

General Terms and Conditions - Sponsors & Exhibitors

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1 Scope of applicability

These General Terms and Conditions (hereinafter referred to as the GTCs) apply for all agreements between Meister ConCept GmbH (hereinafter referred to as the "Congress Organisation"; see also Item 7.4) and the partner company for the 11th Trinationl Congress and Union Congress 2025, unless otherwise agreed in writing.

Meister ConCept GmbH has been commissioned by the Swiss Society for Vascular Surgery and the Union of Swiss Vascular Societies (hereinafter referred to as the Event Organiser) to organise the 11th Trinationl Congress and Union Congress 2025 (hereinafter referred to as the Event), which is to take place from 22-25 October 2025 at the KKL Luzern.

These General Terms and Conditions take precedence over the Terms and Conditions of the partner.

2 Registration and agreement

2.1 Booking

The booking of a sponsorship or exhibition space (hereinafter referred to as Registered Measures) via the partner platform must be completed carefully and is binding for the partner company.

2.2 Booking confirmation

The written booking confirmation by the Congress Organisation is deemed acceptance of the booking, with which the agreement is formed. The booking confirmation represents the permission of the partner company and the Registered Measures and applies exclusively for the partner company named therein. At the partner company's request, the content of the agreement formed shall be confirmed again in a document signed by both parties. Until this document is signed, the booking confirmation and the registration form are deemed to be a valid agreement.

Changes to the agreement must be made in writing.

Upon booking of a sponsorship or exhibition space via the partner platform, the registering partner company shall recognise the General Terms and Conditions as binding. The partner company must ensure that the persons it employs at the event comply with the entire agreement.

Components of the agreement are as follows:

- a) the booking confirmation
- b) the registration form
- c) the General Terms and Conditions
- d) the separate exhibitor manual

In the case of an objection, the provisions shall apply in the order referred to above. Where an additional document is signed by both parties at the request of the partner company, this agreement shall take precedence over the additional document from the partner company, in the case of an objection.

2.3 Assignment and organisation of exhibition areas and presentation rooms

2.3.1 Basic principle and claims of the partner company

The Congress Organisation assigns the exhibition areas and the presentation rooms taking into account the topic and the structure of the relevant Event, as well as the available areas and rooms. Special requests shall be taken into account where possible.

The partner company is not entitled to assert claims to a stand at a specific location in the exhibition. Decisions made by the Congress Organisation concerning distribution, stand location, dimensions and stand design are irrevocable and cannot be disputed by taking legal action. The Congress Organisation expressly reserves the right to change the location of the exhibition areas and/or the presentation rooms, even after confirmation and at short notice, if this is required in order to achieve the purpose of the Event. This shall not give rise to claims for damages of any kind.

The stand dimensions confirmed by the Congress Organisation must be complied with. If the partner company does not comply with the dimensions and thereby causes costs, the partner company shall be charged in full for these.

2.3.2 Exchange, transfer to third parties

The transfer, even in part, of rights and obligations specified by the booking confirmation, as well as the subleasing, relocation, separation or exchange of areas or rooms by the partner company is not permissible.

2.3.3 Organisation of presentation rooms (symposium, workshop, course, etc.)

The room assignment is only allowed in the scope specified by the Congress Organisation or agreed with the latter regarding the maximum number of seats and the type and scope of the overall layout.

2.4 Limitations

The Event Organiser and the Congress Organisation may, for objectively justified reasons, such as protecting the participants, inappropriate behaviour of the partner company, failure to comply with contractual obligations, official decrees, etc., exclude individual partner companies from participating and/or limit the Event to specific company groups if this is required to achieve the purpose of the Event. The same applies to exhibition goods or presentation measures, as well as for sponsoring services the content of which is not suitable for the topic of the overall event or which deviates from the content approved in advance. The Event Organiser and the Congress Organisation are entitled to also refuse, at the partner company's expense and risk, even after approval, exhibition items and/or presentation measures that are not suitable for the Event, that prove to be unsuitable or that endanger, disturb or interfere with the Event and/or its visitors in an unpleasant manner, or where necessary to remove these or have them stored, e.g. exhibits or presentation measures that have not been approved.

In the cases listed above, the partner company cannot make any claims to compensation of any kind against the Event Organiser or the Congress Organisation.

3 Withdrawal from the agreement

3.1 Cancellation by the partner company

Cancellations must be submitted in writing to the Congress Organisation. In the event of cancellations up to and including 1st July 2025 (receipt of written notification to the Congress Organisation as the decisive date), 50% of the costs shall be reimbursed. From 2nd July 2025 onwards, and in the case of later registrations, reimbursement is not possible. The cancellation costs exclude the statutory VAT in each case.

3.2 Changes to, postponements or cancellation of the Event by the Event Organiser

The Event Organiser is entitled to change the extent or content of the Event, or to postpone or cancel the Event, as well as to withdraw from the agreement

- a. in the event that payment periods are not complied with in accordance with the booking confirmation, i.e. prior to the event
- b. for political or economic reasons and as a result of force majeure (see Item 3.3)
- c. if the requirements for issuing the confirmation/permission are no longer met by the partner company.

In these cases, the partner company shall not be entitled to any claims to reimbursement or compensation and shall still owe the invoice amount.

In the case that the Event is postponed or changed, the partner company can request not to take part in the postponed or changed Event, in which case there shall be no entitlement by the Event Organiser to approve this request. If the Event Organiser agrees, 25% of the invoice amount for the relevant services shall be payable as general compensation for expenses and shall be paid by the partner company to the Event Organiser.

3.3 Force majeure

In the case of force majeure (such as but not limited to fire, industrial disputes, war, unrest, warlike activities or acts of terrorism, risk or occurrence of environmental disasters, government restrictions, official decrees, epidemics or pandemics, etc.) or other compelling reasons not attributable to the Event Organiser or the Congress Organisation, the Event, in whole or in part, can be postponed, cancelled or its duration limited or changed. In this case, the partner company cannot make any claims to reimbursement or compensation and shall still owe the invoice amount. The partner company shall be solely responsible for ensuring that it has the relevant insurance protection to eliminate the risks of force majeure occurring.

4 Operation and general order

The partner company undertakes to keep the stand operational for the entire duration of the exhibition.

The partner company also undertakes to comply fully with the specifications defined in the exhibitor manual.

The lessor of the event premises has the domiciliary right in all room areas. The lessor is entitled to monitor the exhibition stands and presentation measures and to arrange any security measures in the interests of the Event and in order to comply with legal provisions. The partner company, as well as the parties commissioned by it and its auxiliaries, are subject to the above provisions and to all other provisions to be laid down in the interests of the Event, as well as to all police and other official regulations and the technical safety regulations of the lessor of the Event premises and the Congress Organisation.

5 Terms and conditions of payment

5.1 Payment obligation and periods

The partner company undertakes to pay the Event Organiser the agreed prices for the registered and confirmed services. This also applies to any costs incurred for the services of third parties where these have been paid by the Event Organiser for the partner company as part of contractual agreements. All advertised prices are net and exclude the statutory value added tax in each case.

Any additions to the Registered Measures after delivery of the booking confirmation shall be billed to the partner company in addition.

The payment period noted in the invoice shall be strictly complied with upon receipt of the invoice. Upon expiry of this payment period, the partner company shall be in arrears.

5.2 Online payment portals

If the Congress Organisation is commissioned to register for the payment systems of the partner company, the resulting costs shall not be borne by the Event Organiser or the Congress Organisation. The Event Organiser calculates a processing fee of CHF 50.00 plus the relevant statutory taxes per payment transaction for maintaining the system. The partner company must also ensure that the payment periods described in Item 5.1 are complied with.

6 Liability, insurance and security

6.1 Force majeure

The Event Organiser and the Congress Organisation cannot be held liable for the impact of force majeure (Item 3.3).

6.2 Damage to the exhibitor's property caused by fire and natural disasters

The Event Organiser and the Congress Organisation shall not accept liability for damage to the partner company's property caused by fire and natural disasters. Partner companies shall be liable for all damage caused by fire and natural disasters.

6.3 Liability of the Congress Organisation

The Event Organiser and the Congress Organisation shall be responsible for the careful fulfilment of the contractual obligation and shall thereby be liable for any direct losses associated with this that it or its commissioned third parties have caused intentionally or through gross negligence. Furthermore, any liability of the Event Organiser and the Congress Organisation, both for material and financial losses and for personal injury, under the framework of what is legally permissible, shall be excluded. Further claims, e.g. to loss of profit, compensation for consequential damages or similar shall be excluded.

6.4 Liability insurance (obligatory)

Partner companies shall be liable for all personal injury and material damage that they cause themselves, or that is caused by their employees, their auxiliaries or by third parties commissioned by them, or by their vehicles, to visitors to the Event and to the Event itself. The partner company undertakes to take out the relevant insurance.

The partner company shall be liable for all damage incurred during the assembly/dismantling of the stand and when the stand is being used.

6.5 Theft of the exhibitor's property

The Event Organiser and the Congress Organisation shall not be liable for the loss, theft or damage to exhibition or display goods, or for personal objects brought into the Event during the Event or during transport.

6.6 Industrial property rights

The partner companies must provide, at their own expense, the copyrights and other industrial property rights to the exhibition and/or display goods.

7 Regulations and general notes

7.1 Changes to the agreement

Each contractual party may request changes to the agreed services in writing. These changes shall take effect when the other party agrees in writing.

7.2 Severability clause

Should any provision of these General Terms and Conditions be or become invalid, void or unenforceable, this shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions.

7.3 Place of performance and jurisdiction

The place of performance is the relevant Event site. The place of jurisdiction for disputes arising from the agreement, including these General Terms and Conditions, is the domicile of the Congress Organisation. Swiss substantive law shall apply to the exclusion of conflicts of law and treaties and the German text of these conditions shall be decisive.

7.4 Congress Organisation

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