

## **Terms & Conditions**

### **SolarPACES 2020 Conference and Paper Publication**

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

These General Terms and Conditions are valid for each attendee registered for the SolarPACES 2020 Conference, September 28 – October 02, 2020 which will be held as an online event, and the conference papers to be uploaded to the website.

The conference is hosted by:

SolarPACES

(For the purpose of conference organization) represented by:

Solarway SLNE, c/ Jose Artes de Arcos 34, 04004 Almeria, Spain

Responsible conference organizer, encashment and online management:

PSE Conferences and Consulting GmbH, Emmy-Noether-Str. 2, 79110 Freiburg, Germany

#### **2. PROGRAM AND SOCIAL PROGRAM**

The conference program is published on the conference website <http://www.solarpaces-conference.org>. SolarPACES 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, reschedule 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):

- Author Registration Deadline: August 31, 2020
- Early Bird Deadline: September 6, 2020
- 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.

##### **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.

### **PhD Students**

In case you would like to register for a student ticket as a PhD student, the following document should be provided: A personalized document on official university paper in English language, signed by the professor/PhD supervisor, proving that the participant is doing a doctorate.

The document must be uploaded to the conference website.

### **PAPER UPLOAD**

The full papers must be uploaded to the conference website as a .pdf document as well as a word document before October 2, 2020.

Acceptance of the abstract does not guarantee acceptance of the paper for the proceedings. All papers need to follow the AIP guidelines and will be subject to a separate scientific review process. This review process includes that the paper might be sent back to the authors for corrections / modifications or might be rejected. These corrections / modifications must be returned within the specified period, otherwise the paper will be rejected. More information about the review criteria is available on the conference website.

## **4. PAYMENT**

The payment procedure will be managed by PSE Conferences & Consulting GmbH. The online encashment is realized in cooperation with a bank security system company (BS PAYONE GmbH) and the security systems “Verified by Visa” (VbV) and “MasterCard Secure Code” (MSC).

Payment is required at the time of registration and/or paper upload and should be made in EUR only.

Payment is possible by credit card. Attendees should complete the relevant section of the online registration form. Confirmation of the fee will be forwarded after acceptance of payment by the credit card company.

The conference and paper 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 e-mail is received within 48 hours, please contact [info@solarpaces-conference.org](mailto:info@solarpaces-conference.org).

Each regular conference registration for the whole conference includes:

- Access to all online conference sessions
- Access to a password-secured area on the website after the end of the conference including:
  - o a list of participants (including a contact feature)
  - o all accepted abstracts
  - o all given presentations in mp4 format
  - o all presented posters, including a picture of the poster and a mp4 format presentation, if provided by the author
  - o 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 SolarPACES conference secretariat.

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

The online access/login must not be passed on to third persons. If there is suspicion of abuse, PSE Conferences & Consulting reserves the right to block digital access without prior notice.

## **6. CANCELLATION POLICY**

### **ONLINE CONFERENCE TICKETS**

Online conference tickets are non-refundable.

Substitutions are welcome at any time before start of the conference. If you wish to substitute a participant, please contact [info@solarpaces-conference.org](mailto:info@solarpaces-conference.org) at your earliest convenience. Substitutions prior to the conference are possible until September 25, 2020 and are free of charge. After that, the ticket is non-transferrable.

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

### **PAPER FEE**

Once the paper has been uploaded and the fee paid, cancellation or refund will in no case be possible, even if the paper will be retracted or rejected, no matter if this is done by the author or during the reviewing process, or if the publication is rejected because the scientific work had not been presented at the conference by one of its authors.

If the conference cannot be held or is postponed and/or the AIP proceedings cannot be published 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 for any damages, costs, or losses incurred. 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.

## **7. DATA PROTECTION**

The personal information provided by the participants will be held on 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 announcements of future conferences 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. Participants who do not wish their email addresses to be used in the above described manner can ask PSE Conferences & Consulting GmbH anytime to delete their personal information from the conference database. 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 PSE website.

### **DOWNLOAD AREA - PARTICIPANT CONTACT FEATURE**

The conference may offer a contact opportunity for conference participants in its internal Download Area. All participants who want to use the contact feature will need to confirm their admission to send and receive mails to and from other conference participants. The first contact will occur indirectly and anonymous 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 the responsibility of PSE Conferences & Consulting GmbH.

### **8. 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.

### **9. LIABILITY**

The conference hosts and PSE Conferences & Consulting GmbH cannot be held liable for any deficiency or accident during the conference, during the paper upload, reviewing and publishing process. 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 PSE GmbH liable, restricted to each individual case. The coverage is based on the original value of the services booked according to our published offer.

The conference organizer shall be held liable in the framework of a duty of care as a respectable businessman according to statutory provisions. PSE GmbH shall be liable regardless of the legal nature of the claim only in relation to wilful acts or gross negligence. PSE GmbH's liability is limited to the compensation of the direct damage; any liability for consequential damage is excluded. 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 uploading a paper and/or 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, PSE GmbH will provide information on the system requirements.

PSE GmbH does not guarantee that access to the online conference and the download 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 influence). Temporary, short-term unavailability of access to our virtual event and download area does not entitle you to price reductions, withdrawal or claims for damages.

## **10. FULFILMENT AND JURISDICTION**

All contractual and legal relationships are subject to the exclusive application of the law of the Federal Republic 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.

## **11. 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.