Terms and Conditions

Any enquiries or requests for additional information, modifications and cancellations are to be communicated to MCI’s Team by email.

The same rule applies to hotel reservations; please do not contact the hotel directly.

Registration fees deadlines

Early registrations will be accepted until Monday 14 February 2022, midnight CET.

From Tuesday 15 February 2022 & onsite, Onsite registration fees apply for every new registration.

Face-to-face attendance in Vilamoura

ESCRS’s Duty of Care to participants

In the interests of the health & safety of all attendees, event personnel and the broader community, the Congress Venue (Centro de Congressos do Algarve) and ESCRS apply the local and national rules which, as at today, require that any individual must provide the following in order to access the congress venue:

- A valid (negative) test certificate (less than 24 hours) AND
- A valid vaccination certificate OR a valid recovery certificate

In addition to the above, it is mandatory to wear a face mask inside closed spaces (e.g. congress venue)

Disclaimer: Entry will be refused to any person not compliant with the above and no reimbursement of paid fees will be made to participants in such cases.

Registration modification and cancellation

For cancellations received prior to Wednesday 19 January 2022, midnight CET, deposits will be refunded less 50% administrative charge. After this date, no refunds will be possible.

Changing registration type from in-person to virtual is considered as a cancellation and will be charged accordingly.

A handling fee of 40 EUR per registration will be charged for every registration modification received from Sunday 09 January 2022. A name change will be considered as a modification and will be charged 40 EUR.

If a badge is lost or forgotten onsite, an administrative fee of 80 EUR will be charged for the reprint of the badge after identity verification (passport, driving license or other recognised identification documents).

In the event of ESCRS cancelling the face-to-face portion of the meeting, all existing registrations will automatically be converted to Virtual registrations and the cost difference reimbursed.

Wetlabs modification and cancellation

Wetlabs: For cancellations received prior to Wednesday, 19 January 2022, midnight CET deposits will be refunded less 50% administrative fee. After this date, no refunds will be possible.

In the event of ESCRS cancelling the face-to-face portion of the meeting, costs of the Wetlabs registrations will be reimbursed.

General hotel policy

MCI acts as an agent for accommodation bookings and ESCRS Winter Meeting accepts no responsibility for any recommendations given or any transactions made.

Reservations are made on a “first come, first served” basis. In case of room sharing, please send us their names in writing.

Any request to modify or cancel a room reservation must be sent directly to MCI in writing to avoid any misunderstanding.

Check-in/Check-out Time:

Hotel check-in time is 15:00. Should you wish to check-in earlier, extra costs may apply.

Check-out time is 11:00. Should you wish to check-out later, extra costs may apply.

Should you be informed of any delay/late check-in or cancellation, please inform MCI as soon as possible.
Example of cancellation fees calculation

Cancellation deadline of 30% of total amount due being non refundable - Group cancelling 10 rooms on 5 nights.

Cancellation fees that will be applied will be: 10 rooms x 5 nights x 30% of EUR 100.- = 50 roomnights x 30.- (30% of EUR 100.-) = EUR 1'500.-

Amount to be refunded: 10 rooms x 5 nights x 70% of EUR 100.- = 50 roomnights x EUR 70.- (70% of EUR 100.-) = EUR 3'500.-

No discount will be provided in case of early settlements.

General Payment Conditions

All payments are to be made in Euro. VAT may increase without notice and any such change will be reflected in final rates.

Only credit card payments are accepted (Visa, MasterCard, Amex) for individual registrations.

Modifications and/or new registrations made on-site will require immediate payment (by cash or credit card).

An invoice to be settled upon receipt will be issued upon written confirmation. This invoice will act as a contract, and once issued, the above payment and cancellation conditions will apply.

No discount will be provided in case of early settlements.

Full payment of services is requested when registering. No confirmation or invitation letter will be sent until MCI has received the payment.

In accordance with the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998 late payments will be charged interest at a 8% above the Bank of England base rate.

No badge nor online access will be delivered until full payment of open invoices is received.
Methods of Payment:

Credit card: only Eurocard/MasterCard, Visa and American Express are accepted.

Please note that the merchant name that would appear on your credit card statement would be "MCI Group Satigny CHE". In some particular cases, payment by credit card may not be available.

Bank transfer (for groups only): please make your payment to:

Beneficiary: MCI Suisse SA, Rue du Pré-Bouvier 9, 1242 Satigny, Switzerland
Bank: UBS SA, Rue des Noirettes 35, 1227 Carouge, Switzerland
IBAN: CH18 0024 0240 3693 9371 L
Swift: UBSWCHZH80A

Please indicate the group’s name, identifier and “ESCRSWM2022 " on ALL payments (for example, ESCRSWM2022 -I/XX or G/XX).

All costs are to be borne by the ordering customer. Please note that payments made by bank transfer could be subject to fees payable to your local bank.

Cheques: please note that payments by personal cheques are not accepted.

Any refunds of overpayments will be made after the event according to your payment method.

Group Data Management

Upon receipt of your payment, you will receive by e-mail an internet link giving you direct access to your group portal. You will be able to enter names, allocate your reservations, settle open invoices and download documents.

Through this personalised portal, you will be able to enter your participants' details and assign the services you have purchased such as registration and/or hotel bookings.

Names of all participants (registration and/or accommodation) must be submitted and reservations assigned online before Wednesday 19 January 2022.

Any modifications and cancellations are to be communicated to MCI's team by email in order to be validated (please refer to the points «Modification & Cancellation» above to view the charges relating to these operations).

The Group Leader hereby commits to manage group registrations and/or hotel reservations using the tools proposed by the official registration and/or housing bureau. The reservation system's portal will be used to respect relevant registration and, if applicable, accommodation deadlines. Access to this tool will be provided upon full payment of deposits required.

Contact information is to be entered in the system including the full coordinates of the participant of the event. No generic agency coordinates will be accepted if reservations are handled by a third party or on the behalf of a sponsor.

Reservations for registration and/or housing will then be assigned and updated through the reservation system's portal and managed by the group leader or its internal representative.

MCI, as the Official Registration and/or Housing Bureau will not be responsible for entering contacts' coordinates nor assigning services on behalf of the entity hereby engaged in this contract.

Should the Group Leader or the entity engaged in the present contract choose not to proceed with the proposed online tools, MCI will charge a fee of 18EUR per participant, to import the participants' detail information under the group or a fee of 27EUR per participant to import the participants' detail information under the group and assign the corresponding services, provided that the full coordinates are supplied.

Data Privacy

Individual Data Privacy Policy:

For further information on how your data will be used, we invite you to carefully read the Data Protection and Privacy Policy:
https://www.mci-group.com/privacy-statement

Group Data Privacy Policy:

The group leader agrees and warrants that:

a. the personal data have been collected, processed and transferred and will continue to be collected, processed and transferred in accordance with the relevant provisions of the applicable data protection law (and, where applicable, has been notified to the relevant authorities);

b. the transfer to, and processing by, MCI pursuant to this Agreement is not prohibited by a statutory or contractual duty of confidentiality;

c. prior to any transfer of personal data, it has informed the data subjects and has complied with any notification and/or registration set forth by the applicable data protection law; in particular, the intended purposes of the collection, processing and transfer of personal data have been communicated to the data subjects;

d. the data subjects are provided with their right of access, correction, blocking, suppression or deletion as available under applicable data protection law;

e. it has taken and will take all reasonable measures to verify the correctness of the personal data and ensure that incorrect or incomplete personal data will be corrected, completed or destroyed prior any transfer of such data to MCI;

f. it will inform MCI of any specific requirement from any data subject or any relevant authority on how personal data should be processed;

g. it will inform without delay MCI of any request from any data subject or any relevant authority to rectify, update or delete any personal data;
for the event or if for the same reasons the event is cancelled by MCI.

World Health Organization or any other cause comparable events or disaster beyond the parties' control which prevents the Hotel from accommodating the clients of MCI

acts of terrorism or similar acts, governmental travel advisory, a governmental elevation of the terrorism alert level, civil disturbance, the issue of a Travel Warning by the

Acts of God including, without limitation, credible threats of natural disaster in the geographic vicinity, war, curtailment or interruption of transportation facilities, threats or

Force majeure:

and Conditions of this Meeting.

By registering to the Meeting or entering the Meeting you represent and warrant that you are 18 years of age or older, and that you agree to and to abide by all of the Terms

hereby accept that identification is to be provided to Meeting staff upon request.

Registration and/or admittance to the Meeting shall be limited solely to participants who are 18 years of age or older, due to current health and safety regulations and

Furthermore, speakers may have vested interests in the concepts and products they discuss.

It is further understood and agreed that ESCRS shall not be liable whether in contract, in tort, under any warranty, in negligence or otherwise for any kind of claim for loss, damage or expense of any kind arising out of or resulting from the use of any information, materials, products or anything else presented at this congress, and under no circumstances shall ESCRS be liable for special, indirect or consequential damages.

In addition, ESCRS shall not be liable for any kind of claim in relation to possible exposure to illness (including but not limited to COVID-19). Congress attendees knowingly and freely assume all risks related to health when participating in person at this conference.

Further, ESCRS and/or its agents are not liable for any transmission failures which may occur during the live days of the hybrid event. In the event that a transmission failure would render the virtual attendance impracticable, the Organizers may at their entire discretion repay the delegate fee or Service Charge paid by the Delegate or Exhibitor, or part thereof, but shall be under no obligation to repay the whole or part of such Delegate fee or Service Charge, and shall be under no liability to the Delegate or Exhibitor in respect of any actions, claims, losses (including consequential losses), costs or expenses whatsoever which may be brought against or suffered or incurred by the Delegate or Exhibitor, as the result of the happening of any such event.

Further, ESCRS and/or its agents are not liable for any transmission failures on the Delegates’ or Exhibitor’s end if due to faulty internet connection and to non-respect of adherence to the system requirements of the virtual platform.

Insurance, release and waiver of liability:

It is strongly recommended that participants obtain adequate cover for travel, health and accident insurance before they depart from their countries. ESCRS and MCI as organizers cannot accept responsibility for personal injuries, or loss of, or damage to, private property belonging to the event Meeting participants and accompanying persons. Participants are requested to inform themselves and to abide by local work regulations accordingly.

ESCRS, MCI, Venue and Hotel(s) are not responsible for either the partial or total non-execution of the contract in the event of accident, natural disaster (either threatened or actual), in war, curtailment or interruption of transportation facilities, threats or acts of terrorism, of transportation facilities, threats or acts of terrorism, governmental travel or terrorism advisory, Strikes, Lock out, civil disturbance, the issue of a Travel Warning by the World Health Organization or any other cause beyond the parties’ control which prevents the Hotel and/or venue from accommodating the clients of MCI for the event or if for the same reasons the event is cancelled by MCI. The Organizers may at their entire discretion repay the delegate fee or Service Charge paid by the Delegate or Exhibitor, or part thereof, but shall be under no obligation to repay the whole or part of such Delegate fee or Service Charge, and shall be under no liability to the Delegate or Exhibitor in respect of any actions, claims, losses (including consequential losses), costs or expenses whatsoever which may be brought against or suffered or incurred by the Delegate or Exhibitor, as the result of the happening of any such event.

Minimum age:

Registration and/or admittance to the Meeting shall be limited solely to participants who are 18 years of age or older, due to current health and safety regulations and legislation in effect.

Any registration by anyone who is under 18 is unauthorized and in violation of these Terms and Conditions and will automatically result in the forfeit of their registration. You hereby accept that identification is to be provided to Meeting staff upon request.

By registering to the Meeting or entering the Meeting you represent and warrant that you are 18 years of age or older, and that you agree to and to abide by all of the Terms and Conditions of this Meeting.

Force majeure:

ESCRS, the hotel(s) and MCI are not responsible for either the partial or total non-execution of the contract in the event of accident, an act caused by a third party, such as Acts of God including, without limitation, credible threats of natural disaster in the geographic vicinity, war, curtailment or interruption of transportation facilities, threats or acts of terrorism or similar acts, governmental travel advisory, a governmental elevation of the terrorism alert level, civil disturbance, the issue of a Travel Warning by the World Health Organization or any other cause comparable events or disaster beyond the parties' control which prevents the Hotel from accommodating the clients of MCI for the event or if for the same reasons the event is cancelled by MCI.
Photography/Videography Disclosure:
As a registered attendee of the Meeting, you agree to grant permission for ESCRS and MCI to use your likeness in a photograph or video in any and all of its publications and presentations, including website entries, without payment or any other consideration; to authorize ESCRS and MCI to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute the photograph or video for purposes of publicizing ESCRS programs or for any other lawful purpose; to waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein your likeness appears; that these materials will become the property of ESCRS and MCI.

Visa:
Please visit the following website http://visahq.com/ to check if you require a visa for Portugal. Citizens of other countries may need a visa. Please contact your travel agent or the nearest Portugal diplomatic authorities for further information. If you should need a visa, please apply early enough to allow sufficient handling time to the authorities.

During the reservation process, please tick the box and fill in the corresponding questionnaire in order to receive your Visa invitation letter. Please note that the VISA invitation letter will only be sent to participants who have paid their reservation fee. In some particular cases payment by credit card may not be allowed.

Please note that neither ESCRS nor MCI will be able to contact or intervene with any Embassy or Consulate office on behalf of a registrant. The invitation letter does not financially or legally obligate ESCRS or MCI in any way. All expenses incurred in relation to the event and to obtaining a visa are the sole responsibility of the registrant. ESCRS and MCI do not accept any responsibility for travel, accommodation and/or other costs incurred due to the rejection of a registrant’s visa application.