

Informed consent

Unpacking participant experiences and interaction at online and in-person scientific conferences

Part B

Informed Consent form to use anonymized data from follow-up electronic survey and in-depth interviews (focus groups or individual).

Part B, Section 1: Electronic survey

We, the ANH Academy Week organisers and IMMANA researchers, will use data collected from this electronic survey about participant engagement, enjoyment, and experience during the ANH Academy Week Research Conference, 2021 to compare participation in virtual and in-person conferencing. We aim to exploring the relative benefits and trade-offs in equity and inclusion, participant enjoyment, knowledge transfer, and networking opportunities. This will aid ANH Academy and future scientific symposia to amplify researchers from a diversity of perspectives, to foster equitable and sustainable knowledge transfer, and to advance innovative methods for research.

The data that may be used for this analysis include your qualitative survey responses, including completely anonymised direct quotes from free text responses, seniority, country of residence, and gender, all of which will be anonymised and cross-referenced with existing data on session attendance collected during the ANH2021 sessions. The latter are routinely collected through Zoom video conferencing software and include participants' primary academic discipline, information on question-and-answer sessions, chatbox interactions, social media engagement and social event attendance and interactions at the online social hangouts.

All data will be stored and processed adhering to the GDPR regulations. Participants' personal information and other identifiers will be kept confidential and will be fully anonymised prior to analysis. No identifying information will be shared beyond the core ANH Academy Week team (IMMANA staff and Organising Committee). The information provided by the participants will not be used for anything other than informing how to improve academic conferences, ensuring ANH Academy Week participants' names, online identities and details are kept confidential.

There are no costs or risks to consent to the use of this data. Consent is entirely voluntary. If you decline to consent, you will still be able to participate fully in the ANH Academy Week and all ANH Academy activities going forward.

We invite you provide consent to use your data for the above stated purposes.

a. I consent to the data I provide in this electronic survey being used for the above-described purposes.

Yes

No

b. **T** I consent to being contacted to possibly participate in a follow up focus group interview.

Yes

No

Part B, Section 2: Focus Group Discussions

We, the ANH Academy Week organisers and IMMANA researchers, intend to use data collected during Focus Group Discussions on participant's overall experience of ANH Academy Weeks, comparing your experiences of in-person ANH Academy Week conferences in the past (2016-2019) to your experience of recent online events (2020-2021). We aim to expand existing data on the relative benefits and trade-offs in equity and inclusion, participant enjoyment, knowledge transfer, and networking opportunities to include nuanced perspectives on how and why these benefits and trade-offs occur. This will aid ANH Academy and future scientific symposia to amplify researchers from a diversity of perspectives, to foster equitable and sustainable knowledge transfer, and to advance innovative methods for research.

The data that may be used for this analysis include information on recurring themes that arise in the Focus Group Discussions and the perceived drivers of benefits and trade-offs of in-person or online conferencing, including the use of direct quotes pertaining to relevant themes, all of which will be completely anonymised.

All data will be stored and processed adhering to the GDPR regulations. Participants' personal information and other identifiers will be kept confidential and will be fully anonymised prior to analysis. No identifying information will be shared beyond the core ANH Academy Week team (IMMANA staff and Organising Committee). The information provided by the participants will not be used for anything other than informing how to improve academic conferences. Any quotes from the interviews and discussions will be shared only after removing all the personal identifiers and ensuring ANH Academy Week participants' names, online identities and details are kept confidential.

There are no costs or risks to consent to the use of this data. Consent is entirely voluntary. If you decline to consent, you will still be able to participate fully in the ANH Academy Week and all ANH Academy activities going forward.

We invite you provide consent to use your data for the above stated purposes.

- a. I consent to the data I provide in this focus group discussion being used for the above-described purposes.

- Yes
 No