

# PRIVACY AND DATA PROTECTION

## GENERAL STATEMENT

Challenges in Computational Biology and its organisers (hereinafter referred to as “CCB”) protect personal data collected on its web pages. Collected personal data is processed in accordance with the applicable law, especially the German Data Protection Act (Bundesdatenschutzgesetz, BDSG). Personal data will not be publicly released or given to any third parties unless permitted by law or appropriately authorized by the person affected. Personal data are data, which can be used to determine your identity, such as your name, your address or e-mail address. In any event we will use personal data only to the extent necessary and solely for the intended purpose.

This data protection declaration informs about data collection and protection by CCB.

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## ACCESS DATA AND LOG FILES

Access data is generated and stored in server-side log files upon each software access (e.g. a web browser query) to our web services. The access data is composed of the name or IP address of the requested website or computer, the requested file, the date and time of the query, the amount of transferred data, the query status, the type of browser plus version, the user operating system, the referrer URL (site that has been visited before), and the querying IP address. Access data is not used for statistics or any other purpose.

## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

For conference registration, users are required to enter the following personal data: Name, Surname, Email, Affiliation and Registration Type. For invoicing purposes, they are required to enter: Institution/Personal Name, VAT/ID Number, Address, City, Postal code and Country. The following data is optional: Food Requirements and Additional Information for invoicing. Google Forms, a service provided by Google, Inc. (“Google”), is used to collect registration data. These data are stored for the purpose of monitoring conference attendance and invoicing and will not be used for other purposes. After the conference, the data will be deleted from Google Forms.

## TRANSMISSION OF DATA

If legally required, personal data will be transmitted to government organizations and authorities. Otherwise, your personal data will not be transmitted to third parties.

## INFORMATION AND DELETION

Users have the right to be informed about their stored personal data, to require modification, and to require deletion. This can be done by sending a request to CCB as specified in the CONTACT section of the web site.