

Terms and Conditions of Service: **IMRB 2025 Conference** and **imrb2025.at** Website

The following terms and conditions are applicable without prejudice.

Hauptstelle für das Grubenrettungs- und Gasschutzwesen Austria – HGGW (Austrian Body for Mine Rescue and Gas Defence) operates this website and the IMRB 2025 Conference. Throughout the site, the terms “HGGW”, “we”, “us” and “our” refer to Hauptstelle für das Grubenrettungs- und Gasschutzwesen Austria where appropriate. HGGW offers this website, including all information, tools, and services available from this site to you, the user, conditionally upon your acceptance of all terms, conditions, policies, and notices stated here.

By visiting or registering on the website for the IMRB 2025 Conference, you engage in our “Service” and agree to be bound by the following terms and conditions (“Terms of Service”, “Terms”), including those additional terms and conditions and policies referenced herein and/or available by hyperlink. These Terms of Service apply to all users of the site, including without limitation users who are browsers, delegates to the Conference, vendors, sponsors, suppliers, customers, merchants, and/ or contributors of content.

Please read these Terms of Service carefully before accessing or using our website and/or registering for the IMRB 2025 Conference. By accessing or using any part of the site, you agree to be bound by these Terms of Service. If you do not agree to all the terms and conditions of this agreement, then you may not access the website or use any services. If these Terms of Service are considered an offer, acceptance is expressly limited to these Terms of Service.

Any new features or tools which are added to the current website shall also be subject to the Terms of Service. You can review the most current version of the Terms of Service at any time on this page. We reserve the right to update, change or replace any part of these Terms of Service by posting updates and/or changes to our website. It is your responsibility to check this page periodically for changes. Your continued use of or access to the website following the posting of any changes constitutes acceptance of those changes.

SECTION 1 – GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1.1 These are the terms and conditions which apply to the Conference and events, managed, organized, or executed by HGGW (herein after called IMRB 2025 Conference), and form an agreement between you and us. We will not file a copy of our agreement with you. These terms and conditions are available in the English language only.
- 1.2 By registering for the IMRB 2025, you accept these terms and conditions. You should read them carefully before registering. We recommend you save a copy of them for your future reference.
- 1.3 You acknowledge that the venue, timings, presenters, and program of the IMRB 2025 Conference is subject to reasonable changes.
- 1.4 Although HGGW will venture to only provide hyperlinks to credible external websites where appropriate, HGGW cannot be held liable and does not accept any accountability for the information, links, content, etc. available and expressed on any of these websites and/or hyperlinks.
- 1.5 The unauthorized use of photographic and recording equipment and recordings including photographs and videos at the Conference are prohibited. No photographs and recordings may be taken without the explicit pre-approval of HGGW, and you may be held liable should you

take unauthorized photos or recordings. HGGW do not accept any liability for transgressions in this respect by any user, delegate or third parties at the IMRB 2025 Conference.

- 1.6 Please ensure you take care of your personal possessions during the Conference as HGGW cannot accept any liability for them.
- 1.7 Filming and photography may take place during the Conference only if arranged by HGGW or with consent of HGGW. You consent to your image and likeness being used in marketing and films without any payment or liability of any nature to you.
- 1.8 For the safety of all attendees, the Conference is 'weapons free' and all Conference participants, including staff, volunteers, and attendees, are banned from possessing any object or substance intended to cause injury to others, including but not limited to firearms.
- 1.9 HGGW is committed to creating an environment where everyone can participate without harassment, discrimination, or violence of any kind. All meeting participants must be treated with respect and consideration. Registration for the Conference is considered an agreement to abide by this code of conduct.
- 1.10 Harassment of any participant (attendee, speaker, volunteer, exhibitor, staff member, service provider, organizer, or meeting guest) will not be tolerated. Unacceptable behavior includes (but is not limited to) unwanted verbal attention, unwanted touching, intimidation, stalking, shaming, or bullying.
- 1.11 Discrimination based on gender or gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, physical appearance, race, religion, national origin, or ethnicity will not be tolerated. Harassment presented in a joking manner is still harassment and constitutes unacceptable behavior. Retaliation for reporting harassment is also unacceptable, as is reporting an incident in bad faith.
- 1.12 HGGW does not claim or guarantee that any papers will be published by any specific publisher or index. Publishers or organizations can decline to publish the Conference proceedings that do not meet their quality standards.
- 1.13 Authors are expected to attend the Conference in person to present their papers and share their ideas. HGGW can exclude or limit the distribution of any paper that was not presented at the Conference.
- 1.14 During the Conference HGGW will utilize the services and products of various credible suppliers, sponsors, and vendors and although due diligence controls will be applied HGGW cannot reasonably be accept any liability for losses and damage of any nature and type caused due the conduct of these suppliers at the Conference.
- 1.15 Delegates to the Conference are expected to comply to all the rules, procedures and protocols required by suppliers, sponsors, artists relating to, and during, the Conference. HGGW reserves the right to summarily cancel registration of delegates in non-compliance with rules, procedures and protocols.
- 1.16 It is expected that all delegates will have sufficient travel and medical insurance policies in place as HGGW do not accept any responsibility in the event of injury or damage, losses incurred during the Conference or while travelling to/from and attending offsite technical visits.
- 1.17 We may revise our terms and conditions from time to time, for example to reflect changes in relevant laws or regulatory requirements or improvements we make to the Conferences.
- 1.18 These terms and conditions are a contract between you and us. No other person shall have any right to enforce any of the terms.

SECTION 2 – ACCURACY, COMPLETENESS AND TIMELINESS OF INFORMATION

- 2.1 We are not responsible if information made available on this site or at the Conference is not accurate, complete, or current. The material on this site or at the Conference is provided for general information only and should not be relied upon or used as the sole basis for making decisions without consulting primary, more accurate, more complete, or more timely sources of information. Any reliance on the material on this site is at your own risk.
- 2.2 This site may contain certain historical information. Historical information, necessarily, is not current and is provided for your reference only. We reserve the right to modify the contents of this site at any time, but we have no obligation to update any information on our site. You agree that it is your responsibility to monitor changes to our site.

- 2.3 Not HGGW, and/or International Mines Rescue Body (“IMRB”) can be held liable to any footage or photos used in any presentations during the conference and that presenters must ensure no plagiarism or copy rights on any of their presentations shared.
- 2.4 Presenters are giving consent that Presentations presented during the conference are out in public domain and can or may be posted on various platforms to which HGGW may or may not have control.

SECTION 3 – PERSONAL INFORMATION

- 3.1 Presenters are giving consent that Presentations presented during the conference are out in public domain and can or may be posted on various platforms to which HGGW may or may not have control.
- 3.2 The protection of your personal data is important to HGGW. Your information will be treated confidentially wherever possible.
- 3.3 HGGW will however use and allow access to your personal data in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation of the European Union (GDPR) and Austrian Data Protection Law. Personal data (“data”) refers to all information that can be used to determine who you are, for example your name, your e-mail address, IP address and Identity number. By using this website and/or registering for the IMRB 2025 Conference you consent that we can use and process your personal data. According to GDPR you may withdraw your consent anytime. If you want to do so, please contact HGGW.

SECTION 4 – INDEMNIFICATION

You agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless HGGW, including all related parties, its parent Trust, trustees, affiliates, partners, officers, directors, agents, contractors, licensors, service providers, subcontractors, suppliers, interns and employees, harmless from any claim or demand, including reasonable attorneys’ fees, made by any third-party due to or arising out of your breach of these Terms of Service or the documents they incorporate by reference, or your violation of any law or the rights of a third-party.

SECTION 5 – SEVERABILITY

If any provision of these Terms of Service is determined to be unlawful, void, or unenforceable, such provision shall nonetheless be enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, and the unenforceable portion shall be deemed to be severed from these Terms of Service, such determination shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any other remaining provisions.

SECTION 6 – TERMINATION

- 6.1 The obligations and liabilities of the parties incurred prior to the termination date shall survive the termination of this agreement for all purposes.
- 6.2 These Terms of Service are effective unless and until terminated by either you or us. You may terminate these Terms of Service at any time by notifying us that you no longer wish to use our Services, or when you cease to be a participant at the Conference.
- 6.3 If in our sole judgment you fail, or we suspect that you have failed, to comply with any term or provision of these Terms of Service, we also may terminate this agreement at any time without notice and you will remain liable for all amounts due up to and including the date of termination; and/or accordingly may deny you access to our Services (or any part thereof).

SECTION 7 – ENTIRE AGREEMENT

- 7.1 The failure of us to exercise or enforce any right or provision of these Terms of Service shall not constitute a waiver of such right or provision.
- 7.2 These Terms of Service and any policies or operating rules posted by us on this site or in respect to The Service constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between you and us and govern your use of the Service, superseding any prior or contemporaneous agreements, communications, and proposals, whether oral or written, between you and us (including, but not limited to, any prior versions of the Terms of Service).

- 7.3 Any ambiguities in the interpretation of these Terms of Service shall not be construed against the drafting party.

SECTION 8 – GOVERNING LAW

These Terms of Service and any separate agreements whereby we provide you Services shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Austria.

SECTION 9 - CHANGES TO TERMS OF SERVICE

- 9.1 You can review the most current version of the Terms of Service at any time on this page.
- 9.2 We reserve the right, at our sole discretion, to update, change or replace any part of these Terms of Service by posting updates and changes to our website. It is your responsibility to check our website periodically for changes. Your continued use of or access to our website or the Service following the posting of any changes to these Terms of Service constitutes acceptance of those changes.

SECTION 10 – FORCE MAJEURE

- 10.1 HGGW will not be responsible for any loss, injury, delay or damage or casualty suffered or incurred because of the failure to deliver or delay in complying with the delivery of the service, Conference and any other terms and conditions relating to the website and Conference which are the result of causes beyond its reasonable control, including but not limited to natural calamities, diseases (i.e. Covid), strikes, fires, acts of government bodies, delays in use or sources of supply or any commercial impracticability of any nature whatsoever.
- 10.2 During any period of non-performance, the relevant terms and conditions of this Contract will be suspended. Should the duration of non-performance go beyond a period of 6 months, either party may cancel the Conference/Contract/Agreement/Order, without any right of recourse as against each other. The parties agree to take all reasonable steps to comply to the delivery of the Conference should rescheduling of the Conference be required.

SECTION 11 – TERMS OF REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

- 11.1 All Pricing (in Euro) includes Value Added Tax (Umsatzsteuer) at the prevailing statutory rate in line with current Austrian tax legislation requirements.
- 11.2 The pricing of Local (Austrian residents) and International (delegates with place of normal residence outside Austria) delegates are different due to inherent cost composition differences (i.e. logistics, transport, accommodation etc.).
- 11.3 HGGW reserves the right to refuse registration and entry for individuals fraudulently and/or in error reporting their place of normal residency as this affects the cost composition.
- 11.4 A tax invoice will be generated for all registered delegates and will be emailed to the email address you provided.
- 11.5 Confirmation of registration as a delegate to the conference will be provided via email to you only once full payment is reflected in the designated bank account.
- 11.6 The onus is upon each delegate to ensure that he/she completes his/her personal information correctly, completely and honestly as this will affect your reservations with the various sub-contracted suppliers.
- 11.7 Proof of payment and identification will be required for all delegates.
- 11.8 Once registered and payment is made refunds will only be permitted as detailed in the table below but HGGW reserves the right to amend or change this at any stage for any reason. Date of receipt at Mines Rescue Service: Refund upon written cancellation:
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| before May 25th, 2025 | 30% refund |
| after May 25th, 2025 | No refund |
- 11.9 Personal information supplied by delegates will be used to reserve appropriate bookings and HGGW cannot be held liable as a result of incorrect personal information supplied.
- 11.10 The preferred method of payment is swift bank transfer.