General Terms and Conditions

Definition

K.I.T. Group GmbH Dresden (hereafter referred to as K.I.T. Group) is the conference organisation of the conference “Design, Automation and Test in Europe”, which takes place as a hybrid event partially online and partially in Antwerp, Belgium, from 14 to 23 March 2021 (hereafter referred to as DATE conference). K.I.T. Group is authorized to act on behalf of the conference host EDAA vzw (c/o IMEC, Kapeldreef 75, 3001 Leuven, Belgium) – registered association. K.I.T. Group leads the conference secretariat and is responsible for registration and delegate services, sponsorship opportunities, exhibition management and all conference logistics.

These General Terms and Conditions are valid for each registered attendee of the DATE conference. Any person attending (scientist, delegate, student, media representative, speaker, sponsor, exhibitor, exhibition visitor etc.) is considered an attendee.

Registration

The registration and payment deadlines are as follows:

- **Early registration deadline:** 13 January 2022, 23:59:59 CET
- **Standard registration:** from 14 January 2022, 00:00:00 CET

Everyone who wants to attend the DATE conference must register. The registration to the DATE conference 2022 is solely possible via the online registration form.

With the completion of the online registration (clicking the buttons “pay” or “bindingly register” at the end of the form), the contract between K.I.T. Group and the participant is legally binding. K.I.T. Group is authorized to act on behalf of the conference host EDAA vzw.

If the maximum attendee capacity is reached, the organisers reserve the right to refuse any registration. This also applies to single programme items (e.g. Monday Tutorials, Friday Workshops, DATE Party).

Everyone who wants to apply for a reduced registration fee (e.g. speakers, IEEE/ACM members, students, press representatives) needs to provide a valid proof to K.I.T. Group upon registration.

The participant will receive an official confirmation of registration/invoice from K.I.T. Group via email. All registration fees must be paid in full in accordance with the deadlines mentioned above and the information provided on the invoice. Should one deadline be missed, the next applicable fee will be charged automatically and K.I.T. Group will send a new invoice subsequently.

All registration fees must be fully paid prior to the conference. Payments are only accepted in EUR and can be made by credit card or by bank transfer. Any bank charges have to be paid by the participant. Cheques will not be accepted. Only after the full payment has been received within the respective registration period, the registration for the desired registration fee will become valid. Otherwise, the Conference Organisation will change the registration fee according to the payment deadlines and send a new invoice. If the conference fees have not been paid before the beginning of the conference, the Conference Organisation cannot allow access to the virtual platform or the conference venue.
Visa requirements and letter of invitation

It is the sole responsibility of the attendee to take care of his/her visa requirements if they want to attend the onsite conference in Antwerp, Belgium. Attendees who require an entry visa must schedule sufficient time for the application procedure. Attendees should contact the nearest embassy or consulate to determine the appropriate timing of their visa applications. It is recommended to apply for a visa at least three months in advance of the conference.

Individuals requiring an official Letter of Invitation can request it during the online registration. Invitation Letters will be issued only for delegates, who registered to the onsite conference and have fully paid their registration fees. Invitation Letters will be issued electronically (as PDF file via email). Upon request, a hand-signed hard copy can be sent via regular mail service. Kindly note that tracking of regular mail is not possible and that mail delivery times are beyond the organisers control. Express delivery is possible upon request but will involve an extra service charge depending on the desired delivery service. Issuing the Invitation Letter does not financially obligate the conference organisers in any way. All expenses incurred in relation to the conference are the sole responsibility of the attendee.

Cancellation policy

All registration changes and cancellations must be communicated to K.I.T. Group in written form, i.e. via email, mail or fax. In case of cancellation of the registration or cancellation of single bookings received before the early registration deadline, a cancellation fee of 50% of the registration fee applies. No refund will be given for cancellations made after the early registration deadline and the claim for the full payment of all registration fees remains, respectively.

No refund will be given for unattended events, illness or early termination of attendance.

In case of cancellations due to denied VISA applications, the full registration fee minus a processing fee of EUR 50.00 will be refunded after the conference if the visa was applied for in time. To apply for the refund, a proof of timely application together with an official notice from the embassy confirming that a visa could not be granted needs to be forwarded to K.I.T. Group by email, mail or fax.

Speaker registration and paper payment

According to the publication policy of the DATE conference, only papers that are linked to at least one fully paid conference registration at the speaker rate can be published in the proceedings (details can be found in the submission instructions – kindly note that deadlines for speaker registrations and paper payment are independent from the above-mentioned registration deadlines). Therefore, no refund will be given for cancellation of speaker registrations / registrations that are linked to the publication of an accepted paper.

Cancellation of Monday Tutorials and Friday Workshops

If the number of registrations of one of the Monday Tutorials or Friday Workshops is below 20, two months prior to the conference, the organiser reserves the right to cancel the respective session. In this case, participants will be informed in due time and will be offered an alternative tutorial/workshop, or will receive a full refund of paid fees on request.

Cancellation of the conference

In the event that the DATE conference cannot be held or is postponed due to events beyond the control of the conference organisers (force majeure), the conference organisers cannot be held liable
by attendees for any damages. Under these circumstances, the conference organisers reserve the right to either retain the entire registration fee and to use it for a future conference, or to reimburse the attendee after deducting costs already incurred for the organisation of the conference, which could not be recovered from third parties.

**Name badge for onsite attendees**

Upon arrival at the conference venue, every attendee has to proceed to the registration desk first in order to pick up the name badge and the conference material. The name badge has to be worn at any time during the onsite conference and entrance to the different conference facilities will only be allowed when presenting a valid conference name badge. If an attendee loses, misplaces or forgets the name badge, a handling fee of EUR 20.00 will be charged for re-printing the badge. Upon handing out a new name badge, the lost badge will become invalid.

**Film, photo and video recordings**

EDAA / DATE and K.I.T. Group are collaborating to create a comprehensive overview of the conference programme, interactions and events that may be of promotional interest to the society. Accordingly, please be informed that you may be filmed or photographed at any time (e.g. in the session rooms as well as poster area and during virtual sessions) and any presentation you deliver may be recorded. With the registration to the congress, attendees confirm and agree to the publication of the above-mentioned photo/video material on conference-related websites or printed matters.

**Insurance**

The registration fee does not include insurance of any kind. The organisers cannot accept any responsibility or liability for injuries or losses sustained as a result of any cancellations, accidents, illness or other occurrences that may arise in connection with the conference or its social events. Participants are advised to organise appropriate travel and health insurance themselves.

**Liability**

K.I.T. only acts as mediator and is not liable for any losses of things, in accidents, destructions and damages of property and/or in the injury of persons, the reason does not matter. Participants and accompanying persons participate in all conference events on their own risk.

**Place of Fulfilment**

The court of jurisdiction is Leuven. The law of the Kingdom of Belgium applies. All dates and times mentioned in line with the DATE conference refer to Central European Time (CET).

**Severability Clause**

If there is a determination of these Terms and Conditions to be ineffective or impracticable, the validity of the Terms and Conditions remaining are not impaired. The parties are obligated to cooperate in order to replace the ineffective or impracticable clause by an effective or feasible clause, which results in the ineffective or impracticable clause being closed.

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**As of November 2021**