PRIVACY POLICY

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1. Introduction

The Belgian Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis (BSTH) is a Belgian non-profit scientific association dedicated to promoting research, education and collaboration in the field of thrombosis and haemostasis.

BSTH respects the privacy of its members, meeting participants and website visitors and is committed to processing personal data transparently, securely and in accordance with applicable data protection legislation.

BSTH processes personal data in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR) and other applicable Belgian and European data protection legislation.

This Privacy Policy explains what personal data we collect, why we collect it, how we use it, and the rights you have regarding your personal data.

2. Data Controller

The data controller responsible for processing your personal data is:

Belgian Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis (BSTH)

Secretariat (managed by Congress Care)

P.O. Box 440

5201 AK 's-Hertogenbosch

the Netherlands

Tel: + 31 (0)73 690 1415

Email: secretariat@bsth.be

3. Personal Data We Collect

Depending on your interaction with BSTH, we may collect the following personal data:

- First name and surname
- Email address
- Organisation or professional affiliation
- City and country
- Postal address (where provided)
- Membership information
- Congress or event registration details
- Payment and invoicing information where applicable

- Communications you send to us
- Technical information relating to your use of our website (such as IP address, browser type, device information and website usage data)
- Cookie-related information (please also consult our Cookie Policy)

We only collect personal data that are necessary for the purposes described in this Privacy Policy.

4. How We Collect Your Personal Data

We collect personal data when you:

- apply for or renew BSTH membership through our membership platform;
- register for scientific meetings or other events;
- subscribe to our newsletter;
- contact us by email or through our website;
- visit our website;
- voluntarily provide information to BSTH.

5. Why We Process Your Personal Data

BSTH processes personal data for one or more of the following purposes:

- administering membership;
- organising scientific meetings, educational activities and other events;
- processing registrations and payments;
- communicating with members and other stakeholders;
- sending newsletters and other Society communications where you have consented or where otherwise permitted by law;
- responding to enquiries;
- maintaining and improving our website;
- complying with legal, financial and administrative obligations.

6. Legal Basis for Processing

Depending on the specific processing activity, BSTH relies on one or more of the following legal bases:

- your consent;
- the performance of a contract (for example, membership or event registration);
- compliance with legal obligations;
- the legitimate interests of BSTH in administering the Society and promoting its scientific activities.

7. Data Retention

BSTH retains personal data only for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes for which they were collected or as required by applicable law.

As a general rule:

- website usage and analytics data are retained in accordance with the retention periods applicable to the analytics tools used on the BSTH website;
- membership information is retained for the duration necessary for membership administration and in accordance with the retention periods applied by our membership administration provider;
- personal data relating to congress and event registrations are generally retained for up to one year following the event;
- financial and invoicing information may be retained for up to seven years where required to comply with applicable legal and accounting obligations;
- newsletter subscription data are retained for as long as you remain subscribed and, where necessary, for a limited period thereafter for administrative purposes.

Specific retention periods may vary where a longer period is required by law or necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims.

8. Sharing Personal Data

BSTH does not sell your personal data. We may share your personal data with trusted service providers where this is necessary for the operation of the Society and the delivery of our services. These service providers may support us with:

- website hosting and website management;
- membership administration;
- congress and event registration;
- payment processing;
- email communication and newsletter distribution;
- IT support and website maintenance.

At the time of writing, BSTH works with Congress Care for membership administration, congress registration and payment processing. Other trusted service providers may be engaged where necessary to support the activities of the Society.

Where required, BSTH enters into appropriate data processing agreements with these service providers to ensure that your personal data are processed securely, confidentially and in accordance with applicable data protection legislation.

9. International Transfers

Based on our current service providers, BSTH does not intentionally transfer personal data outside the European Economic Area (EEA). Should this change in the future, BSTH will ensure that appropriate safeguards are implemented in accordance with the GDPR.

10. Cookies

Our website uses cookies and similar technologies to ensure proper website functionality and, where applicable, to analyse website usage. Further information is available in our Cookie Policy.

11. Your Rights

Subject to applicable data protection legislation, you have the right to:

- access your personal data;
- request correction of inaccurate or incomplete personal data;
- request deletion of your personal data;
- request restriction of processing;
- object to certain processing activities;
- withdraw your consent where processing is based on consent;
- request data portability where applicable.

Where processing is based on your consent, you may withdraw that consent at any time without affecting the lawfulness of the processing carried out before the withdrawal.

To exercise any of these rights, please contact us at secretariat@bsth.be.

12. Complaints

If you believe that your personal data have been processed unlawfully or that your rights under applicable data protection legislation have been infringed, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the competent supervisory authority.

For Belgium, this is:

Belgian Data Protection Authority (Gegevensbeschermingsautoriteit – GBA)

Drukpersstraat 35

1000 Brussels

+32 (0)2 274 48 00

+32 (0)2 274 48 35

Email: contact@apd-gba.be

For more information, please visit :

https://www.gegevensbeschermingsautoriteit.be/burger

13. Data Security

BSTH takes appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect personal data against accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure or access.

Personal data are stored in secure systems and are accessible only to authorised persons or trusted service providers who require access for the performance of their duties.

Although no method of electronic transmission or storage can be guaranteed to be completely secure, BSTH continuously strives to implement and maintain appropriate safeguards to protect the personal data entrusted to us.

14. Changes to this Privacy Policy

BSTH may update this Privacy Policy from time to time to reflect changes in legislation, organisational practices or website functionality. The most recent version will always be published on this website together with the date of the latest revision.

15. Contact

If you have any questions regarding this Privacy Policy or the processing of your personal data, please contact:

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