Privacy Policy – Photography and Documentation at Weizmann Institute of Science Events

The Weizmann Institute of Science (and its affiliated entities) (hereinafter: the "**Institute**") may conducts photography, recording, and documentation at physical, online, and hybrid events organized by or on behalf of the Institute, including conferences, symposiums, ceremonies, friends' association events, certificate award ceremonies, fundraising events, seminars, tours, community activities, and similar activities (the "**Events**"), for organizational, public relations, and marketing purposes.

For the purposes of this policy, "documentation" includes photographs, videos, audio recordings, and their processing through technological means.

This policy explains how documentation and information derived from it are collected and used, and what rights participants have. This policy summarizes the main aspects relating to privacy. For additional details, including information collected during the Institute's events (such as registration details), please refer to the Institute's Privacy Policy on the Institute's website.

By participating in an Event or providing your images to the Institute, including through the Institute's third-party service providers - and after having been informed of this policy - you confirm that you have read and understood the main points of this policy and consent to the processing of information about you in accordance with it. Accordingly, you consent that your photographs in which you appear may be stored in the databases of the Institute or an affiliated entity, and may be processed and used in accordance with the purposes specified in this policy, including your consent to the collection of personal information about you, its processing (including the use of technological means for participant identification), its storage in the Institute's databases (in Israel or abroad), and its transfer to third parties. In addition, by participating in the Event, you acknowledge that you have been informed that the Event is being photographed. If you object to being photographed or do not wish your images to be used, you may, where possible, avoid focused photography and may contact us before or after the Event to request that your images not be used or be removed. The Institute will review such requests and act accordingly, subject to reasonable and technical limitations.

The controller of the database is the Weizmann Institute of Science. For questions, clarifications, requests to exercise rights under the Protection of Privacy Law, or privacy-related inquiries concerning this policy, you may contact the Institute using the contact details published on the Event page, in Event registration communications, or at the end of this document.

Types of Information Collected. During Events, visual and audio information may be collected, including photographs, videos, recordings, and audience documentation. This information may include identifying characteristics (such as facial features, voice, name, or organizational affiliation), as well as metadata (such as the time and place of the recording). In certain cases, the Institute uses technological image-processing tools that may generate unique facial characteristics (such as biometric templates or vectors) for the purpose of locating and comparing images. These characteristics are not visible to participants and are used solely for internal purposes as detailed below.

It is clarified that such processing is carried out only in relation to individuals known to the Institute (for example, employees, researchers, or identified participants) and is not intended for identifying or tracking unknown individuals.

Purposes of Use. The documentation is used, among other things, for archival documentation, advertising and marketing, public relations, fundraising, documentation of welfare, cultural and leisure events, production of professional content, and improving the Institute's activities.

The Institute may edit and use the documentation on various platforms, including the internet and social media.

In addition, image processing using technological tools, including facial recognition as described above, is used for internal purposes such as:

- Locating, organizing, and managing image databases;
- Improving image search capabilities for known participants;
- Tagging participant images for organizational purposes.

The Institute does not use facial recognition for automated decision-making concerning individuals and does not use such technology for monitoring or behavioral tracking.

Legal Basis and Consent. Participation in an Event where notice of photography has been provided constitutes consent to photography and information processing in accordance with this policy. In addition, where a participant proactively requests to be identified or tagged in photographs, such request shall constitute consent to the processing necessary for such identification.

There is no legal obligation to provide personal information or to be photographed, and participation is at the participant's discretion. However, participation in Events may involve photographic documentation, including incidental audience photography. Participants may avoid focused photography where possible and may request removal of documentation or avoidance of information processing as detailed below.

Participants' Rights. Under the Protection of Privacy Law, every individual has the right to review information concerning them and request correction thereof. Individuals may also request removal or blurring of published documentation, subject to reasonable and technical limitations.

Choice Options and Avoiding Photography or Information Processing. The Institute will act to provide prior notice of photography and, where possible, enable participants to avoid focused photography. However, incidental inclusion in crowd photography may occur.

If facial recognition tools are used as described above, you may contact the Institute and request that your images not be included in such processing.

Minors and Sensitive Groups. In cases involving minors or sensitive populations, enhanced precautions will be taken, and parental or guardian consent may be required.

Sharing Information with Third Parties. Documentation may be accessible to service providers (such as photographers and cloud service providers), affiliated entities, and authorized authorities as required by law.

In addition, the Institute may use technological service providers for image storage and processing, including providers offering image-processing or facial-recognition services, solely for the purposes described in this policy.

The Institute does not sell personal information to external commercial entities.

Transfer of Information Abroad. Information may be transferred outside Israel, subject to appropriate safeguards in accordance with Israeli law.

Information Security and Retention. Information is stored in the Institute's databases and protected using customary security measures. Retention periods are determined according to organizational needs and legal requirements.

Facial Recognition. Facial recognition tools may be used for internal purposes (such as locating photographs), in a proportionate manner and in accordance with applicable law, while restricting use and safeguarding outputs. Such use may include generating biometric characteristics from images for the purpose of comparing photographs and locating participants known to the Institute only (such as employees or senior researchers), or those who have proactively requested to be identified or tagged in photographs. The Institute does not use facial recognition for mass identification, ongoing surveillance, or any purpose beyond the organizational purposes described above. Such use is not required for participation in the Event, and you may contact the Institute to request that your images not be included in such processing.

In addition, participants may be offered tools that allow them to locate photographs in which they appear by uploading a facial image (for example, a "selfie"). Use of such tools is voluntary and based on the user's consent and constitutes a request to locate only their own images within the image database.

As part of such use, facial characteristics may be processed to match the uploaded image against images stored in the database. By choosing to upload a facial image for such tools, you declare that the image is your own or that you have obtained appropriate authorization to use it.

Changes to the Policy. The Institute may update this policy from time to time. Continued participation constitutes consent to such updates.

Contact. For questions or requests regarding privacy, you may contact the Data Protection Officer at the Weizmann Institute of Science at:

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234 Herzl Street, P.O. Box 26 Rehovot 7610001, Israel or contact the Weizmann Institute through other available means.