

RULES ON THE PROTECTION OF HEALTH FROM COVID-19 INFECTIONS AT THE 61st IFC PORTOROŽ 2021 WITH FOUNDRY EXHIBITION BETWEEN 15 AND 17 SEPTEMBER 2021

MAIN PROVISIONS

1 These rules apply to all participants of the foundry event; conference speakers, exhibitor representatives at the foundry exhibition and other participants, including company. These rules also apply to the representatives of the organiser and the venue operator as well as to subcontractors.

2 The 61st IFC Portorož 2021 will be conducted in compliance with all current regulations by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia relating to the protection against coronavirus infections. The conference and exhibition are not open to the public. They will only be open to a limited number of participants, meaning access to the conference venue, the exhibition and the social programme will only be possible for those who have registered digitally in advance, settled the registration fee and obtained a digital ticket voucher to register at the conference reception.

The participants must wear conference badges with the ELKEM banner and the registration slip. The tickets and badges with the participant's registration slip are non-transferable. Furthermore, it is also unacceptable to replace the conference badge with another advertising badge.

3 Before the start of the conference, the conference organiser and convener will draw up a list of all registered participants with home (private) addresses and private contact telephone numbers. Also prepared separately will be the list of participants who will attend the meet-and-greet in Piran on 15 September 2021 at 6.00pm. In the event of a coronavirus outbreak, these lists will be submitted to the National Institute of Public Health (NIJZ). These personal data lists are kept at the Slovenian Foundrymen Society for as long as prescribed by national regulations, while they are destroyed after the expiry of the prescribed period.

4 The organiser and the venue operator are obligated to ensure that the minimum safety distance between individuals at the venue (conference reception desk, conference halls, exhibition, toilets) is observed.

5 Based on the hygiene recommendations by the NIJZ, several hand sanitising points are provided at the congress centre. Hand sanitising is recommended several times daily, possibly with warm water and soap (e.g. in a toilet or hotel room).

6 In accordance with the applicable regulations, the personnel of Hotel Slovenija Congress Centre will disinfect the conference rooms and work areas during breaks.

7 The compulsory equipment for all the participants listed under item 1 of these rules includes a protective mask, which is mandatory in all enclosed spaces where it is not possible to ensure the minimum distance from others in line with the decree by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia.

In conference and exhibition halls, the use of a mask is mandatory. The only exceptions are for the Chair and for the speakers during their presentations.

CONTROL OF THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

8 The plan for the arrangement of participants at the casting event venues according to the compulsory minimum distance between persons is as follows:

- In the James Cook exhibition hall, which is partitioned down the middle by a full-length wall, we will monitor the concentration of persons separately in the right part of the hall, starting with exhibition spaces no. 12S and 27S, and in the left part of the hall, starting with exhibition spaces no. 28S and 43S. A maximum of 25 visitors can move through each side of the exhibition hall at any given moment.
- In the Amerigo Vespucci exhibition hall, we also limit the number of visitors to a maximum of 25.
- On the exhibitor information board located in front of the James Cook hall, the mandatory directions of movement are indicated with blue arrows in the James Cook and Amerigo Vespucci Halls (one-way movement exclusively in order to provide for the required distance).
- The Cristoforo Colombo plenary room is limited to 75 listeners and in the connected Roald Amundsen/Robert Scott conference rooms to 30 listeners.
- Coffee break points within the Congress Centre are limited to a maximum of 50 individuals.

CONTROLLING ACCESS TO THE VENUE AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE RULES

9 Access control at the entrance to the event will be organized in order to prevent entry to unauthorised persons.

10 The implementation of these rules will be ensured by:

- The event organiser: Mirjam JAN-BLAŽIĆ, Primož MRVAR and August ŠIBILA
- The venue operator: Ljiljana TERZIĆ
- Subcontractor STIL d.o.o.: Jolanda VREG

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT GUIDELINES FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS:

11 All participants of the conference and exhibition as well as all operational staff involved in the event organisation (the Society office, employees and students of the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Engineering as well as additional persons hired by

the Society) are required to present one of the following official documents upon arrival to Portorož:

- Certificate of vaccination with the necessary doses or Digital Green Certificate of vaccination against COVID-19
- Certificate of having had COVID-19 in the previous 6 months
- Negative COVID-19 rapid antigen test not older than 48 hours
- Negative COVID-19 PCR test not older than 72 hours

12 All conference and exhibition participants will receive one protective mask in a conference bag. Protective masks are available at the pharmacy in Portorož, 2 minutes removed, at Obala 41 (from Hotel Slovenija in the direction of Grand Hotel Portorož, then in the direction of the taxi rank). Opening hours are Monday to Friday from 8.00am to 7.00pm and on Saturday from 8.00am to 1.00pm.

There is also a point near this location offering COVID-19 rapid antigen testing at the cost of €20. It is open all days of the week from 9am to 11am (including Saturday and Sunday). Outside these opening hours, a test can also be booked while the cost is subject to a special price list.

Please arrive at the venue of our event in good health and be alert for signs the COVID-19 disease (fever, cold, cough, sore throat or throat, altered sense of smell and taste, shortness of breath, muscle aches, digestive problems etc.).

We look forward to our upcoming meeting in Portorož.

Event Organising Committee

Mag. Mirjam Jan-Blažič, President