

Privacy Policy

Introduction

HydroConferences.org (hereinafter also referred to as we, us, our) is a website operated by the International Federation of Hydrographic Societies (hereinafter also referred to as IFHS or the Federation), in association with one of its member societies, The Hydrographic Society UK (hereinafter also referred to as THS UK).

We provide information about the Federation's world-renowned annual Hydro conference series and, on occasion, other relevant seminars and conferences organised by IFHS and its member societies. HydroConferences.org also serves as an archive of presentations and papers from past events. All of these presentations may be [downloaded](#) free-of-charge.

The conferences listed on the site are usually organised and hosted by one of the national/regional hydrographic societies affiliated to the [International Federation of Hydrographic Societies](#), although may also be centrally organised by IFHS itself.

Whilst some host societies opt to use a HydroConferences.org sub-site as the primary website for their event, others choose to operate their own dedicated or standalone websites instead. Where applicable, there will be links from HydroConferences.org to such third party sites. These sites may gather personal and financial information from conference delegates, speakers, exhibitors and other participants. Before using or sharing your data on any other site, we recommend you read the privacy policy of that website and/or the associated event itself.

HydroConferences.org aims to only collect the data needed to deliver the products or services you have requested. We will not sell or share your data with other organisations, except when legally obliged.

You have the right to access, update or amend your personal data gathered by us at any time. In some circumstances, you also have the right to object, request that we delete or restrict processing, to withdraw consent for your data to be stored and processed and to data portability. However, you should be aware that deletion or restricted processing of certain data may prevent us from delivering some services.

Requests with respect to any of these rights may be made verbally, by email or in writing. However, to avoid confusion or ambiguity, we would prefer them to be submitted to gdpr@hydrographicsociety.org.

Your privacy on the HydroConferences.org website is extremely important to us. This document sets out how we collect, use and protect your personal information in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Your use of HydroConferences.org constitutes your acceptance of all the terms and conditions contained within this document and your consent to any action we take with respect to your personal information in compliance with this Privacy Policy.

We may change or update this document from time-to-time and therefore advise you to review it on a regular basis. Your continued use of HydroConferences.org following the publication of any revisions constitutes your acceptance of those changes. If you do not agree with this Privacy Policy, or any subsequent modifications, please do not use this website.

Who can you contact?

If you require additional information about our data protection practices or have concerns about your information rights please contact us by email sent to gdpr@hydrographicsociety.org or by writing to PO Box 103, Plymouth, PL4 7YP, UK.

What personal data do we collect?

HydroConferences.org does not currently gather any personally identifiable information from visitors.

If, in the future, HydroConferences.org should start to collect personal data we will update this privacy policy to describe how, why and what data we are gathering, who has access to it, how it is protected and stored and for how long. We will also explain your rights with respect to the data and how we process it.

Specific event hosts and organisers (i.e. IFHS, THS UK or another IFHS-member society) may use sub-sites of HydroConferences.org to collect information when you make an enquiry, submit an abstract, fill in a form or make a payment for that event. As appropriate, such information is gathered, processed, stored, managed and secured by the host organisation in accordance with the privacy policy (or policies) of:

- the [International Federation of Hydrographic Societies](#)
- [The Hydrographic Society UK](#)
- IFHS-member hydrographic society or association
- the conference itself

Before using or sharing your data on any conference site we recommend you read the privacy policy of that website and/or the event itself.

Presentations and papers

HydroConferences.org holds, and provides free access to, an archive of presentations and papers given at previous IFHS Hydro conferences and other relevant events organised by its member societies. All presentations and papers and the material contained therein, including personal information, are published with the consent of the authors and presenters concerned.

Any author or presenter who no longer wishes to have their data stored and processed in this way has the right to request that the relevant file(s) are deleted from the site by contacting gdpr@hydrographicsociety.org.

Cookies

A cookie is a small file which asks permission to be placed on your computer's hard drive. It helps to analyse web traffic or lets you know when you visit a particular site. Cookies allow web applications to respond to you as an individual, tailoring its operations to your needs, likes and dislikes by gathering and remembering information about your preferences.

HydroConferences.org does not use cookies, nor does it have any third party scripts in place that set such cookies.

Anonymous data

When you visit HydroConferences.org (hosted on our behalf by [MARIS bv](#)) we automatically collect some information which is stored in web server traffic logs. These contain a history of page requests. Information including the client Internet Protocol (IP) address, request date/time, page requested, HTTP code, bytes served, user agent and referrer are added. A statistical analysis of the server log is used to examine traffic patterns by time of day, day of the week, referrer or user agent. The software used to analyse server logs is [AWStats](#).

Links

HydroConferences.org contains links to other websites or social media we feel might be of interest, including those of some of the conferences listed on the site. Neither the International Federation of Hydrographic Societies nor The Hydrographic Society UK takes any responsibility for the content of external sites. The existence of a link from any other organisation's website or social media to HydroConferences.org does not imply that we endorse the activities or views of that organisation.

This privacy policy governs HydroConferences.org only. We are not responsible for the privacy policies that govern third party websites, even where we have provided links to them. If you use any link on HydroConferences.org we recommend you read the privacy policy of that organisation/website before sharing any personal or financial data.

If you wish to link to our website, prior consent must be obtained. Any such links must not damage our reputation or take advantage of it, and you must not establish a link in such a way as to suggest any form of association, approval or endorsement on our part where none exists.

Content moderation

HydroConferences.org moderates comments on the website to protect those who view them. We will challenge, rather than delete, inaccurate comments or data and remove anything that is slanderous, libellous, discriminatory, abusive or contains offensive language.

Security

HydroConferences.org, IFHS and THS UK are committed to ensuring that all personal data is secure. In order to prevent unauthorised access or disclosure we operate appropriate physical, electronic and managerial procedures to safeguard and secure the data we collect from you, including its disposal.

HydroConferences.org makes use of the Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure ([HTTPS](#)) for authentication of the accessed website and protection of the privacy and integrity of the exchanged data.

Complaints

If we have got anything wrong, we hope you will let us know so that we can put it right.

However, you have the right to lodge a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office if you believe that we have not complied with the requirements of the GDPR or the (UK) Data Protection Act (2018) with regard to your personal data.

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