

# General Terms and Conditions for Participation in DAGA Conference 2024

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The German Annual Conference on Acoustics 2024 (hereinafter referred to as DAGA) is organized by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Akustik e.V. (German Acoustical Society, hereinafter referred to as DEGA) in cooperation with Leibniz Universität Hannover (LUH) (both hereinafter referred to as organizers).

## 1 – Registration and Invoice

The binding registration for the Annual Conference on Acoustics 2024 is made via an online entry mask on the DAGA website. By registering, the registered person accepts these terms and conditions. Should individual provisions of these GTC contradict mandatory legal regulations, the remaining provisions of these GTC shall nevertheless remain valid.

The personal and contact details provided during registration must be correct and up to date, changes must be reported to DEGA immediately (preferably by e-mail to [tagungen@dega-akustik.de](mailto:tagungen@dega-akustik.de)).

After registration, the registered person will receive a confirmation of registration including an invoice by e-mail. The invoice can additionally be sent by post for a surcharge of € 3. The invoice will be issued by DEGA.

## 2 – Payment

The fees must be paid after receipt of the invoice within the payment period stated therein. Participation in the conference is only possible after receipt of payment. Conference fees that have not been credited to the DEGA account by the start of the event must be paid on site by direct debit or credit card. This also applies to registrations at short notice.

## 3 – Withdrawal and cancellation of registration by the participant

DEGA must be notified in writing of any withdrawal or cancellation of participation (preferably by e-mail to [tagungen@dega-akustik.de](mailto:tagungen@dega-akustik.de)).

Cancellation is possible free of charge until 31 January 2024. The day on which the cancellation is received by DEGA applies. If the conference fee has already been paid, it will be refunded minus any credit card or bank charges incurred and minus a processing fee of € 8.00 for full-paying participants, members and pensioners and € 4.00 for students.

In the event of cancellation after 31 January 2024, a cancellation fee of 20% of the invoice amount will be charged or retained when the conference fee already paid is refunded. In addition, any credit card or bank charges incurred will be deducted from the refund amount.

The cancellation fee is not due if the company or institution registers a substitute person for DAGA 2024 instead of the prevented registrant at the respective applicable conditions. In this case, the fee already paid can be transferred to the replacement person without a cancellation fee. Should a balance be invoiced, this must be paid immediately.

The direct transfer of a registered person to another person is generally not possible. Instead, the

participation must be cancelled as described above and the new person must be registered at the respective valid conditions. Subsequently, a transfer of the participation fee can be made if desired.

A refund of the conference fee in case of cancellation after the start of the event is not possible.

#### **4 – Rights of use for contents of conference contributions**

The author of a conference contribution (poster, oral presentation, manuscript) assures that his/her contribution has been written according to the recognized standards of scientific work and that he/she owns the rights of use and exploitation for all content used, including images, maps, fonts and the like. He/she bears full responsibility for the content published by him/her. If copyrights or personal rights of third parties are violated by the conference contribution, the author alone shall be liable.

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Furthermore, the author makes clear that his/her DAGA manuscript has not been published elsewhere before. The author may, with the consent of the co-authors, publish his/her submitted manuscript on his/her own website with the DAGA logo as published by DEGA after publication, with a reference to the source.

#### **5 – Data protection**

The participant data will be collected, processed and stored by DEGA and their commissioned IT service providers in accordance with the European Data Protection Regulation. The data protection declaration applies, which is available for inspection at <https://www.daga2024.de/en/registration>.

#### **6 – Liability, change of event format, event cancellation and termination**

The organizers assume no liability for program changes or cancellations. If individual program items deviate from the program announcements, the organizers accept no liability for this. Compensation for expenses incurred and other claims against the organizers cannot be derived from this. The same applies to postponements within the conference that become necessary at short notice.

In principle, the organizers shall only be liable for damages in the event of intent and gross negligence. The injured party must prove the existence of slight or gross negligence, unless it is a consumer transaction. Compensation for consequential damage and pure financial loss is excluded in its entirety in relation to entrepreneurs. No liability whatsoever is accepted for the correctness of the form or content of the information in the event documents.

Should another outbreak of the Covid19 pandemic or similar be foreseeable for spring 2024, DAGA 2024 will be held either as a hybrid event, i.e. with both on-site and online participants, or entirely as a virtual event, depending on official requirements / recommendations or legal restrictions or corresponding considerations.

The decision on the final event format will be made – if possible – at the latest 6 weeks before the start of the event. Should an unforeseeable or unexpected Covid19 outbreak occur within the 6 weeks prior to the start of the event, the organizers reserve the right to hold the event as an online-only event even at short notice. In the case of a fully virtual conference, the participation of those registered as on-site participants will remain and will be converted to online participation. In the event of a cancellation request, the above stated cancellation conditions apply. DEGA reserves the right to make deviating arrangements for the benefit of the participant in justified individual cases.

The organizers also reserve the right to divide DAGA 2024 into several individual events with separate premises and accesses in the event of official requirements.

In the approach to DAGA 2024 – in particular before arrival – the registered person must inform himself/herself about any changes to the event format via the event website <https://www.daga2024.de/en> without being explicitly requested to do so. Furthermore, the registered persons will be informed of significant changes to the event via the e-mail address which they provided during registration.

If the entire conference has to be cancelled, conference fees already paid will be refunded minus any credit card fees incurred. For the refund, the registered person must notify DEGA in writing of his/her account details in connection with his/her registration number by 01 August 2024 at the latest (preferably by e-mail to [sleuss@dega-akustik.de](mailto:sleuss@dega-akustik.de)). Claims after this date are forfeited. The organizers are generally not liable for any additional costs incurred by the participant.

Should it be unavoidable to discontinue the conference that is already started, only that proportionate fee can be refunded which – converted to all participants – is waived for the organizers after discontinuation by all contracted rental companies and service providers.

## **7 – Hygiene measures in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic**

If the Covid19 pandemic persists until the event, the security measures then in force must be observed. This includes a mask and test requirement, if applicable, which all participants must comply with if ordered to do so by the event organizers, regardless of federal and state law requirements.

If required, the organizers' hygiene concept will be available in good time before the start of the event at the website <https://www.daga2024.de/en/registration>. All persons present at DAGA 2024 are obliged to comply with the hygiene rules listed therein.

## **8 – General remarks**

The law of the Federal Republic of Germany shall apply. The place of jurisdiction is Berlin.