

GEOFLUID 2023 GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. ORGANIZATION / DATE / VENUE

The exhibition is organized by Piacenza Expo S.p.A.. The exhibition will take place from 128 september to 1 october at the Fairgrounds in Frazione Le Mose - Via Tirotti, 11 - 29122 Piacenza (Italy) with opening time: 9.00 A.M. - 6.00 P.M. (last day: 9.00 A.M. - 2.00 P.M.). The Organiser reserves the right at all times and without liability for breach of contract to change the exhibition dates, duration and opening hours. Entry at the show is free of charge for registered visitors.

2. AIMS

The show aim is to offer to all qualified operators a unique site for promoting all national and international relationships. Combined with the exhibition a number of conferences will be organized to discuss technical and economic matters of the sector, regarding both productive and marketing aspects, and promotional events to enhance the sector products image both nationwide and worldwide.

3. PRODUCT SECTORS AND EXHIBITED PRODUCTS

The following categories of products and services will be admitted:

- GEOFLUID

- Well drilling equipment (oil & gas wells, water wells, mining boreholes)
- Drilling tools, rods and accessories
- Engines, air compressors, pumps, power generating sets
- TV inspection equipment

• Well tubes, screens and filters

• Drilling muds and fluids and grouting products

• Well monitoring instruments

- GEOTHERMAL DRILLING

• Geothermal well drilling rigs and equipment

• Heat pumps

- FLUID TRANSPORT

• Motor-driven pumps and submersible pumps

• Pipes, pipe bends, fittings, couplers

• Valves, flow regulators, actuators

• Water control and analysis instrumentation

• Fluid treatment plants

- GEO TECH

• Geotechnical borehole drilling machines

• Special and deep foundation plants

• Directional drilling machines, pipe jacking equipment

• Laboratory and in-situ testing equipment

• Geophysical surveying and logging equipment

• Geotechnical and geological instruments

• Grouting equipment, injectors, packers

• Soil samplers, core barrels

• Dedicated software

- GEO TUNNEL

• Drilling, digging, mucking and haulage equipment

• Machines, plants and technologies for tunnel consolidation

• Tunnel formwork and support systems

• Mobile concrete plants

• Shotcrete machines

• Ventilation plants

• Track laying equipment

• Dewatering equipment

• GPS and laser guidance systems

- GEO CONTROL

• Environmental and geotechnical monitoring systems

• Anti-seismic shock engineering systems

• Underground pollution analysis and control instruments

• Subsoil and aquifer reclamation plants

• Water sampling and analysis, groundwater level measurement systems

• Software for Territorial Planning and Mapping, GIS and GPS systems

NOTE: Participating companies are not allowed to exhibit used or refurbished equipment and plants, except if they are directly authorized by the Organizer.

4. PARTICIPATION RULES - APPLICATION FORM

All companies manufacturing and/or marketing products and/or services indicated above will be admitted to the exhibition.

The following documentation must be presented to the Organizer for Entry application:

- a) Application form (herewith enclosed with this "General Regulations") duly filled to be sent to: Piacenza Expo - Frazione Le Mose - Via Tirotti, 11 - 29122 Piacenza (Italy).
- b) Payment of 30 % of the total due for stand booking to be sent along with the application form.
- c) Payment of the remaining 70% amount within the July 1,2023
- d) Payment of the participation fee (Euro 600,00).
The application includes the total acceptance of show rules and regulations.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF THE APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION - STAND ALLOCATION

The Organiser reserves the right to accept or reject the application for admission. Should the application for admission be rejected, the amount paid shall be refunded.

Stands are allocated on the basis of the information supplied in the application form. Such data should be considered as indicative only and they are neither binding in any way for the Organiser nor can they qualify the application for admission.

The Organiser reserves the right for technical/organisational reasons to change the stand location or to reduce the allocated space size without the exhibitor having the right to claim for compensation, with the exception of a proportional refund in case of a reduction in space size.

6. PARTICIPATION FEES

The exhibiting area includes an indoor space (pavilions) divided in 4m x 4m modules and an outdoor space divided in 5m x 5m modules, for which the following rates are applied:

- 4m x 4m space only stand (1 open side) up to 3 modules: Euro 1.700 each module
- 4m x 4m space only stand more than 3 modules: Euro 1.500 each module (corner stand fee included for free)
- 4m x 4m Shell scheme stand (1 open side): Euro 2.700 each module
- Corner stand fee (2 or more open sides): Euro 260
- 5m x 5m outdoor space module: Euro 1.200 each module, minimum 2 modules, corner fee included.
- Co-exhibitors: Euro 800 each
- Represented firms: Euro 100 each

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The following services are included in the participation fees:

- rental of the exhibition space
- catalogue entry (technical/descriptive part)
- on-line catalogue entry + hyperlink
- general security of the halls
- cleaning of the halls
- general lighting
- assistance to exhibitors
- show catalogue (2 copies)
- exhibitor passes
- car passes (2)
- show invitation tickets
- Advertising taxes up to 2 sqm.

The following services are not included in the participation fee and, therefore, they shall be at the exhibitor's expense:

- stand fitting and furniture
- charges for the connection of water, electric power, Wi-Fi, compressed air, according to the "general rules for the supply of technical services"
- charges for the consumption of power, water, Wi-Fi
- pipe derivations for the provision of additional electricity, water, etc. inside the stand
- insurance (see art. 18 below)
- stand cleaning

With regard to the additional supply of power, water and other special services, the Organiser shall not act as surety or undertake liability beyond the surety and the liability of the contractors supplying the services.

7. CANCELLATION AND NON-PARTICIPATION

The exhibitor who for objective and serious grounds is not able to take part in the exhibition, can withdraw from the contract by sending the Organiser a registered letter at least 60 days prior to the exhibition opening, it being understood that the Organiser shall withhold the amount of caution money. Should the aforementioned registered letter be received less than 60 days prior to the exhibition opening, the exhibitor shall pay the participation fee in full. In the latter case, the Organiser can dispose of the stand at will, including reallocation to other exhibitors. The exhibitor who has not fitted out his stand by 12 p.m. on the day before the exhibition opening day shall be considered a defaulter for all legal purposes and shall be charged the full participation fee, as well as the refund of the direct and consequential damages suffered by the Organiser who shall, anyhow, dispose of the stand at will, including reallocation to other exhibitors.

8. SUBLETTING AND ASSIGNMENT

The exhibitor may not assign, transfer or partly or entirely sublet the allocated space without the Organiser's prior agreement under penalty of nullity, without the party in breach of contract having the right to claim the repayment of the fee paid to date.

9. COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES

The applicant exhibitors will have to indicate the names of all the people participating in the show and, in particular, the name of their own representative in charge of communicating with the Organizer for any problem arising during the show, which is also the sole responsible person for any action of the build-up contractor in charge.

10. REPRESENTED FIRMS / CO-EXHIBITORS

A) Exhibitors who are exclusive dealers or distributors for other firms and display their products or any other informative or advertising item within the stand have to inform the Organizer sending along with the application form the "represented firm list" including all firm details and submitting all advertising material they intend to distribute during the show complying with current laws relevant to statistical control on national / international shows. Represented firms will be accepted upon payment of a fee of Euro100 each (see enclosed form).

B) Co-exhibitor being a company which uses the same stand of another exhibitor (main stand hirer) with its own staff and products. Also included in this category are companies belonging to the same industrial group or affiliated firms. Co-exhibitors will be accepted upon payment of a fee of Euro 800 each (see enclosed form).

11. EXHIBITOR ENTRY PASSES / FREE ENTRY TICKETS

Every exhibitor will receive the following number of passes for admission to the show: 4 passes up to 2 stand modules, 6 passes up to 4 stand modules, 10 passes over 4 stand modules. Passes are strictly for personal use. Exhibitors will be also entitled to free show entry tickets (unlimited quantity available) for their own clients.

12. DOMICILE OF THE EXHIBITOR

The exhibitor shall elect domicile in Piacenza, c/o Piacenza Expo SpA and acknowledge that the Court of Piacenza has exclusive jurisdiction over all possible disputes. The aforementioned domicile is to be used also in the freight bills of all display material and equipment.

13. STAND FITTING

Exhibiting spaces are at the full disposal of exhibitors and stand erectors as indicated in the exhibitor's manual. All materials have to be put on display by 18.00 hours of the day before the show starting date. Transport vehicles are not allowed to remain in the stand area more than the necessary unloading time. In any case, the exhibiting area must be cleared of vehicles by 12.00 hours of the day before the show starting date.

TYPES OF STANDS

A) Ground space only

Exhibition spaces are provided without fittings; the costs of fitting and furnishing the stand are to be borne by the exhibitor. The exhibitor shall fit out the stand within the space allocated, which is marked by painted lines or adhesive rubber strips on the floor. The stand fitting must be approved by the Organiser; for this reason the stand plan must be submitted in good time to the Organiser and construction work cannot start before the relevant authorisation is given by the Organiser.

The Organiser reserves the right to have the plan partially or totally modified in the event that in its unquestionable opinion the stand design is either in breach of the Rules and Regulations or it is deemed unsuitable for the existing overall structure, or it is damaging to either the exhibitors or to the public.

With regard to back walls, partitions or signs the following shall apply:

1. For wall stands, the maximum height allowed for the back wall is 3 m from the floor;
2. For stands not backing a wall, the maximum height allowed for back and side partitions is 2.5 m from the floor.
3. (non-intermittent) lighted signs can reach a maximum height of 3 m from the floor, provided that in the irrevocable opinion of the Organiser, they are installed in such a way that they do not cause any damage to the adjoining stands. It is prohibited to trespass on the gangways.
4. The application of lettering, signs, painting on stand windows or partition walls is strictly prohibited. The back of the partition walls must be white. It is prohibited to drive nails or expansion plugs into the walls. Emergency exits, as well as power and telephone sockets must be kept clear at all times.

In the event of breach of the above regulations, the Organiser has the right to issue a fine up to the estimated value of the damage. **Only noncombustible, self-extinguishing, fireproof material may be used for stand construction and fitting, in compliance with the fire prevention regulations issued by the Ministry of the Interior.**

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Therefore, the exhibitors fitting and furnishing their stands either personally or using a contractor acknowledge their civil and criminal liability in respect of any damage resulting from either the failure to comply with, or from the breach of the fire prevention regulations, and they undertake to send a declaration of fireproof compliance of the fitting materials used on the stand within 15 days of the exhibition opening. The exhibitor needing a power supply on the stand shall request it in writing in the application form and shall pay the applicable charges for connection to the electric network and for power consumed. The exhibitor's staff or his contractors shall arrange the ground connections for stand lighting and power supply. The stand electrical system shall be installed in compliance with the Technical regulations issued by CEI (Italian Electric Committee).

Every stand power distribution system shall be fitted with a 0.03 A circuit breaker (ground fault interrupter), flameproof cable and safety plug. The Organiser reserves the right to stop the supply of technical services to the exhibitors should they not comply with the regulations in force. Should the system not be fully compliant, the exhibition appointed electrician shall not make the connection to the electric network till the exhibitor makes it fully compliant. Once the authorised connection is made, the exhibition appointed electrician is entitled - during further inspections - to disconnect a system that is not compliant with the regulations due to subsequent alterations or tampering.

B) Shell scheme stand

In order to make exhibition attendance easier for exhibitors not wishing to provide the material for fitting their stand or to handle their stand construction, the Organiser can supply :

- shell scheme stands (3 partition walls, fascia with company name, carpet, 1 m x 1m closet, CEI-compliant electric system with ground plug and connection of two 100 W spotlights for additional lighting).
- The aforementioned stands are built by the exhibition authorised contractor who upon the exhibitor's request can also furnish it or customise it. It is to be noted that the contractor name is supplied purely on a co-operation basis, hence the Organiser declines all responsibility in respect of any dispute that may arise with the stand fitting contractor.

14. OPENING TIME FOR EXHIBITORS

Exhibitors will be allowed to enter the stand 1 hour before the show opening time. It is absolutely forbidden to remain on the stand after closing time. During this time, all exhibitors are subjected to the same safety and vigilance rules according to the item nr.17.

15. CLOSING OF THE EXHIBITION - RULES FOR STAND DISMANTLING

- The exhibitor will not remove any of his goods or exhibits, even if already sold, from his stand before the exhibition closes and without the Organiser's prior consent.
- The stands, including private halls, shall be cleared by the date and time specified in the dismantling circular. After that time, the Organiser shall be entitled to clear the stand at the exhibitor's expense without any responsibility for the Organiser.
- The exhibitor will return the stand in its original conditions.

16. RETENTION RIGHTS

The Organizer, with no responsibility for any possible consequences, has the right not to allow exhibited items to exit the show area in case of non-fulfilment of a contract on behalf of the exhibitor.

The Organizer has no responsibility for any possible damages caused to exhibited items during the enforcement of the above said rule.

17. SPECIAL SURVEILLANCE

During show time and also during build-up and dismantling time, the Organizer will provide a general night & day surveillance service within the exhibition area; the Organizer has, however, no responsibility for any theft and/or damage to items on the stands. During show opening time, the exhibitors have to keep watch on their own stands.

Exhibitors are directly responsible for their own stands and the Organizer is not liable for any inappropriate behaviour of the stand personnel. During the show, the Italian Fire Dept. will provide a fire prevention and surveillance service.

Exhibitors will have to strictly observe the instructions coming from Fire Dept. personnel present at the show, bearing in mind that they have full police service functions.

18. COMPULSORY INSURANCE

The exhibitor (with the exception of foreign exhibitors who shall give immediate notice that they have taken out a policy of insurance upon shipping of the exhibits and display material) shall take out an insurance policy covering the goods from all risks: during transportation, display at the exhibition, return shipping (theft, water damage, explosion, lightning). The exhibitor shall take out the policy with an insurance company of his choice or shall complete the relevant form to take out the policy with the Organiser's accredited insurance company. With regard to working exhibits, the policy of insurance must specifically cover the risks connected with the display of such exhibits.

By signing the Rules and Regulation, the exhibitor not fulfilling the aforementioned obligations, shall absolve Piacenza Expo, the Organiser and any third party involved with the exhibition from all liability, and waives as from now the right to any compensation and/or claim against the Organiser and any third party for any damage incurred.

19. ADVERTISING & PROMOTION

The Organizer will provide for the printing and the circulation of an official catalogue (in print and on-line) which will be available during the show duration time. All the exhibitors will be mentioned in this publication. On request, the exhibitors can add - on payment - additional information and advertising space. Every form of advertising within the exhibition grounds (stands excluded) is permitted only to the Organizer who can allow it on payment to all requesting exhibitors.

The use of audiovisual equipment is allowed only if it does not disturb the other exhibitors or visitors..

ADVERTISING TAX

The tax on advertising billboards inside the stands must be declared by each exhibitor.

The payment of the advertising tax inside the stands is included in the registration fee for billboards up to 2 sqm.

For any advertising more than 2 sqm., each exhibitor must fill out the "municipal tax on advertising form" that will be available on the official website of the event (www.geofluid.it) and send the filled and signed form to Piacenza Expo offices. Sending the form to ICA is mandatory for all exhibitors who declare an advertising area greater than 2 sqm..

Companies whose billboards are within the dimension of 2 square meters must submit the form to Piacenza Expo office. The Organizer is relieved from any liability arising from defaults.

Any form of advertising in the Exhibition Centre, except for that carried out inside the stands, is reserved to the Organiser and can be granted upon payment of the established fees.

20. INDUSTRIAL PROTECTION

Only authorized photographers are allowed to take pictures within the show grounds. Stands, equipment and exhibited products may be photographed, filmed or reproduced with drawings only with the permission of exhibiting firms. The Organizer can reproduce or authorize the reproduction of overall show pictures.

21. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The temporary protection granted by the Italian Ministry of Industry and Commerce to industrial innovations, new models and new trade marks exhibited during the show will be assured by the Organizer.

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22. COMPLAINTS

Any complaints have to be submitted to the exhibition offices during the duration of the show. Complaints presented after the show won't be accepted.

23. GENERAL CONDITIONS

The exhibitor shall comply with any regulation that the Public Safety Authorities shall issue to Piacenza Expo and the Organiser. Such regulations shall be made known to the exhibitor by any means and shall prevail upon any general regulation in force up to that moment. The exhibitor and any third party operating on behalf of the exhibitor within the fairgrounds must employ staff with an employment or self-employment contract according to the legislation in force (in respect of social security, insurance, taxation, etc.)

24. SAFETY AT WORK

The exhibitor shall comply with the safety at work rules and regulations presently in force, more specifically with the provisions of DL 626/94 and subsequent amendments and riders. The exhibitor appointing an outside contractor for the construction and dismantling of the stand or for any other work to be carried out within the fairgrounds undertakes to check the technical and professional skills of the contractor in respect of the aforementioned DL, to inform him about the specific risks within the fairgrounds and about the provisions of the Rules and Regulations of Piacenza Expo SpA, and shall comply at all times with everything else provided for in the applicable regulations.

25. ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS

By submitting the admission form and by signing the rules and regulations, the exhibitor accepts without reserve or limitations the aforementioned terms and conditions and the rules that might be issued by the Organiser who shall then be entitled - in case of non compliance with such obligations, with his Rules & Regulations and with any legislation in force - to intervene directly, including with his own staff, in the fairgrounds. Any verbal agreement must be confirmed in writing by the Organiser.

Stamp and legible signature of Authorized Company Representative

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