

Terms and Conditions

European Summer School on Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine, XVIII, 12-19th September 2025, Spetses, Greece



Thank you for applying for a place as a Delegate at the European Summer School on Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine (“SCSS”). The following Terms and Conditions (“Terms”) apply to you and your participation. “Attendee” for purposes of these Terms will include all participants at SCSS including Faculty, Delegates and Sponsors. By participating at SCSS, you agree to these Terms so please read them carefully. These Terms include and incorporate by reference SCER’s [Privacy Policy](#).

This summer school is organised by Stem Cell Education and Research (“SCER”), which reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to limit or deny access to any entity or individual at any time.

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1. SCSS Registration

1.1 Stage 1 application

Applicants are invited to apply for a place at SCSS through a stage 1 application process. In 2025 the deadline for stage 1 applications is 30th May 2025 at 10pm UK BST.

The SCER organisers then shortlist Applicants based on the contents of their application and eligibility criteria.

1.2 Stage 2 application

Applicants who have completed a stage 1 application will be notified on 20th June 2025 whether they have been successful in being allocated a place at SCSS 2025. Applicants who have been allocated a place must complete their stage 2 form and provide full payment by 4th July 2025 at 5pm UK BST.

Any Applicant who has been offered a place who does not complete their stage 2 form and provide payment by 4th July 2025 at 5pm UK BST will forfeit their place and their place will be offered to an Applicant on the waiting list.

Any Applicant on the waiting list who is offered a place at SCSS must complete their stage 2 form and complete payment by the date in the email they are sent or they will forfeit their place.

All Attendees are required to have their own travel insurance policy which covers full cover including health insurance and cancellation insurance. A copy of this travel insurance policy must be provided

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in the stage 2 form completion. SCER accepts not liability for any Attendee who does not have appropriate insurance in place.

1.3 Delegate Cancellation Policy

If circumstances change and a Delegate can no longer attend SCSS, they may cancel their place by providing written notice to admin@stemcellsummerschool.org as outlined below:

The delegate fee may be refunded if a cancellation is made by 18th July 2025.

Cancellations received after 18th July 2025, or non-attendance, will NOT be refunded.

For cancellations received after the 18th July 2025 the Delegate must use their travel insurance to reclaim any costs relating to their cancellation.

Delegates are responsible for cancelling their own travel reservations. SCER accepts no liability for any cancellation costs incurred by the Delegate.

In the event that SCER is forced to cancel SCSS for any reason, all Attendees must use their own travel insurance to reclaim any costs associated with the cancellation. SCER accepts no liability for any costs of any Attendee in the event that SCSS is cancelled. SCER's cancellation insurance is limited to direct costs of the event including Attendee accommodation, venue costs and any catering specified in the programme, and does not extend to any travel costs of any Attendee.

1.4 Force Majeure

After the cancellation date of 18th July 2025, payments made are not refundable for any reason, including, but not limited to, failure to attend due to illness or due to any event beyond the reasonable control of the parties, such as an act of God, natural disaster, travel-related problems or an act of terrorism.

2. SCSS Delegate Book

To ensure all Attendees derive the greatest value from SCSS, SCER share an electronic delegate book with all Attendees which includes Attendee names and email contact details. SCER also use an event app from Eventee.

Applicants who submit a stage 2 application are authorising their registration information to be shared with other Attendees and agree to receive communications from any Attendee.

SCER does not share Attendee information with any third parties for commercial purposes. SCER does share the delegate list and contact details with some SCSS sponsors.

3. Delegate Accommodation

Delegate accommodation is provided on a shared-room basis. Delegates will be allocated accommodation in twin or triple bedrooms by SCER. Applicants are requested to provide information in their stage 2 form regarding any room sharing preferences. Room allocations are made based on same-sex bedrooms unless Delegates of different genders both specifically name each other as wishing to share a bedroom. If an applicant has a specific medical condition which relates to room sharing then they must declare this in the stage 2 form and SCER will use reasonable endeavours to accommodate that, however, if there is an increased cost associated with accommodating that request then it is the applicant's responsibility to bear that increased cost.

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4. COVID-19

All Attendees must take COVID-19 tests as requested by SCER and share the results of that test with the organisers. In the event that an individual tests positive for COVID-19 during SCSS the Attendee confirms they will remove themselves from the SCSS course and not interact with any other SCSS Attendee. In the event that an Attendee is sharing a bedroom with another individual who tests positive, SCER will use reasonable endeavours to source alternative bedroom accommodation for the other Delegate to enable the Attendee with COVID-19 to self-isolate.

In the event that an Attendee tests positive for COVID-19 prior to travel to SCSS they will not travel to SCSS and they will use their travel insurance to cover any cancellation costs incurred.

5. Use of Multimedia at SCSS

In order to comply with global data privacy laws, SCER imposes certain restrictions on the use of multimedia at SCSS (i.e., photography, video, audio, online streaming and all future mediums).

SCER prohibits the use of Attendee cameras and mobile recording devices at all sessions in order to protect the proprietary content and images of all Attendees.

SCER leverages social media to post SCSS photos and videos to its Social media feeds. Attendees are encouraged to capture their SCSS experiences in general discussion sessions and post their own social content from SCSS, provided it does not defame other Attendees, show other Attendees proprietary information or infringe on copyrighted content.

By attending SCSS, Delegates acknowledge and agree as follows: (a) SCER may edit and use the footage it captures at SCSS for marketing and promotional activities and for any other lawful purpose in the ordinary course of its business; and (b) Due to the prevalence of mobile recording devices in today's world, SCER disclaims all liability for the capture of images by Attendees at SCSS.

6. Wifi Security

The hotel and venue at SCSS provides wifi free of charge. SCER accepts no liability for the use by Delegates of such wifi provided by third parties. SCER does not provide wifi for the use of conference Delegates.

By accessing any venue/hotel wifi, Delegates acknowledge that they understand that their access to the system is an unencrypted public wireless network, and that they are solely responsible for ensuring the privacy and integrity of any transmissions they make or receive, as well as the safety and security of any systems they use via those wifi systems.

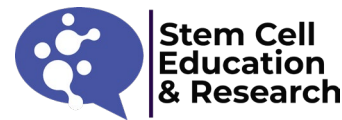
Limitation of Liability — Under no circumstances shall SCER be liable for any direct or indirect damages resulting from Attendee's use of any wifi systems at SCSS. If an Attendee is dissatisfied with the wifi services provided at the hotels and venue, their sole and exclusive remedy shall be to discontinue use of the wifi service.

7. Presentation Materials

Attendees will receive access to SCER and third-party licensed content ("Presentation Materials"). SCER is not liable for the information in the Presentation Materials. Attendees may use these

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presentations as well as session audio/video recordings where available solely for their own internal, non-commercial purposes. Unauthorized distribution (via sales, copying, posting on intranet/internet) is expressly forbidden.

It is a mandatory requirement that all Delegates must present a poster at SCSS. The poster must be in A0 portrait (NOT landscape) format. Any Delegate who attends SCSS without bringing a poster will be required to create a poster for presentation whilst they are on-site. This can be done using a flipchart page or by creation of a file which can be printed at the print-shop at SCSS. There will be no exceptions to this requirement.

8. General information

8.1 – Notepad & pens

The organisers do not provide a notepad or writing paper or pens. Notepads and pens can be purchased on the island.

8.2 Re-usable water bottle

The island does not have drinking water from the tap. Water is provided but to save using disposable plastic cups Attendees are asked to bring a re-useable water bottle that they can re-fill.

8.3 Small bag

The course does not provide a bag. Attendees may wish to bring a small, lightweight bag to carry items around the island.

8.4 Clothing

Swimming Costume - There are lots of places to swim on the island. The hotel provides beach towels.

Jumper/warm clothing - SCSS is held at the end of the summer season. Most evenings are really lovely and warm but occasionally it can get quite windy so some Attendees may wish to bring a warmer item of clothing for the evening

Shoes for walking - The island is very beautiful and it is possible to walk around it. It is, however, very stony and some of the paths outside Spetses town are not suitable for sandals and light footwear. If Attendees want to go walking in their free time SCER suggest bringing trainers or similar.

8.5 Networking event – The SCSS course usually runs one networking event which requires travel to a local beach by boat. SCER accepts no liability for any Attendee who travels by coach to the networking event. The Attendee's travel insurance must cover their travel to/from and during SCSS.

9. Medical emergencies

All Attendees are asked to provide a contact in case of medical emergencies. This is a mandatory requirement.

There are no hospitals on the island and there is only a small doctor's practice and tiny pharmacy on the island. If Attendees have any pre-existing medical conditions they should be aware of the limited availability of medical support on the island.

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In previous SCSS courses Attendees most common medical complaints were blisters, sunburn and sea urchin prickles in hands/feet. We suggest Attendees bring plasters (for blisters), sunscreen, and antiseptic wipes and painkillers. These can be purchased on the island at the pharmacy, however it is a very small pharmacy with limited supplies. SCER does not provide any medical supplies and accepts no liability for any medical problems that may arise for Attendees whilst on the island.

10. Code of Conduct

The SCSS Code of Conduct outlines SCER's expectations for all Attendees who attend SCSS. The SCSS organisers will enforce this Code of Conduct and expect cooperation from all Attendees to help promote a safe environment and a productive experience for everyone.

SCER are committed to providing a safe and productive meeting environment that fosters open dialogue and the exchange of scientific ideas, promotes equal opportunities and treatment for all Attendees, and is free of harassment and discrimination. SCER value the participation of all Attendees and want them to have a productive and enjoyable experience. Attendees are expected to uphold standards of scientific integrity and professional ethics. SCER recognise that there are areas of science that are controversial but SCSS should serve as an effective forum to consider and debate science-relevant viewpoints in an orderly, respectful and fair manner.

SCER wish Attendees to enjoy SCSS and make the most of opportunities to extend existing networks. Scientific meetings can be stressful because they involve travel, disrupted routines and busy schedules. However, these meetings provide a unique opportunity to learn about new research, spend time with colleagues outside of the lab and make new connections. For Attendees who do not consider themselves especially outgoing, SCER encourage those individuals to try to make themselves available and do not hesitate to introduce themselves to others. It is important to treat everyone at the conference with respect, kindness and dignity.

This Code of Conduct applies to all Attendees.

Expected behaviour:

- Treat everyone with respect and consideration, valuing a diversity of views and opinions.
- Maintain a respectful, considerate, and courteous attitude towards everyone you engage with including Attendees and venue staff.
- Communicate openly and thoughtfully with others, and be considerate of the multitude of views and opinions that are different from your own.
- Provide clear, honest information and ensure your communications are useful, informative and relevant.
- Refrain from intimidating, discriminatory, harassing or demeaning behaviour.
- Be mindful of your surroundings and of your fellow Attendees. Alert the organisers or hotel staff if you notice a dangerous situation or someone in distress.
- Respect the rules and policies of the hotels and venues you are using.
- Delegates must be respectful of the person they share a twin bedroom with. They must ensure they are quiet, respect privacy and do not engage in antisocial behaviour when sharing a room.

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Unacceptable behaviour:

For purposes of this Code of Conduct, harassment means unwelcome and offensive comments or behaviour directed to the participant's sex, race, colour, national origin, religion, sexual orientation or gender identity, disability, or other status protected under law. Harassment can include, for example, unwelcome attention, comments or jokes that focus on gender differences or sexual topics and that distract from the professional topics under discussion, unwelcome advances or requests for dates or sexual activities, and the use of language or images that demean or degrade persons of particular gender, racial, ethnic, religious or national identity.

Examples of unacceptable behaviour include, but are not limited to:

- Harassment and intimidation, including any verbal, written or physical conduct designed to threaten, intimidate, humiliate or coerce another participant will not be tolerated.
- Discrimination or other actions based on race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, physical ability, nationality, age, socioeconomic status or belief.
- Personal attacks directed toward other Attendees.
- Stalking, following or unwelcome or surreptitious photography or recording.
- Sustained or disrespectful disruption of presentations or events.
- Post copyrighted content without permission from the owner

Reporting Violations of this Policy

If you have been (or notice that someone else has been) impacted by someone failing to adhere to this Code of Conduct or have additional concerns, please contact one of the SCER organisers onsite or by emailing SCSSsummerschool@gmail.com.

Retaliation for reporting harassment is a violation of this Code of Conduct, as is reporting an incident in bad faith.

In the event of an emergency situation, please contact local authorities immediately.

Consequences of Violating this Policy

Unacceptable behaviour at SCSS will not be tolerated by SCER. Anyone engaged in unacceptable behaviour may result in suspension of your attendance at SCSS or expulsion from SCSS without warning or refund. This may also result in prohibition from registering or attending future SCER events.