



Annual Scientific Meeting Privacy Statement

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1. About This Privacy Statement

The International Society for the Study of Women's Sexual Health ("ISSWSH," "we," "us," or "our") respects your privacy and is committed to protecting the personal information entrusted to us.

This Privacy Statement explains how ISSWSH collects, uses, discloses, retains, and protects personal information in connection with the **ISSWSH Annual Scientific Meeting** ("Annual Meeting"), including information collected through Annual Meeting websites, registration and abstract-submission systems, mobile applications, virtual meeting platforms, email communications, and other systems or services used to plan, administer, and deliver the Annual Meeting.

ISSWSH's Executive Office and Annual Meeting operations are managed with the assistance of its association management company, **Status Plus**, and other service providers acting on ISSWSH's behalf.

Because the Annual Meeting brings together participants from around the world, ISSWSH seeks to handle personal information in accordance with applicable privacy and data-protection laws. For the Annual Meeting held in Vancouver, British Columbia, this includes applicable Canadian privacy requirements, including British Columbia's **Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA)** and, where applicable, Canada's **Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA)**. Electronic communications may also be subject to **Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL)**. Other privacy laws, including the European Union General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and UK GDPR, may apply depending upon the individual and circumstances.

2. Information We Collect

The personal information ISSWSH collects depends upon how you interact with us and the Annual Meeting.

Contact and Professional Information

We may collect information such as:

- name;
- professional title, credentials, and specialty;
- employer, institution, or professional affiliation;
- mailing address;
- email address and telephone number;
- country or geographic location;
- ISSWSH membership status; and
- other professional or demographic information you voluntarily provide.

Registration and Payment Information

When you register for the Annual Meeting or purchase a related product or service, we may collect information necessary to process your registration, including:

- registration category;
- selected sessions, activities, or events;
- payment and billing information;
- discount or promotional eligibility;
- dietary requirements;
- accessibility and
- other information necessary to administer your participation.

Payment information may be processed directly by a third-party payment processor. ISSWSH may not receive or retain complete payment-card information.

Scientific and Educational Participation Information

If you participate as an author, presenter, moderator, faculty member, reviewer, committee member, or other program participant, we may collect additional information such as:

- biography and curriculum vitae;
- photograph;
- professional credentials and affiliations;
- abstract and presentation information;
- conflict-of-interest and financial disclosure information;
- continuing education information;
- information necessary to administer continuing medical or other professional education credit.

Some information associated with speakers, authors, and scientific presentations may be published in the Annual Meeting program, website, mobile application, scientific materials, or other meeting-related resources.

Website and Technology Information

When you use an ISSWSH Annual Meeting website, application, or online service, certain technical information may be collected automatically, including:

- Internet Protocol (IP) address;
- browser and device type;
- operating system;
- pages or content viewed;
- referring website;
- date and time of access;
- approximate geographic location; and
- information collected through cookies and similar technologies.

ISSWSH uses this information to operate and improve its websites and digital services, understand how they are used, maintain security, and evaluate Annual Meeting communications and activities.

3. How We Collect Information

ISSWSH may collect personal information:

- directly from you when you register, submit an abstract, complete a form, communicate with ISSWSH, participate in the Annual Meeting, or request a service;
- through ISSWSH websites, mobile applications, virtual platforms, and other digital systems;
- through organizations providing services on behalf of ISSWSH;
- through your interactions with Annual Meeting communications or services; and
- from other sources when permitted by applicable law.

ISSWSH seeks to collect only the information reasonably necessary for identified and legitimate purposes associated with the Annual Meeting, ISSWSH activities, or services you request.

Where consent is required, ISSWSH will seek consent appropriate to the nature and sensitivity of the information and the purposes for which it will be collected, used, or disclosed.

4. How We Use Your Information

ISSWSH may use personal information to:

- process and administer Annual Meeting registrations;
- process payments and maintain financial records;
- communicate important information about the Annual Meeting;
- administer scientific abstracts, presentations, educational activities, and continuing education;
- provide access to meeting websites, mobile applications, virtual platforms, and other services;
- create attendee badges and meeting credentials;
- facilitate attendee networking and participation;
- provide requested accessibility, dietary, or other accommodations;
- respond to questions and provide customer service;
- administer surveys and evaluate Annual Meeting programs and services;
- maintain records required for continuing education, financial, legal, or regulatory purposes;
- prevent fraud, misuse, security threats, or other unlawful activity;
- understand and improve ISSWSH programs, websites, communications, and services;
- communicate information about ISSWSH membership, educational programs, future meetings, and other activities, where permitted by law; and
- comply with applicable legal, regulatory, contractual, and organizational requirements.

ISSWSH will not use personal information for a materially different purpose without obtaining additional consent when required by applicable law.

5. Annual Meeting Communications

Meeting-Related Communications

If you register for or otherwise participate in the Annual Meeting, ISSWSH may send communications necessary to administer your participation. These may include registration confirmations, payment information, program updates, schedule changes, speaker information, continuing education information, meeting logistics, safety information, post-meeting evaluations, and other communications directly related to the Annual Meeting.

Because these communications are necessary to administer your participation, opting out of them may not always be possible while you remain registered for the Annual Meeting.

Marketing and Promotional Communications

ISSWSH may separately communicate with you about future Annual Meetings, educational programs, membership opportunities, publications, and other ISSWSH programs and services where permitted by applicable law.

Where consent is required for commercial or promotional electronic communications, including under Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL), ISSWSH will obtain the required consent and provide appropriate sender identification, contact information, and an unsubscribe mechanism.

You may unsubscribe from marketing communications by following the unsubscribe instructions contained in the communication or by contacting ISSWSH at info@isswsh.org.

Unsubscribing from promotional communications will not prevent ISSWSH from sending communications necessary to administer an Annual Meeting registration, membership, transaction, or other service you have requested.

6. Meeting Application: Attendee Directory & Networking

The Annual Meeting Application may include an attendee directory, online community, networking tools, and other features designed to help participants connect and engage with one another.

Information displayed in the Application may include your name, professional credentials, institution or organization, professional title, city, state/province, country, photograph, and other professional profile information.

Participants may adjust their privacy and profile settings within the Application to control what personal information is visible to other attendees.

ISSWSH does not sell attendee email addresses or other personal contact information to exhibitors, sponsors, or other commercial organizations. However, the Annual Meeting Application may include lead-retrieval functionality for participating exhibitors and sponsors. **If you choose to have your attendee badge scanned by an exhibitor or sponsor, you are authorizing the release of the contact information associated with your badge, which may include your name, institution or organization, mailing address, and email address, to that exhibitor or sponsor.** Once this information has been shared, the exhibitor's or sponsor's own privacy practices will govern its subsequent use.

The Application may also allow attendees to communicate directly with one another through its networking features. When available, these features may facilitate communication without disclosing an attendee's personal email address or other contact information unless the attendee chooses to share it.

7. Exhibitors and Sponsors

ISSWSH works with exhibitors, sponsors, and other organizations that support the Annual Meeting. ISSWSH does **not sell attendee personal information to exhibitors or sponsors.**

Sponsors may receive a pre-registration list that includes the following information (US Only):

- Name
- Organization
- City
- State
- Country

You may, however, choose to provide your information directly to an exhibitor or sponsor, for example, by:

- allowing an exhibitor or sponsor to scan your attendee badge;
- visiting an exhibit and voluntarily providing your contact information;
- participating in a sponsored activity, event, contest, or promotion;
- requesting information from an exhibitor or sponsor; or

When you affirmatively choose to provide your information to an exhibitor or sponsor, that organization's privacy practices will govern its subsequent use of the information. ISSWSH encourages you to review the organization's privacy information before providing personal information.

ISSWSH may provide exhibitors and sponsors with aggregated or de-identified information about Annual Meeting participation when that information does not identify individual attendees.

8. Service Providers and Other Third Parties

ISSWSH uses third-party organizations to help plan, administer, and deliver the Annual Meeting. Depending upon the services provided, these organizations may process personal information on ISSWSH's behalf.

Service providers may include:

- Status Plus, ISSWSH's association management company;
- payment processors;
- mobile application and virtual-event providers;
- abstract-management systems;
- email and communication platforms;
- continuing education providers;
- hotels, meeting venues, and other event-service providers when necessary;
- data hosting, cloud, security, and information-technology providers; and

ISSWSH expects service providers that process personal information on its behalf to use the information only for authorized purposes and to maintain safeguards appropriate to the nature of the information and services provided.

ISSWSH may also disclose personal information when reasonably necessary to comply with applicable law, legal process, court order, regulatory requirements, or to protect the rights, property, security, or safety of ISSWSH, Annual Meeting participants, or others.

9. International Processing and Data Transfers

ISSWSH is an international professional society headquartered and administered in the United States, and Annual Meeting participants, service providers, speakers, members, and partners may be located in multiple countries.

Accordingly, personal information collected in connection with the Annual Meeting may be processed or stored in the United States, Canada, or other jurisdictions in which ISSWSH or its service providers operate.

When personal information is processed in another jurisdiction, it may be subject to the laws of that jurisdiction and may be accessible to courts, law-enforcement authorities, or governmental agencies in accordance with applicable law.

ISSWSH takes reasonable steps to select service providers and implement safeguards appropriate to the nature and sensitivity of the personal information being processed.

10. Cookies and Analytics

ISSWSH Annual Meeting websites and digital services may use cookies and similar technologies to:

- enable website functionality;
- remember user preferences;
- maintain security;
- understand website usage and performance;
- improve user experience; and
- measure the effectiveness of communications or promotional activities.

ISSWSH may use third-party analytics or technology providers to assist with these functions.

Where required by applicable law, users will be provided with appropriate information and choices regarding non-essential cookies or similar tracking technologies.

You may also be able to control cookies through your browser settings. Disabling certain cookies may affect the functionality of some Annual Meeting websites or services.

11. Data Retention

ISSWSH retains personal information only for as long as reasonably necessary to fulfill the purposes for which it was collected and to meet applicable legal, financial, accreditation, contractual, operational, or recordkeeping requirements.

Different types of information may be retained for different periods. For example, ISSWSH may need to retain certain registration, financial, continuing education, scientific, or organizational records after the Annual Meeting has concluded.

When personal information is no longer reasonably necessary for the purposes for which it was collected, ISSWSH will take appropriate steps to delete, destroy, anonymize, or otherwise securely dispose of it, subject to applicable legal and operational requirements. ISSWSH maintains a Document Retention Policy consistent with recommended practices for U.S. nonprofit organizations, which is available upon request from the ISSWSH Executive Office.

12. Your Privacy Rights and Choices

Depending upon where you reside and applicable law, you may have rights regarding your personal information. These may include the right to:

- request information about personal information ISSWSH holds about you;
- request access to your personal information;
- request correction of inaccurate or incomplete information;
- request deletion of certain personal information;

- withdraw consent to certain uses or disclosures, subject to legal, contractual, and operational limitations;
- object to or request restriction of certain processing;
- request a portable copy of certain personal information where applicable; and
- raise a concern or complaint regarding ISSWSH's handling of your personal information.

Withdrawal of consent will not affect processing that occurred before consent was withdrawn. In some circumstances, withdrawing consent may affect ISSWSH's ability to provide a requested service or permit participation in certain Annual Meeting activities.

To exercise a privacy right or ask a question about your personal information, contact ISSWSH at info@isswsh.org.

ISSWSH may need to verify your identity before fulfilling certain requests and may decline or limit a request where permitted or required by applicable law.

13. Privacy Rights for Participants in Canada

For the Annual Meeting held in Vancouver, British Columbia, ISSWSH recognizes the privacy protections applicable to personal information collected, used, or disclosed in connection with activities in Canada.

Canadian privacy principles generally require organizations to:

- be accountable for personal information under their control;
- identify the purposes for which personal information is collected;
- obtain appropriate and meaningful consent where required;
- limit collection to information reasonably necessary for identified purposes;
- limit use, disclosure, and retention of personal information;
- maintain information with appropriate accuracy;
- protect personal information using safeguards appropriate to its sensitivity;
- be open about privacy policies and practices;
- provide individuals with appropriate access to their personal information and an opportunity to request correction; and
- provide a means to raise questions or challenge compliance with applicable privacy practices.

Individuals in British Columbia may have rights under the **Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA)** relating to the collection, use, disclosure, protection, access, and correction of their personal information.

Canadian participants may also have rights or protections under other applicable federal or provincial laws depending upon the circumstances.

Questions, requests, or concerns regarding personal information collected in connection with the Annual Meeting may be directed to ISSWSH using the contact information below.

14. Participants from the European Economic Area and United Kingdom

Where the European Union General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), UK GDPR, or related data-protection laws apply, individuals may have additional rights regarding their personal information.

Depending upon the circumstances, these may include rights of access, correction, erasure, restriction, objection, and data portability, as well as the right to withdraw consent where consent is the basis for processing and the right to lodge a complaint with an applicable supervisory authority.

ISSWSH will respond to requests in accordance with applicable law.

15. Information Security

ISSWSH recognizes the importance of protecting personal information and uses reasonable administrative, technical, and organizational safeguards designed to protect personal information against loss, theft, unauthorized access, disclosure, copying, use, modification, or destruction.

The safeguards used may vary based upon the sensitivity of the information, the way it is collected and stored, and the risks associated with its processing.

ISSWSH also expects service providers processing personal information on its behalf to maintain appropriate security safeguards.

However, no method of electronic transmission or storage can be guaranteed to be completely secure. ISSWSH therefore cannot guarantee the absolute security of information transmitted to or maintained by ISSWSH or its service providers.

16. Privacy and Security Incidents

If ISSWSH becomes aware of unauthorized access to, loss of, or disclosure of personal information, ISSWSH will investigate the incident and take reasonable steps to contain and address it.

Where notification or reporting is required by applicable law, ISSWSH will notify affected individuals and/or appropriate regulatory authorities in accordance with those requirements.

17. Links to Other Websites and Services

Annual Meeting websites, applications, or communications may contain links to websites or services operated by other organizations.

ISSWSH is not responsible for the privacy practices of independently operated third-party websites or services. When you leave an ISSWSH-controlled website or platform, we encourage you to review the privacy statement of the website or service you are visiting.

18. Photographs, Video, and Meeting Recordings

Photographs, audio recordings, or video recordings may be taken during the Annual Meeting for educational, archival, communications, or promotional purposes.

ISSWSH may use photographs or recordings that include attendees in accordance with the Annual Meeting's registration terms, media policy, photography policy, or other applicable participant notices.

Presentations, sessions, or other educational content may also be recorded or made available through ISSWSH platforms when authorized.

19. Changes to This Privacy Statement

ISSWSH may update this Privacy Statement periodically to reflect changes in Annual Meeting practices, technology, legal requirements, or ISSWSH policies.

When material changes are made, ISSWSH will update the “Last Updated” date at the beginning of this statement and may provide additional notice when appropriate.

The version posted on the applicable ISSWSH or Annual Meeting website will be the current version.

20. Contact ISSWSH

Questions, requests, complaints, or concerns regarding this Privacy Statement or ISSWSH's handling of personal information may be directed to:

ISSWSH Executive Office

14305 Southcross Drive
Suite 100
Burnsville, MN 55306 USA
Email: info@isswsh.org

Privacy Contact: Bobbi Hahn, Association Director

ISSWSH will review privacy questions and complaints and will make reasonable efforts to respond in accordance with applicable law.