INSAR 2022 Annual Meeting

INSAR represents a safe and welcoming community for all participants at all events, including attendees, speakers, exhibitors, staff members, volunteers, and any other associated parties. Everyone who attends or is associated with the virtual Annual Meeting, and all related events, must agree to abide by the following code of conduct. This code of conduct extends to all INSAR-sponsored events related to the Annual Meeting, such as the Virtual 5K. This event is planned as a hybrid meeting with both in-person and virtual activities. If you participate in any INSAR in-person and/or virtual event, your presence and participation is agreement that you will abide by this code of conduct.

1. Policy Against Harassment and Discrimination
INSAR does not accept any form of harassment or discrimination by any participant or staff at the Annual Meeting or any related events. Unacceptable behavior is met with immediate removal from the meeting sessions without warning or refund, and INSAR reserves the right to take any other necessary and appropriate action. INSAR reserves the right to ban participants from future virtual and in-person events. Unacceptable behaviors include:
- Harassment or intimidation in any form; harmful or prejudicial verbal or written comments or visual images
- Discriminatory, derogatory, or demeaning speech, text or actions in any context; or abuse based on (but not limited to) gender, sexual orientation, disability, race, religion, national origin, physical appearance
- Sending, posting, or sharing nudity, sexual images, or other inappropriate links or materials
- Stalking, “doxing”, or threatening to stalk or “dox”, any participant or staff member/service provider
- Disruption of talks or activities at the event

If you are being harassed, threatened, or discriminated against, please contact Jennifer Gentry (jgentry@autism-insar.org), or go to the Onsite registration desk and ask to speak confidentially with a member of the onsite meeting management team, so that INSAR can take the appropriate action.

2. Recording Policy
Participants may not record or transmit any sessions, presentations, panels, videos, Q&A, breakout sessions, discussions, or any other content that is shared during the Annual Meeting. Participants may not take videos, photos, screen shots of any sessions, chat room activity, or any other presentations and/or materials shared during the Annual Meeting. Presenters are in many cases presenting unpublished data at our event and this is standard protocol for professional scientific meetings.

3. Participation During Sessions
During sessions, all participants must adhere to in-person and virtual meeting etiquette appropriate of a professional meeting, including but not limited to:
- Participants must comply with instructions from the session moderator and INSAR staff.
- Participants may not post unrelated materials in chat, such as solicitation for services, job offers, product announcements, or other promotional materials.
- Participants should keep themselves muted during a speaker’s presentation, during questions being asked by other participants, and in general unless asking a question when Q&A is opened.
- Any disruptive posting or verbal discussion will result in the offender being removed from the session without warning or refund.

INSAR reserves the right to take any action necessary to ensure an environment in which all participants can benefit from the presentation. By agreeing to this code of conduct, you understand that, should any actions result in being removed from a session, you will not be issued a refund, and can be banned from future INSAR events.
4. Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk

As it relates to my involvement in the 2022 International Society for Autism Research Meeting (the “INSAR Meeting”), May 11-14 at the JW Marriott Austin, Austin, Texas:

I am aware of the contagious nature of the COVID-19 virus and the risk that I may be exposed to or contract the virus by being at the JW Marriott Austin or participating in the INSAR Meeting, and that that risk may include serious illness, personal injury, permanent disability, or death.

I acknowledge that, while International Society for Autism Research (“INSAR”), the JW Marriott Austin, and other contractors involved with the INSAR Meeting have implemented preventative measures to reduce the spread of the virus, INSAR cannot guarantee that I will not become infected by the virus and that this risk may be inadvertently compounded by the actions, omissions, or negligence of others, including INSAR members, volunteers and staff.

I acknowledge that I am voluntarily entering the JW Marriott Austin and other conference venues to participate in the INSAR Meeting and its related activities. I agree to accept and assume all risks of personal injury, illness, disability, or death related to the disease arising from my involvement in the INSAR Conference and its related activities, whether caused by the negligence of INSAR or otherwise.

I hereby expressly waive and release any and all claims, now known or hereafter known, against INSAR, its officers, directors, employees, exhibitors, members, volunteers and contractors on account of injury, illness, disability or death arising out of or attributable to my being at the hotel or engaging in the INSAR Meeting and being exposed to or contracting the virus, whether arising out of the negligence of INSAR, or other individuals or organizations involved with the INSAR Meeting. I agree not to make or bring any such claim against the INSAR or other individuals or organizations involved with the INSAR Meeting, and forever release and discharge INSAR and other individuals or organizations involved with the INSAR Meeting from liability under such claims.

I will comply with federal, state, and local laws, orders, directives, and guidelines related to COVID-19 while attending the INSAR Meeting at the JW Marriott Austin and other conference venues, May 11 – 14, 2022, including requirements related to hand sanitation, social distancing, and use of face coverings.

I agree not to enter the JW Marriott Austin if I am experiencing symptoms of the virus (such as cough, shortness of breath, or fever) or if I have a confirmed or suspected case of the disease, or if I have come in contact in the last 14 days with a person who has been confirmed or suspected of having the disease.

I shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless INSAR, its officers, directors, employees, exhibitors, members, volunteers and contractors against any and all losses, damages, liabilities, deficiencies, claims, actions, judgments, settlements, interest, awards, penalties, fines, costs, or expenses of whatever kind rising out or resulting from any claim of a third party related to the disease due to my engaging in the INSAR Meeting at the JW Marriott Austin and other conference venues May 11 -14, 2022.

I acknowledge that I have read the “Code of Conduct and Liability Waiver” above in its entirety, and I register for the INSAR 2022 Annual Meeting with the further acknowledgement that I agree to abide by all the conditions detailed in this document.

Completion and submission of registration form indicates that you have read and accept this Code of Conduct and Liability Waiver.

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