is excluded.

4.3 All prices for participation in the congress are quoted in euros; individual prices include the currently applicable value added tax of 19 % and are shown accordingly.

4.4 Participation fees are exempt from value added tax – on behalf of and for the account of the Deutschen Gesellschaft für Rheumatologie und Klinische Immunologie e. V., Wilhelmine-Gemberg-Weg 6, 10179 Berlin, tax number 30/491/31839 (relevant is §4 No. 22 UStG) – and are payable within 14 days of receipt of the booking confirmation including invoice by the participants.

4.5 Participation in the congress is not possible without payment of the participation fee.

5. Payment and invoice changes

5.1 Payment of the participation fee shall be made on the basis of the agreed payment terms and the invoice issued by the organiser. The total price stated on the invoice, including any applicable VAT, is payable either by bank transfer to the accounts specified on the invoice or by credit card.

5.2 Participants shall be in default 14 days after receipt of the organiser's invoice without a separate reminder if and to the extent that the total price has not been paid. In this case, the organiser is entitled to charge a flat-rate reminder fee of EUR 20.00 and to demand default interest at a rate of 5 percentage points or 9 percentage points above the base rate (§ 247 (1), § 288 (1) or (2) BGB) p.a. If the organiser can prove that the damage caused by the delay is higher, this can be claimed. Similarly, participants are entitled to prove that no damage has been incurred at all or that the damage is significantly lower than claimed by the organiser.

5.3 The information on the invoice recipient and address provided in the m-anage congress portal or in the congress app and in the online congress during registration is decisive for the issuance of the invoice. The organiser will make changes to invoices for a processing fee of EUR 30.00.

6. Cancellation

6.1 Cancellation of individual bookings

6.1.1 Notifications of changes and cancellations must be made in writing in accordance with Section 126 b of the German Civil Code (BGB). An email notification is sufficient for this purpose. The organiser shall confirm any changes and the validity of any cancellations in writing. Verbal agreements are non-binding unless confirmed in writing by the organiser.

6.1.2 If the cancellation of participation in the conference is received up to four weeks before the start of the conference, the participant shall be refunded the full amount of the participation fee.

Cancellation and reimbursement of the participation fee is no longer possible from four weeks before the start of the conference. The participant bears the burden of proof for the timely receipt of the cancellation.

6.1.3 A flat-rate processing fee of EUR 30.00 including statutory VAT will be charged for cancellations, which will be retained and offset against the amount to be refunded.

6.1.4 The above conditions do not apply to additional offers (courses at the Rheumatism Academy or similar).

6.2 Cancellation in the case of booking a contingent / group registration

6.2.1 The conditions set out in section 6.1.1 apply accordingly.

6.2.2 If cancellation of congress participation is received up to three weeks before the start of the congress and for quotas of up to 30 authorised participants, who must be named at the time of registration, the registrant will be refunded the full participation fees for the cancelled participants. In the event of cancellation of more than 30 authorised participants up to three weeks before the start of the conference, the registrant will be reimbursed 50 % of the participation fees.

If the cancellation of congress participation is received up to two weeks before the start of the congress, the registrant will be reimbursed the full participation fees for quotas of 30 or more participants for up to 10 % of the quota.

The burden of proof for the timely receipt of the cancellation lies with the registrant / ordering party.

6.2.3 For the cancellation, the person ordering the quota will be charged a flat-rate processing fee of EUR 30.00 including statutory VAT, which will be retained and offset against the amount to be refunded. No refund of the participation fees will be made in the event of cancellation of a large part of the quota, cancellation at a later date or non-utilisation of the access authorisation by participants.

7. Cancellation by the organiser

The organiser reserves the right to cancel the event for reasons beyond its control, in particular in cases of force majeure (an external event that is not related to the organisation's operations and cannot be averted even with the utmost reasonable care, such as war, natural disasters, epidemics / pandemics), without observing any notice period. The organiser is then obliged to refund any participation fees already paid by the participants. The organiser shall inform the participants of the cancellation of the event. Further liability and compensation claims that do not relate to injury to life, limb or health are excluded, unless the organiser and its vicarious agents are guilty of intent or gross negligence. The organiser undertakes to do everything reasonable to remedy or limit any disruption to services that may occur.

8. Liability

8.1 Participation in the conference is at your own risk.

8.2 The organiser is not liable for damage resulting from accidents, damage, loss or theft, in particular for consequential damage (e. g. loss of profit, reimbursement of futile expenses, etc.) resulting from the event, unless this is due to intentional or grossly negligent behaviour on the part of the organiser or its legal representatives and vicarious agents or is caused by a breach of a material contractual obligation. Essential contractual obligations are obligations

whose fulfilment is essential for the proper execution of the contract and on whose compliance the contractual partner may regularly rely and whose breach, on the other hand, jeopardises the achievement of the purpose of the contract.

8.3 If the organiser is liable in accordance with clause 8.2 for the breach of a material contractual obligation without being guilty of gross negligence or intent, its liability shall be limited to the damage typical for the contract, the occurrence of which the organiser had to expect at the time of commissioning based on the circumstances known to it at that time.

8.4 If the organiser is liable in accordance with clause 8.2 or clause 8.3 for gross negligence or intent on the part of employees who are not managing directors or senior executives of the organiser, the organiser's liability shall also be limited to the extent of damage specified in clause 8.3.

8.5 The exclusion or limitation of claims in accordance with the above clauses also applies to claims by participants against employees and agents of the organiser, in particular speakers, suppliers and service providers.

8.6. Claims for damages regardless of fault, as well as claims for injury to life, limb or health and the provisions of the Product Liability Act, remain unaffected by the above clauses.

8.7 Scientific events within the framework of the congress are carefully prepared and conducted by competent and qualified moderators and speakers. The organiser accepts no liability for the topicality, correctness and completeness of the documentation and the conduct of the event.

9. Written form requirement, applicable law, place of jurisdiction and place of performance

9.1 Any deviations from these General Terms and Conditions for Conference Participants must be made in writing to be effective.

9.2 If individual provisions of these General Terms and Conditions and / or the contract supplemented by them are or become invalid, this shall not affect the validity of the other provisions, and the contract and these General Terms and Conditions shall remain valid for both parties in all other respects.

9.3 The contract is subject to German law, excluding the UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG).

9.4 If the participant is a merchant within the meaning of the German Commercial Code, a legal entity under public law or a special fund under public law, the exclusive place of jurisdiction for all disputes arising directly or indirectly from the contractual relationship shall be Berlin.

9.5 Participants shall only be entitled to offset claims if their counterclaims have been legally established or are undisputed or recognised by the organiser. Furthermore, participants shall only have a right of retention if and to the extent that their counterclaim is based on the same contractual relationship.

10. Data protection; objection

10.1 The organiser protects the personal data of participants. The provisions of the applicable data protection law are observed when processing the personal data of participants. The organiser's current data protection information can be accessed and viewed on the m-anage

congress portal. The data protection information can be accessed via the following link: <https://rhkongress.de/datenschutz>

10.2 In cases where the organiser processes personal data on the legal basis of Art. 6 (1) (e) or (f) GDPR, these persons have the right to object at any time for reasons arising from their particular situation. The organiser will then no longer process the personal data unless there are demonstrably compelling legitimate grounds for the processing which override the interests, rights and freedoms of the data subject, or the processing serves to assert, exercise or defend legal claims. Any objection must be sent by email to: info@rhkongress.de

11. image, sound and film recordings

During the congress, the organiser or authorised or accredited persons as well as service providers will make image and video recordings for information and advertising purposes.

All image and publication rights are held by the organiser. Image, video or sound recordings of participants during the event require the prior written consent of the organiser in all cases. The same applies to any subsequent use of image or sound recordings of the event that is not exclusively for private purposes.

Note for online content: If you do not wish to be recorded during the live session, switch off your camera and microphone function. Further information can be found in the data protection declaration in the m-anage congress portal.

Note: You can find the organiser's terms and conditions at <https://www.rheumaakademie.de/agb>