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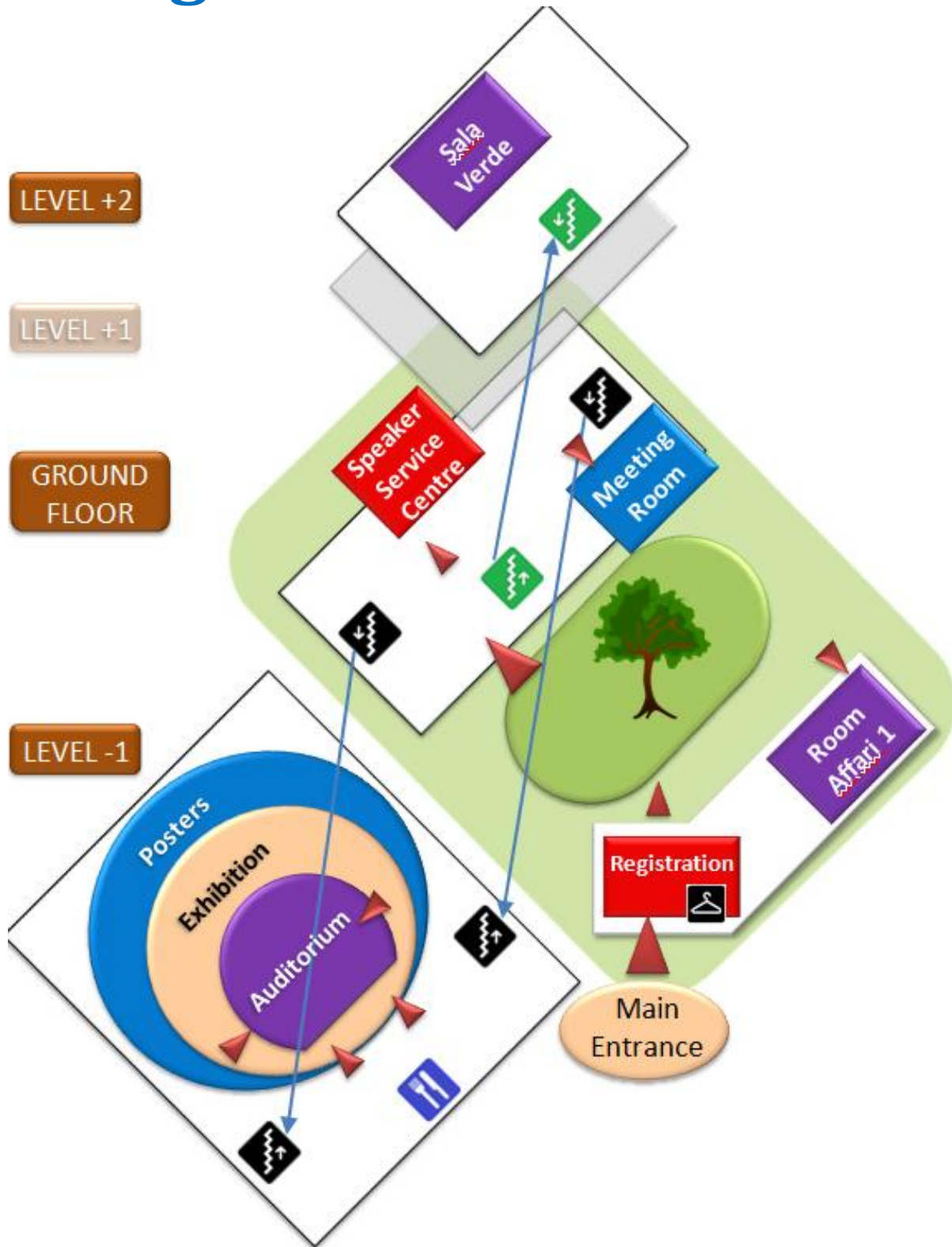


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Building Overview



Congratulations

You have decided to partner the fourth Frontiers in Cardiovascular Biology (FCVB), the biennial meeting of the Council on Basic Cardiovascular Science (CBCS) of the European Society of Cardiology has been in conjunction with 13 European cardiovascular science societies.

FCVB 2016 will take place in the beautiful city of Florence. It is a unique opportunity for everyone to participate to one of the most relevant exchange platform for basic and translational cardiovascular biology.

Thank you for reading these Guidelines

Successful planning makes for successful execution and the European Society of Cardiology will happily guide you over the coming months towards a congress rich in discussion and exchange for your organisation.

These Guidelines will guide you in the necessary steps of your participation at FCVB 2016. The document is organised by activity to allow you to concentrate on areas of interest to your organisation. Please read this document carefully and share with the necessary colleagues and agencies involved in the organisation of your FCVB activities.

Please carefully note the key deadlines marked at the start of each chapter: to ensure we deliver a successful FCVB Congress, we will not be able to deviate from these deadlines.

The FCVB industry portal:

Please note that a successful application for participation at FCVB 2016 implies an acceptance of the requirements contained within these Guidelines and also in any updates posted on www.esceexhibition.org/FCVB2016

This web address should be a main reference source in your preparations. The web site is also organised by activity to allow you to focus on your company's participation concerns. The web site will provide you with monthly updates, application forms, key dates, don't miss information, technical specifications and much more... Bookmark it now!

The Venue

FCVB 2016 will be held in:
Firenze Fiera Palazzo dei Congressi and Palazzo degli Affari
Florence, Italy

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We look forward to working closely with you over the coming months towards a rich and innovative FCVB 2016.

Definitions

The Exhibition

The technical and scientific display of current and future healthcare practices, goods and services relevant to the field of cardiology.

The Exhibitor

Any person, firm, company or corporation and its employees and agents to whom space(s) have been allocated for the purpose of exhibiting at the Exhibition.

Industry Sponsored Sessions

Scientific Sessions organised by ESC Industry Partners (Satellite Symposia, EBAC Accredited Educational Programmes).

Sponsorship

Additional marketing strategies, including onsite advertising, purchased by industry partners to highlight their congress activities.

Rooms at FCVB

Rooms rented to Exhibitors to organise different meeting formats (Function Spaces, Industry Meeting Rooms and Closed Industry Meetings).

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1. EXHIBITION

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1.1 KEY DATES

Until 31 October 2015	Cancellation fee: 10% of total amount due
From 1 November 2015 until 31 January 2016	Cancellation fee: 50% of total amount due
From 1 February 2016	Cancellation fee: 100% of total amount due
29 April 2016	Company and product description deadline
13 May 2016	Deadline for stand design submission
27 May 2016	Stand activity declaration deadline
10 June 2016	Stand services deadline - After this date the delivery of the service cannot be guaranteed and orders will incur 20% surcharge.
13 June 2016	Free Exhibitor badge deadline
8 – 10 July 2016	FCVB 2016 – Florence, Italy

EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

Thursday 7 July 2016	08:00 – 19:00	Build-up
Friday 8 July 2016	08:00 – 09:00 09:00 – 19:30 18:30 – 19:30	Stand Decoration Only Exhibition Opens Networking Reception in Exhibition Hall
Saturday 9 July 2016	08:30 – 17:00	Exhibition Opens
Sunday 10 July 2016	08:30 – 16:30 18:30	Exhibition Opens Exhibition Dismantling

EXHIBITION OPENING HOURS

Friday 8 July:	09:00 – 19:00
Saturday 9 July:	08:30 – 17:00
Sunday 10 July:	08:30 – 16:30

1.2 GENERAL RULES GOVERNING THE ESC EXHIBITION

WHAT IS THE FCVB 2016 EXHIBITION?

The exhibition accompanying FCVB 2016 is a technical and scientific display of current and future healthcare practices, goods and services relevant to the field of basic cardiovascular biology. Industries active in the research, production, approval, marketing and distribution of such goods and services are invited to participate. In addition, certain other types of business are invited as exhibitors, notably publishers, booksellers, food and nutrition specialists, companies advertising sporting and healthy lifestyle goods as well as non-profit healthcare organisations and academic institutions.

The ESC requires all exhibitors to respect the educational spirit of the congress and will welcome companies with products, services and innovations with demonstrable interest related to the prevention and management of cardiovascular disease.

Italian Regulation on participation at medical congress exhibitions

According to Italian legislation, any Marketing Authorisation Holder or pharmaceutical company responsible for the commercialisation of a drug, which organises or helps to organise, whether by direct or indirect funding in Italy or abroad, a congress, or a meeting on topics in any way related to the use of medicines, shall notify the competent Unit of the Italian Medicines Agency (AIFA) at least 60 days before the date of the event to ensure that these adhere to strict technical criteria and aim to provide further knowledge in the fields of chemistry, pharmaceutical technology, biochemistry, physiology, pathology and clinical medicine.

AIM Group International has been appointed as the official agency for AIFA submission to support sponsors and exhibitors with these formalities. Pharmaceutical companies which require the authorisation from AIFA are advised to contact:

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CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION LAYOUT

The ESC reserves the right to deviate from the stand confirmation and to allocate a stand in a different location at any time, to alter the size of the stand, to re-locate or close entrances and exits on the exhibition grounds and/or in the congress centre and to carry out any other structural alterations providing it has a substantial interest in such measures.

Alterations to the agreement will only be made after mutual consultation. If in such cases the interests of the exhibitor are unreasonably impaired, he/she may withdraw from the contract in writing within one week after receipt of notification of the type of alteration. The ESC accepts no responsibility for any damage which may result from such changes.

The ESC will contact the company in writing to inform them of any change to their assignment. Modifications to a stand assignment do not entitle a company to a refund.

CONDITIONS TO HOLD AN EXHIBITION SPACE

Organisations renting exhibition space are in effect purchasing a license to exhibit their products and services within a controlled environment and the constraints detailed in these Guidelines for Industry Participation. In the event where the products and services exhibited differ from those declared on exhibit applications, or where a breach of the Guidelines has taken place, a company's license to exhibit may be withdrawn. In such cases, no financial recompense will be offered and the decision of the ESC will be considered final.

The ESC reserves the right to refuse admittance of inappropriate or non-cardiology related products or services to the exhibition unless they are deemed by the ESC to add value to the congress experience for delegates.

SUBTENANTS AND OTHER REPRESENTED COMPANIES

Sharing the allocated stand area with another company, regardless of whether this company is represented by its own staff (subtenant) or only by its own exhibits (represented company), is not allowed.

This applies equally to companies with products or services aligned to a registered exhibitor. In such an instance, where a registered exhibitor wishes to exhibit in association with another organisation, the ESC will endeavour to offer additional exhibit space, where available, under normal conditions of sale.

Where an exhibiting organisation has multiple corporate identities but shared ownership, the organisational relationship must be made clear to delegates (e.g. a corporate ownership statement must be displayed on the stand).

Transfer - even in part - of the rights and obligations arising from the order to third parties is not permitted.

Sub-renting the space to another company or any other third party is not allowed.

COSTS FOR STAND SPACE

“Stand Space” refers to the physical floor area occupied by an exhibit and excludes all construction materials and services such as electricity and communications.

During FCVB 2016 Exhibitor has the opportunity to choose between four options for its stand

- **Exhibition Table Package:** 5m² floor space, 1 table, 2 chairs, 1 brochure rack, 1 wastepaper bin, daily cleaning, electricity connection (1 socket) and consumption.
- **Exhibition Stand Package 6m²:** 6m² floor space, stand structure (walls), fascia board with company name, carpet, 1 welcome counter, 1 table, 2 chairs, 1 brochure rack, 1 wastepaper bin, daily cleaning, electricity connection (1 spotlight & 1 socket) and consumption.
- **Exhibition Stand Package 9m²:** 9m² floor space, stand structure (walls), fascia board with company name, carpet, 1 welcome counter, 1 table, 2 chairs, 1 brochure rack, 1 wastepaper bin, daily cleaning, electricity connection (1 spotlight & 1 socket) and consumption.
- **Stand Space Only:** refers to the physical floor space occupied by an exhibit and excludes all construction materials and services such as electricity and communications.

	Industry	Publishers, Booksellers
Prices:		
- Exhibition Table Package	€900	€900
- Exhibition Stand Package 6m²	€1 300	€1 300
- Exhibition Stand Package 9m²	€1 500	€1 500
- Stand Space Only	€250/m ²	€220/m ²
Minimum exhibition space	9m ² min	6m ² min

BOOKING PROCEDURE

Exhibition floor plan

Study the floor plan available on the ESC Industry portal www.escehhibition.org/FCVB2016 and choose your preferred stand locations (list more than one option). Should there be no spaces of the size you have requested, select a stand number in the area of interest.

Application form

Fill out the stand space application form on the ESC Industry portal: www.escehhibition.org/FCVB2016

Companies new to FCVB 2016 are required to submit a statement of their products and services on the exhibit application form.

NOTE

If an exhibiting company wishes to appoint an agent to conduct its affairs at FCVB2016, the agent should be identified on the application form or separately in writing from an appointed person. Henceforth, the actions and communications of this agent will be treated as though from the exhibiting company. Contractual responsibility remains with the exhibitor.

Application deadlines

Application deadline: **30 November 2015**

Only application forms with signed order forms will be taken into consideration. By signing the order form, the company accepts the conditions contained in the Guidelines for Industry Participation and any supplementary provisions.

Establishment of rental contract

Signature of the order form constitutes establishment of the rental contract between the exhibitor and the ESC. A stand assignment confirmation and an invoice will be sent to the exhibitor by email. Should the stand assignment confirmation differ from the order form, the details of the stand assignment prevail unless the exhibitor protests in writing within two weeks of the date indicated on the stand assignment.

Condition of sales

- Order forms need to be signed by an authorised company representative, only signed order forms will be taken into consideration.
- The order will be considered final and subject to our payment and cancellation terms once this form has been signed and returned.
- A stand assignment confirmation and invoice will be sent to the company by email.
- On time payment of your exhibition space is essential to secure your space assignment.
- Should the stand assignment confirmation differ from the order form, the details of the stand assignment prevail.
- Stand assignments will be cancelled automatically if the stand rental has not been paid within the given payment period. In such cases, cancellation fees will apply as outlined in Chapter 5 "Finance and invoicing". Please refer to this chapter for further details on finance, invoicing and cancellation policies.

STAND ASSIGNMENT

Stands will be assigned on a "first-come first-served" basis.

At each stand assignment, every effort will be made to:

- Offer the first, second or third choice made on the stand application (subject to availability)
- Offer a real time selection of what is available at the time of assignment, in addition to the three choices on the stand application

To ensure every exhibitor has a chance to choose an appropriate location, the ESC stand assignment proposal is valid for 48 hours only unless the offer states otherwise. For this reason, please supply the ESC with a reliable contact telephone number of an appropriate decision maker within the exhibiting company.

Allocation of exhibition space by the ESC to organisations exhibiting at FCVB 2016 will remain valid insofar as the contractual partners do not reach contrary agreements in writing.

IMPORTANT

The selection of the stand space is crucial. When you select your stand space, keep in mind the international, national legislation in place with regards promotion of medicines, industry regulation relative to same, ESC stand build requirements and the amount and type of material your company wishes to display. The ESC Industry Services Team is at your service to help you make the right choice.

After confirmation of stand assignment, any alteration of the stand type may be requested to ESC before 13 May 2016. To ensure a proper announcement of the stand spaces in the FCVB 2016 publications digital tools and printed material, any request of change post this date will be subject to prior approval by the ESC. ESC cannot guarantee a positive response.

ACCESS TO HALLS

Right of admission reserved

The FCVB 2016 exhibition is accessible to certified healthcare professionals, associated press, industry representatives and other stakeholders in the science, management and prevention of cardiovascular disease. Animals are not allowed in the exhibition and should not be used on exhibits. Trained guide dogs for those with visual impairments are permitted but please advise a member of ESC staff on entry to the congress centre.

Congress Badges

Individuals without badges will not be allowed into the halls. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor contact person to ensure that all staff, visitors, stand personnel, etc. are aware of this restriction. Exceptions will not be made and the ESC will not be held responsible for any loss suffered by the exhibitor as a result of such an oversight.

Access to stand

Exhibitors are obliged to grant access to their stands to official supervisory staff and accredited representatives of the ESC and The Firenze Fiera Palazzo dei Congressi and Palazzo degli Affari. Exhibitors, their staff and all visitors to the congress must obey the instructions of the above officers. In the event of a fire or other hazard all those present must leave the endangered area at once when directed to do so by a member of the safety and security staff.

STAFFING ON STANDS

The space assigned to the exhibitor shall be staffed at the beginning of the exhibition on Friday 8 July 2016 at 09:00, during the opening hours of the exhibition as well as during the construction and the dismantling and removal of the stand. The exhibitor shall make sure that either he/she or a person authorised by him/her is present at the site at all times. Unattended stands are a security risk to the exhibitor and, during open periods, are discourteous to delegates, fellow exhibitors and the ESC. Such cases will be considered as a violation of the Guidelines.

PRE-CONGRESS PREPARATION

Company & product description

Send a description of your product and/or company profile using the e-form sent by the ESC Industry Services Team by **29 April 2016**. This information will be published within the Mobile App. Companies will also be listed on the ESC Web Site.

Exhibitor badges

In addition to planning your exhibit, you will be requested to send your free Exhibitor badges orders to the ESC Registration Team (fcvregistration@escardio.org) using the appropriate form by **13 June 2016**. Please refer to Chapter 1.6 for full details.

Stand activity

Submit the details of the activities to be organised on your stand and declare the items to be distributed to delegates by completing the stand activity form available on www.escexhibition.org/FCVB2016 by **27 May 2016**.

Please refer to Chapter 1.7 for full details.

ESC Industry portal

For all your exhibition preparations, visit the ESC industry portal: www.escexhibition.org/FCVB2016

These pages will be updated regularly with information and forms essential to your exhibition planning. Please consult these pages at least on a monthly basis to ensure the correct planning of your exhibit.

The ESC will also communicate with exhibitor correspondence contacts regularly by email. Each exhibitor is responsible for sharing the address of the ESC industry portal with their agencies or contractors and providing them with the necessary information for exhibition preparations.

RESPONSIBILITY

Exhibitors are fully and solely responsible for information they display, presentations they hold and items they distribute to delegates.

1.3 EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Carefully study the timetable for construction, exhibition opening and dismantling as posted in these Guidelines.

- During the construction phase, working passes or exhibitor badges must be worn by all personnel and a photo-id (passport or driving license) should be carried.
- Vehicles are not allowed inside exhibit halls

Set-up – access time slot & deadlines

Access to the unloading area and exhibition ground for construction shall be according to the Access Schedule published in this chapter.

Companies must strictly adhere to the timelines provided and ensure set-up is completed and the necessary packing material removed from the stand by the end of the timeslot provided. If it appears to the ESC that the equipment and furnishing and/or the set-up and installation of the rented stand site will not be completed by the deadline, the organisers shall be entitled to take all measures they may deem necessary. All costs arising from the organisers' decision shall be paid by the exhibitor in full with no right to refund.

EXHIBITION ACCESS TIMETABLE

Vehicle access for unloading and construction

The Exhibition hall is open for construction on **Thursday 7 July from 08:00 to 19:00. The loading zone will be accessible to vehicles from 07:30.**

All constructions must be completed by 19:00 on Thursday 7 July, good must be removed from the aisles to allow cleaning of the aisles. Sand decoration is possible on Friday 8 July from 08:00 to 09:00.

OPENING HOURS

Friday 8 July

08:00 – 09:00

Stand decoration only, to be completed by 09:00.

Incomplete stands and no-shows by 10:00 will be walled off and goods removed into storage at the exhibitors cost

09:00 – 19:30

EXHIBITION HALLS OPEN (all stands must be staffed)

18:30 – 19:30

Networking reception in Exhibition

Saturday 9 July

07:30

Hall access for exhibitors

08:30 – 17:00

Exhibition opens

Sunday 10 July

07:30

Hall access for exhibitors

08:30 – 16:30

Exhibition opens

DISMANTLING

Sunday 10 July

18:30 – 20:00

DISMANTLING

IMPORTANT

On Saturday 09 and on Sunday 10 July, stand personnel may enter the building one hour before the opening of the exhibition. Outside of "exhibition open" periods, delegates may walk through the Exhibition, we therefore strongly urge you to secure your stand against theft or damage when the stand is not manned. (See Chapter 6 "General terms and conditions").

1.4 TECHNICAL GUIDELINES

EXHIBITION LOCATION AND BUILDING INFORMATION

The exhibition accompanying FCVB 2016 will be held in the Exhibition Halls of Firenze Fiera Palazzo dei Congressi and Palazzo degli Affari.

Zone information

Gross area dedicated to exhibits approx. 450 m²

- Ceiling height ranges from 2.5m at the lowest point to 5.5m at the higher
- Exhibition Halls floor weight loading: 500kg/m²
- 1 lorry way access point for Exhibition hall, easy access for vehicles to the floor space
- For First Aid assistance: – Report to any ESC member on-site

STAND CONSTRUCTION

Building integrity

The ceilings, walls, columns and technical installations of the building in general must not be subject to loads from the decoration or objects exhibited, or to affix stand parts, posters or other promotional material to columns, walls, girders, etc. of the building within or outside the stand space assigned.

The floor, columns and installations (distribution boxes, piping, rented shell stands, etc.) of the building must be left in the same state in which they were found. Any damage shall be repaired by the building at the exhibitor's expense.

It is forbidden to make holes, insert screws or nails in the walls, ceilings, floors or columns of the building.

IMPORTANT

Exhibitors must respect both ESC and Firenze Fiera Palazzo dei Congressi and Palazzo degli Affari Rules and Regulations available on: www.esceexhibition.org/FCVB2016

Should you note any important discrepancies between these two Guidelines, please contact the ESC Industry Services Team for guidance at fcvbservices@escardio.org

Responsibility to neighbouring stands

The FCVB Congress is a long standing event with a reputation of equity in its dealings with all participants. The responsibility of ensuring a fair and balanced experience for all is shared by all participants.

Each exhibitor is asked to consider, therefore, the impact of their stand construction on neighbouring exhibits and ensure transparency. If there is a risk of unfairly blocking another stand from view, even when all the Guidelines are respected, the ESC will retain all rights of approval of the final stand design. In order to respect the fair nature of the exhibition, exhibitors are requested to indicate any possible problems of transparency or impediments to neighbouring stands. Failure to do so would breach the spirit of the exhibitor's contract with ESC and in such cases the exhibitor responsible will be expected to make such changes as are necessary at his own cost. In such cases, the decision of the ESC will be considered final.

IMPORTANT

Two-storey structures are not allowed. Arches, bridges or similar constructions connecting two or more stands are not allowed. L & U shape island stands are not encouraged.

Stand dimensions

Immediately after allocation of the stand, the exhibitor is urged to personally check the location and measurements of installations which might be found on the stand space assignment. The ESC does not accept responsibility for complete accuracy of the floor plans provided for exhibitors' reference.

Positioning of stand

Access to the doors, windows, fire alarms, hydrants, portable fire extinguishers, fuse boxes, line poles and circulation routes must be kept free from obstruction at all times.

Positioning of exhibits

The exhibitor is not allowed to place articles to be exhibited in a manner which, in the opinion of the ESC, affects or hinders neighbouring stands, e.g. with regards to the visibility of the neighbouring stands. Articles to be exhibited must be kept within the stand perimeter. The exhibit should pose no danger to participants. Any structural or display element which does not satisfy the organisers and/or venue officials in terms of safety must be made safe or removed.

Aisles

All stands are separated from other neighbouring exhibits by aisle(s). Stand activities may not take place in the aisles and exhibitors must ensure space is available on their stand to absorb spectators for all planned activities. Should a stand activity interfere with the normal traffic flow in the aisle or overflow into neighbouring exhibits, the activity must be modified or stopped immediately. No objects, including signs or advertisements, may impede onto the aisles. The doors of meeting rooms or storage areas located on the stand should not open onto the aisles.



Numbering

Each stand will be numbered by the ESC; stand numbers will be positioned on the carpet next to the open sides of each exhibit.

Stand flooring

The stand floor must be adequately covered, for instance with carpeting or carpet tiles. The floor area of the stand must not be covered with paint or glue. Carpeting must only be held in place by its own weight on the floor or by adhesive tape. These items must be removed by the exhibitor at the end of the exhibition. It is forbidden to place mortar directly on the floor, to nail with percussion tools or to paint with spray guns.

Platform floors

The use of wooden platforms is recommended for stands with important electricity wiring.

For platforms less than 0.03m sloped edges or ramps are recommended but not mandatory.

- The maximum height allowed, measured from floor level to the top of the platform is 0.14m without protection by a balustrade of at least 1.1m
- For platforms in excess of 0.5m a construction safety certificate, signed by a qualified technician, must be submitted
- The platform sides must be closed and neatly finished
- The platform edges must be safe (secured shape & easily visible)
- Platforms should be placed within the stand perimeter

- The platform must allow easy access to service points in case venue technicians require access

Exhibitors who use such platforms should bear in mind:

- Platforms higher than 0.03m must allow easy access to those in wheelchairs; part or all of the edges must be sloped for this purpose on each open side of the stand or a ramp should be included in the flooring of the stand. An alternative could be a portable ramp which can be deployed when required.



Separation walls

All peninsula, corner and in-line stands must be separated from neighbouring stand(s) by means of a separation wall. The stand supplier can supply this if required. The separation wall should be 2.5 metres high, and finished on all sides. The separation wall is considered as part of the stand design and should be indicated on the stand drawings. If two neighbouring exhibitors come to an agreement regarding the separation wall, the right to and the height of this wall must be approved by the ESC. These walls cannot be higher than 3.5m.

Separation walls must be built at the edge of the stands. Walls built inside the perimeter of the stand are not considered as separation walls.

In cases where an exhibitor fails to supply & install necessary separation walls by 19:00 on Thursday 7 July 2016, ESC will arrange for walls to be erected (and floor covering to be laid, if necessary) at the exhibitor's expense.

Back walls

The rear side of each stand shall be designed and decorated by the relevant exhibitor, provided that the interests of the neighbours are not thereby affected. The ESC decision of the effect of a rear side design on a neighbouring stand will be final. Walls constructed on an open side should be visually appealing to adjacent exhibits (e.g. could include screens with moving displays, scientific posters and colourful design and lighting).

Stand roofing

Stands may be covered by a roof insofar as such roofs are in compliance with the fire protection regulations of Firenze Fiera Palazzo dei Congressi and Palazzo degli Affari. All horizontal decorations, ceiling areas and roofs require prior approval by the ESC and must be coordinated with the building. For safety reasons, all ceilings must respect the standard norms classe 1 (Italian standard).

For more information, refer to the Firenze Fiera Palazzo dei Congressi and Palazzo degli Affari Rules and Regulations available on: www.escehibition.org/FCVB2016

Stand lighting

No lighting, fixtures, lighting trusses or overhead lighting are allowed outside the boundaries of the exhibit space. Lighting should be directed to the inner confines of the stand space and not projected onto other exhibits or aisles. Lighting which is

potentially harmful, such as lasers or ultraviolet lighting is not permitted. Lighting that spins, rotates, pulsates and other specialized lighting effects that could interfere with neighbouring exhibitors or detract from the general atmosphere of the congress is strictly forbidden.

Auditoria & Presentations

Exhibit space is intended to display scientific information on products and/or services and favour exchange; positioning auditoria or presentation areas on stands is subject to specific conditions:

The space dedicated to presentations must be of reasonable size compared to the size of the stand. The area should not be covered and all sound and lighting limitations for stands apply within these areas. The area should be designed within the stand to avoid a spillover of participants onto the aisles; the area should be able to contain all interested parties without affecting the exhibition traffic flow. The design and seating should be informal so as not to resemble to a lecture room.

Suspension points

Use of suspension points is not permitted. All displays should be self standing.

SECURITY

Due diligence

All entities involved in FCVB 2016 must have adequate insurance to cover claims arriving from industrial accidents and public safety, whatever the cause. Exhibitors and their contractors must abide by current legislation in Italy with regards to the prevention of occupational hazards which apply to the work being carried out. Particular care should be taken during construction and dismantling periods; un-safe working practices will be stopped by the organiser in the interests of public safety. Exhibitors using materials not conforming to any safety component of these Guidelines will replace them with safe alternatives at their own cost.

Safety requirements

All stands, materials, installations, advertising supports, etc., must conform to public safety requirements in the host country and the E.U. Where these differ, the most stringent standard must be met.

To ensure a safe build up and break down, the following precautions need to be taken into account (this list is illustrative and not exhaustive):

- For safety reasons, all stand builders must wear the correct equipment: Firenze Fiera Palazzo dei Congressi and Palazzo degli Affari is accessible only to persons in possession of a valid working pass
- Protection helmet, working underneath hazards
- Safety lines, when working at height
- Protective clothing and footwear at all times during build-up and break-down
- Reinforced and close shoes at all times during the exhibition set up and dismantling (this is even more important whilst using power tools)
- All persons working in the event halls during the build up and breakdown of the event at a minimum should be wearing a high visibility jacket
- Smoking, drug-taking and the consumption of alcohol are prohibited
- The emergency exits should always be kept free of obstructions. The emergency exits should be used only in emergencies
- Fire extinguishers should always be kept accessible
- One must conduct hot work (e.g. welding) in a safe area with fire extinguishers close by and should be submitted for approval to Firenze Fiera Palazzo dei Congressi and Palazzo degli Affari
- Persons working at heights in excess of 2.5m must be attached by a safety line. It is not allowed to work on a ladder at heights above 2.5m for more than 2 consecutive hours.
- Only approved (e.g. CE certified) machines and tools may be used
- One must stack goods properly
- One must use qualified staff when performing electrical work

Please refer to the Firenze Fiera Palazzo dei Congressi and Palazzo degli Affari Rules and Regulations for further information: www.escehhibition.org/FCVB2016

If you have any questions regarding safety and security in Firenze Fiera Palazzo dei Congressi and Palazzo degli Affari, please send an email to the ESC Industry Services Team (fcvbservices@escardio.org) who will liaise with the venue.

IMPORTANT

During build up and breakdown, the exhibition hall is accessible only to persons wearing a helmet, reinforced and closed shoes and high visibility jacket.

The ESC reserves the right to refuse access to the Exhibition Halls should we esteem that the correct protection equipment is not worn.

STAND MODULE - SCHELL SCHEME STAND

Those exhibitors who need to rent a standard exhibit stand module are urged to use the services of the official stand service supplier. Shell scheme stands will be signed off by the official stand supplier separately.

Submission deadlines

- **By 13 May 2016:** Exhibitors renting a shell scheme stand should inform ESC Industry Services Team accordingly
- **By 10 June 2016:** A public liability insurance document should be sent by exhibitor to the ESC Industry Services Team.

A turn-key stand solution is available at an attractive package prices for stands up to 25m² and will includes:

- Structure: walls roll carpet, fascia board with exhibitor name & stand number, assembly charges and daily basic stand cleaning.
- Lighting: general lighting by spots (1 spot per 3m²), 1 switchboard for general lighting, electrical consumption.
- Furniture package: storage 1x1m, counter with stool, brochure holder, table and chairs.

The stand module (6m² – 25m²) provided by the official stand service supplier will be uniform stands with uniform graphics, height and design. Partition walls will be 2.5m high, graphics & signage may be an additional 0.5m.

NOTE

It is forbidden to make holes, insert screws or nails in the stand modules provided by the official stand service supplier.

CUSTOM STAND DESIGN

Stands drawing

Every exhibitor must submit an exact statement of the dimensions of their stand as well as plans and descriptions of this stand.

The drawings must clearly indicate, in English, the planned layout, equipment and furnishing of the stand, including the signage and visuals. The location of power outlets, electricity cables, moving parts, details of raised floors, telephone and ventilation installations must also be indicated. Please supply:

- A scaled top view drawing
- A scaled side view drawing
- A three-dimensional drawing (or photograph)

Indicating the various heights and the open/transparent spaces will, in principle, be sufficient. If special construction is planned (information towers, moving parts, etc.), additional information will have to be submitted.

Submission deadlines

- **By 13 May 2016:** Exhibitors with custom stands must submit a detailed stand drawing to the ESC Industry Services Team.
- **By 10 June 2016:** A public liability insurance document should be sent by exhibitor to the ESC Industry Services Team. With their plan as well as additional certification documentation required for complex structures. All documentation for construction certification is required.
- **After 10 June 2016** ESC and Firenze Fiera Palazzo dei Congressi and Palazzo degli Affari cannot guarantee grant of approval. Construction of any stand is prohibited without written ESC approval of the stand design.

NOTE

Ideally exhibitors should submit all documents together with the plan to facilitate Health & Safety stand construction certification.

HEALTH & SAFETY CERTIFICATION

Complex structures

- **Definition**

A complex structure is any form of construction of any height, which may require input from a structural engineer. If a stand is not constructed from “shell scheme”, it is the responsibility of the stand designer to determine whether the construction is complex or not.

- **Examples of complex structures:**

- Stands with surfaces exceeding 48m² (shell scheme excepted);
- Any structure, over 4m, which requires structural calculations
- Any part of a stand or exhibit which exceeds 4m
- Suspended items, e.g. lighting rigs
- Sound/lighting towers
- Temporary tiered seating
- Platforms and stages over 0.6m and all platforms and stages for public use (not including stand floor flats and platforms) needs to be signed off by a structural engineer.

- **Submission procedures**

Exhibitors are responsible for submitting full details of all complex structures **no later than Friday 13 May 2016** to the ESC Industry Services Team (fcvbservices@escardio.org).

Permission to build any complex structure will not be given until ESC confirms the stand design complies with ESC rules & regulations for stand design and until the venue have received an electronic copy of the following (written in English):

1. Detailed, scaled structural drawings showing:
 - Plan and section views of the stand
 - Perspective or axonometry
 - Elevations including full steelwork and staircase details
 - Width and position of gangways within the stand
 - Floor and/or roof loading
 - Specifications of materials used with fire reaction class of used materials
 - Brief description of the electric installation
2. Structural calculations
3. Risk assessment (to include fire hazards) and method statement
4. Public liability Insurance document

Each item of information should state the event name and stand number. Complete sets of information only should be submitted, together with a plan showing the location of the stand within the exhibition.

If any complex structure is modified after the submission of the above information, plans must be re-submitted with details and all modifications and a structural engineer’s confirmation that the final overall design is safe for its purpose.

Other space only stands – non complex structures

Firenze Fiera Palazzo dei Congressi and Palazzo degli Affari venue regulations require that all space only non complex-structures are also inspected by a competent person and are suitably certified. A visual inspection of such structures will therefore be made and a suitable certification will be provided. For this purpose, ESC will send your stand plan and public liability insurance document to the venue and to an appointed Health & Safety external company for check and will revert to the exhibitor and/or stand builder if there are any relevant comments and/or concerns.

Stand module

Exhibitors renting a stand module from the official stand supplier should submit the package type, dimensions & non-standard items such as display screens and catering areas. Note that these stand constructions will be signed off by the official stand supplier separately. There is no need to provide any specific documentation for a stand construction certification apart from the public liability insurance document.

This information must be sent to the ESC Industry Services Team by email to fcvbservices@escardio.org by **13 May 2016**.

Onsite checking

Note that all stands will be checked onsite by the ESC team and by the Health & Safety team of the Firenze Fiera Palazzo dei Congressi and Palazzo degli Affari to ensure that the structures are safe and are built accordingly. They will provide a sign off sheet and then whilst the stand is being built onsite will continue to review and sign this off when the stand is complete.

Upon request of the technical personnel entrusted by Firenze Fiera Palazzo dei Congressi and Palazzo degli Affari it is obligatory to show the following documents for all space only stands:

- Certificates of the tests made on materials used for fitting, in compliance with the laws on fire prevention, as well as with a declaration of use;
- After the installation of electric systems in the stand each Exhibitor is bound to submit the form A03 (see easyfair online services) "Statement of compliance with the Industry Standard", enclosing the installer's certificate of vocational qualification belonging to companies registered in the European Union. Firenze Fiera Palazzo dei Congressi and Palazzo degli Affari reserves the right to check the real compliance of the electric installation and certifications with the requirements specified in the regulations in force, especially Italian DM 37/2008, and to decline eventually the electric connection of the stand in case of non compliance.
- Exclusively, for all suspended items the exhibitor has to supply a Certification of suspended structures carried out by a qualified technician with test of suspended masses.

Please refer to the Firenze Fiera Palazzo dei Congressi and Palazzo degli Affari Rules and Regulations for further information:

www.escehibition.org/FCVB2016

STAND TYPES

Two-storey structures are not allowed. Arches, bridges or similar constructions connecting two or more stands are not allowed. L & U shape island stands are not encouraged.

Island

Exposed to aisles on 4 sides

Peninsula

Exposed to aisles on 3 sides

Corner

Exposed to aisles on 2 sides

NOTE

In order to create a physical separation within a stand (e.g. to provide a distinction between commercial and scientific functions) an Exhibitor can choose to have 2 peninsula (or 2 corner stands) side by side, instead of one island stand (or peninsula stand).

Please mention this requirement on your stand application form and the ESC Exhibition Team will advise you accordingly.

IMPORTANT

An Exhibitor choosing to have 2 peninsula or 2 corner stands should be aware that both stands will be considered as 2 separate stands:

- Each stand design will be evaluated individual
- Each stand will have its own stand height allowance depending on the size of each ordered space
- Both stands can be separated by means of a separation wall or by means of a common storage area
- The back wall or the combination of common storage area and back wall must extend throughout the full width of the stand, from one side to the other
- The separation wall between both stands must be at a minimum of 2.5m and a maximum of 3.5m
- A service door between both stands is possible. This service door must be exclusively reserved for the exhibitor's stand staff. An open passageway will not be approved.
- Line(s) of sight on the back wall of both stands is possible (i.e glazing...)

In-line

Exposed to aisles on 1 side

NOTE

Peninsula, corner and in-line stands must be separated from neighbouring stands by means of separation wall(s). The separation wall(s) should be 2.5m high. If two neighbouring exhibitors come to an agreement regarding the separation wall, the right to and the height of this wall must be approved by the ESC. These walls cannot be higher than 3.5m.

STAND DESIGN APPROVAL

Each stand design is evaluated individually.

For confidentiality matters, the exhibitors' stand designs submitted to the ESC will not be communicated to third parties.

The ESC will send an approval of the stand design to the exhibitor and/or the exhibitors' agent. Only with this approval shall the stand be deemed eligible for construction. The stand design approval will be sent by the ESC Industry Services Team only when the venue has approved and signed off the stand plan and the required documentation for construction certification.

No approval means no permission to construct the stand – resulting costs are entirely at the exhibitor's expense.

Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to consider potential stand activities such as demonstrations, presentations, storage and hospitality when planning stand usage and design. Approval of the stand design does not mean approval of stand activity.

IMPORTANT

Any set-up or installation, which does not comply with the standard specifications or with the designs approved by the ESC, must be corrected by the exhibitor before the opening of the exhibition. **Failure to do so will result in the correction being made by the ESC or removal of the stand.** All expenses for these corrections/removal will be payable by the exhibitor. The ESC accepts no responsibility for damage caused by these changes.

Enforcement of the rules

As there may be some instances where there is a misinterpretation of the guidelines, we remind Exhibitors that the overall principle for guidelines relating to stand design is to ensure a well designed and open overall exhibition for the delegates and fairness for all Exhibitors, the ESC therefore reserves the right to refuse or require a modification on a stand design in favour of this principle.

STAND HEIGHT ALLOWANCE

The maximum height allowance is in direct proportion to the m² floor area of each stand and is as follows:

Up to 24m ²	2.5m
From 25m ² and above	3m

EDGE OF THE STANDS

A 30cm inset from the edge of the stand is the minimum vacant margin required by the ESC.

It is forbidden to erect walls, glazing, other constructions, or to place stand elements on the open sides of island, peninsula, corner or in-line stands within this 30cm perimeter.

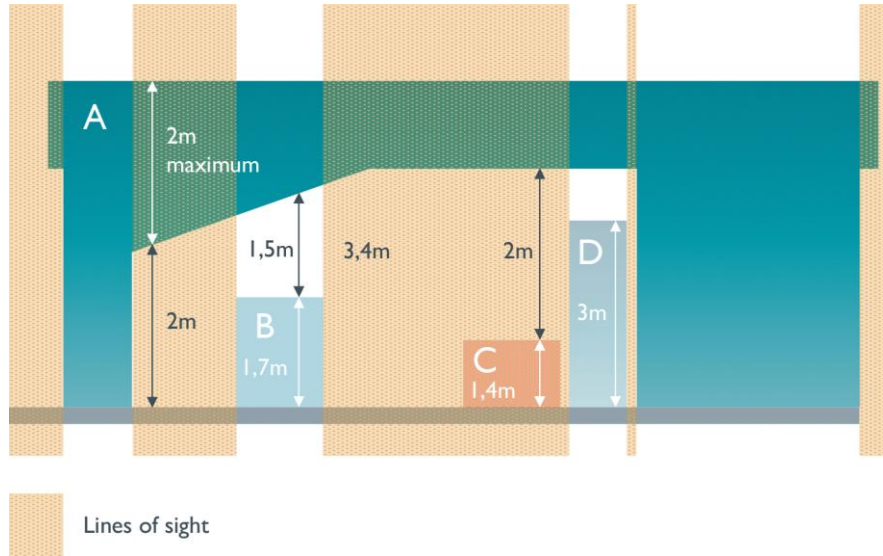
LINE OF SIGHT

The primary objective of creating a line of sight through the open sides of the stands is to keep the view throughout the Exhibition as free as possible. **The line of sight minimum height must be 2m.**

Criteria for line of sights are as follows:

- Free space from floor to ceiling of the Exhibition hall (full and open line of sight)
- Free space from the floor to the ceiling of the stand or other constructed structure (free standing element). Minimum required height 2m
- Free space from the top of a stand element of 1.4m maximum (i.e. decorative elements, counter, kiosk, etc...) and the ceiling of the Exhibition hall
- Free space from the top of a stand element of 1.4m maximum and the ceiling of the stand or other constructed structure (free standing element). Minimum required height 2m

Example of a stand with a self standing arch structure



NOTE

In the case that the ESC considers that the proposed line(s) of sight do not provide sufficient visibility for neighbouring stands, the ESC reserves the right to request a modification. All costs for modifications must be borne in full by the exhibitor.

STAND TRANSPARENCY

33% of the overall stand width is the minimum transparency rate required by the ESC.

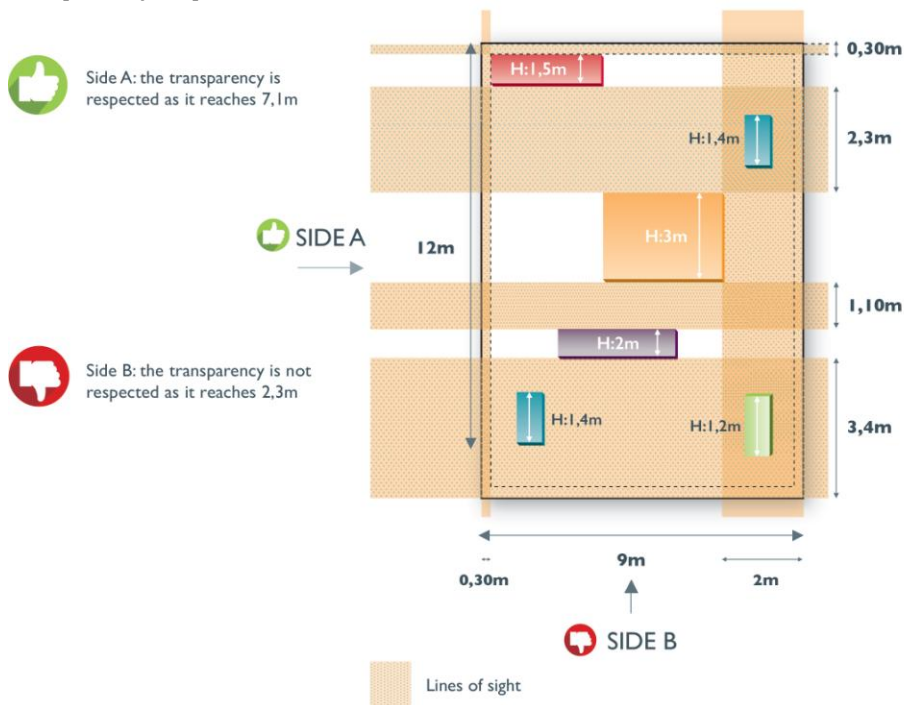
Each open side of island and peninsula stand types must provide lines of sight from aisle to aisle. The total of the lines of sight must reach a minimum of 33% of the stand width.

On the closed side of peninsula, corner and in-line stands, the ESC requires a line of sight when the height of the construction exceeds the height of the back wall. The total of the lines of sight must reach a minimum of 33% of the stand width.

How is it calculated?

Example 1: Island stand of 108m² - 12m x 9m

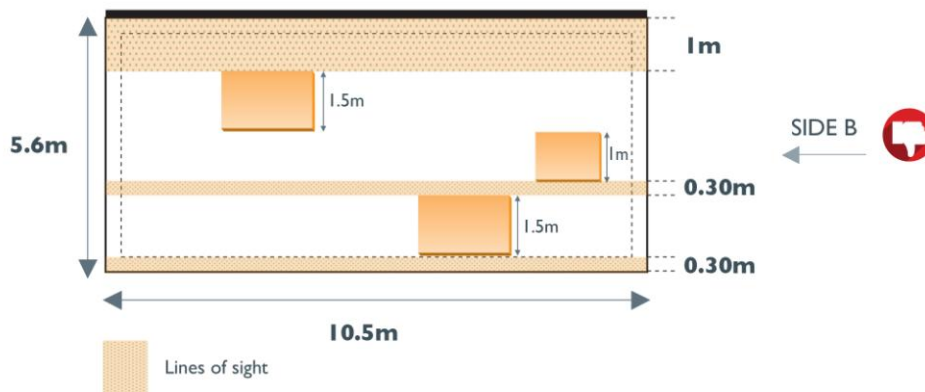
The minimum transparency requested is: 3.96m on Side A and 2.97m on Side B



Example 2: Peninsula stand of 58.8m² - 10.5m x 5.6m with walls erected inside the booth at 4m high
 The minimum transparency requested is: 3.46m on Side A and 1.84m on Side B



 Side B: the transparency is not respected as it reaches 1.6m



WALLS ERECTED ON STANDS

1/3 of the length of the stand is the maximum size for walls erected at the edge or inside island, peninsula, corner or in-line stands.

There is no limit on the number of walls erected inside the stand if it complies with the 30cm, 1/3 and stand transparency regulations.

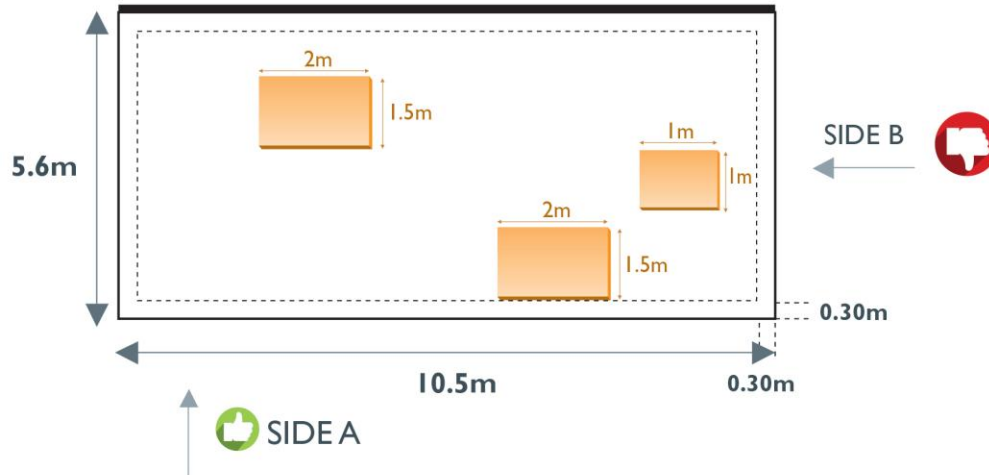
NOTE

Peninsula, corner and in-line stands must be separated from neighbouring stands by means of separation wall(s). In principle this separation wall(s) should be 2.5m high. If two neighbouring exhibitors come to an agreement regarding the separation wall, the right to and the height of this wall must be approved by the ESC. These walls cannot be higher than 3.5m.

According to the stand element height allowance, walls higher than 2.5m or 3.5m erected on stands must be 1m inset from the separation wall(s).

How is it evaluated?

Example 3: Side A and Side B of the Peninsula stand mentioned in Example 2 (page 20).



Side A is approved because:

1. The transparency is respected on this side
2. Each erected wall is lower than 1/3 of 10.5m in length
3. All elements are placed to at least 30cm from the edge of the stand.



Side B is not approved because the transparency is not respected.

SELF STANDING ELEMENTS

Stand elements of 1.4m and higher

Stand elements of 1.4m and higher will be taken into account in the calculation of the transparency and the total width of these elements must not exceed 1/3 of the side of the construction.

Stand elements lower than 1.4m

Stand elements lower than 1.4m will not be taken into account in the calculation of the transparency and therefore will not be considered as obstructive.

Self standing structures with a banner on the top or arch structure

A banner on self standing items or top part of an arch should not exceed 2m - see example p19.

NOTE

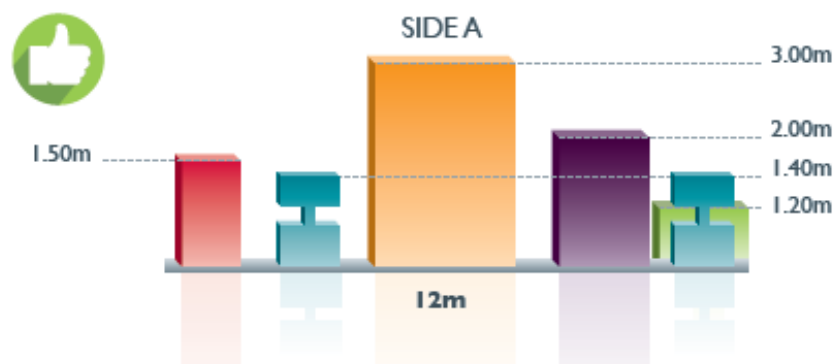
ESC recommends to Exhibitors to keep the open sides of their stands as accessible to exhibition traffic as possible. In the case that the ESC considers that too many stand elements (lower than 1.4m) do not provide sufficient accessibility to the stand, the ESC reserves the right to request a modification. All costs for modifications must be borne in full by the exhibitor.

IMPORTANT

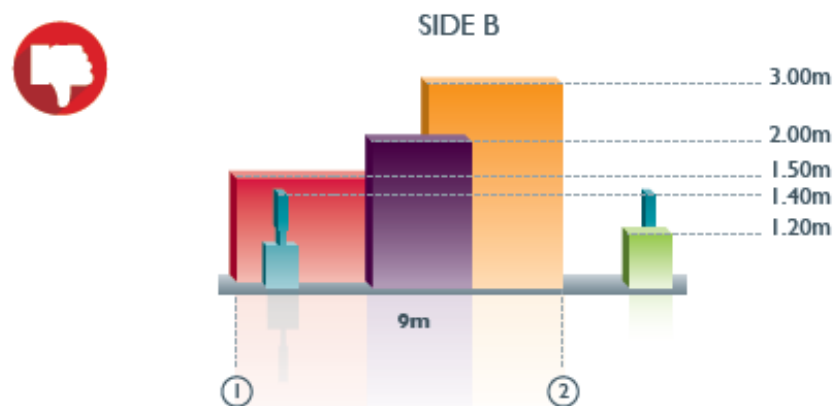
Should the ESC consider that a stand component will obstruct the visibility of neighbouring stands, the ESC reserves the right to request a modification. All costs for modifications must be borne in full by the exhibitor.

How is it evaluated?

Example 4: Side A and Side B of the Island stand mentioned in example 1 (page 19).



Side A: because there are lines of sight (opening) between the elements and we can see through the stand from aisle to aisle, the items less than 1.40m in height (blue and green on the above drawing) are not considered as obstructive and will not count in the calculation of the transparency.



Side B: Between ① and ② there is no line of sight (opening), therefore the stand element lower than 1.40m height (blue on the left side) is considered as obstructive and will count in the calculation of the transparency.

EXHIBITION SERVICES

For all your stand service orders and the latest exhibition logistics information, please visit www.essexhibition.org/FCVB2016

Extra stand services can be requested to ESC Industry Services (fcvbservices@escardio.org)

Service points

All services (example electricity) will reach stands via the service ducts located within the floor. Connections to these service ducts must be made by Firenze Fiera Palazzo dei Congressi and Palazzo degli Affari Services Department only. Access points at any given location may be supplying services to other exhibitors; therefore some stand areas may have cables/pipes/electrical distribution boxes within their area feeding other locations. For aesthetic reasons it may be necessary to shield these pipes or in extreme cases install a platform floor, in such cases ESC will advise exhibitors at the earliest opportunity. Any additional costs arising will remain the responsibility of each exhibitor.

Electricity

Exhibitors must inform the building of the electric power they need. Electric installations cannot be connected to the building until they comply with the building rules & regulations.

Calculate your needs in KW (1KW = 1000 Watts)

Spotlight	100 W
Projector	500 / 1000 W
Screen	100 W
Laptop	200 W
Printer	150 W
Copier	1800 W
Fridge	400 W
Fax	100 W
Domestic coffee machine	1000 W

**Approximate electric consumption according to the materials/equipment used on the stand*

- **Connecting to mains**

Stands can only be connected to the building's electricity mains by the electricians authorised by the building. Should an unauthorised connection damage the power distribution system or connected plants, the building will demand compensation from the company responsible for the connection.

- **Electrical supply**

230 Volts single-phase current ($\pm 10\%$) / 50 Hz 16 or 32 A 2p+t (i.e. two poles plus earth) for single-phase, 220V voltage
400 lts three-phase current ($\pm 10\%$) / 50 Hz 16, 32 or 63 A 3p+n+t (i.e. three poles plus neutral wire plus earth) for three phase, 380 V voltage.

- **Fault reporting**

In the event of damage or fault in the electrical installation on the stand, the building services should be contacted immediately.

- **Installation**

- As the electricity supply is divided into sections, the power for each section may not, for safety reasons, be connected until all installations in the same section are completed. Electricity supply must never be blocked with an exhibitor's material. Installation work may only be performed by licensed companies which are answerable to the authorities and registered in the European Community. Electrical equipment must be installed, maintained and operated in accordance with the relevant regulations (including Italian DM 37/2008), and are be subjected to an official inspection prior to the exhibition. After the installation of electric systems in the stand each Exhibitor is bound to submit the form A03 (see Easyfair online services) "Statement of compliance with the Industry Standard", enclosing the installer's certificate of vocational qualification belonging to companies registered in the European Union. Electrical machinery, transformers and appliances must be provided with regulation protective equipment such as circuit breakers, earths and TN systems.
- High-voltage equipment such as fluorescent tubes, X-ray or large high-frequency apparatus requires special permits, for which exhibitors must announce to the Firenze Fiera Palazzo dei Congressi and Palazzo degli Affari Technical Services in good time, furnishing a technical description and sketch drawn up by themselves or their electrical contractors.
- Distribution boards, controllers, resistors, motors, switchgear, heating elements, etc., must be so installed and protected as to be inaccessible by visitors, and to be at a sufficient distance from inflammable materials, if necessary, by placing them on fireproof bases; they must be so installed that fire hazards and accidental contact live parts are excluded.

Please note that all conductive material and items should be protectively earthed.

For complete details on electrical rules and regulations for stand installation, refer to the Firenze Fiera Palazzo dei Congressi and Palazzo degli Affari Rules and Regulations available on www.essexhibition.org/FCVB2016

Water supply and drainage

Water connections are not available in the Exhibition area.

Reliable supply

Neither the ESC nor the venue can accept any liability for loss or damage to Exhibitors' equipment caused by voltage fluctuations or breaks in electrical supply.

The building cannot accept responsibility for interruptions or pressure irregularities in the water supply.

Internet connection

With the explosion of wireless-enabled devices (smartphones and tablets), the Wi-Fi network availability during congresses has become a challenge.

To ensure the provision of a safe and effective Wi-Fi service for all exhibitors and delegates visiting the Exhibition Hall, we have deployed in collaboration with our official supplier specific technical resources to ensure a quality service.

Our official supplier team is able to provide tailor-made solutions to Exhibitors wishing to order a Wi-Fi efficient service, please contact them for your specific order and requirements. Should you decide to deploy your own Wi-Fi service, a fixed charge will be payable to our official supplier who will check the conformity of your equipment and ensure no interference with the overall Wi-Fi service to delegates and other exhibitors. As such all Wi-Fi equipment for use on your stand must be declared to our official supplier.

Please complete the appropriate order form available on: www.esceexhibition.org/FCVB2016

Failure to report Wi-Fi equipment could lead to an immediate requirement to suspend equipment onsite.

Cleaning and refuse collection

• Cleaning

Exhibitors should manage (contract and pay for) their waste removal through the official cleaning supplier. 'Wild tipping' or disposing of bulk waste within the fairground without payment will be considered a serious violation. For any question, please contact ESC Industry Services Team (fcbvservices@escardio.org)

• Refuse Collection

During exhibition opening times, the ESC shall see to the regular general cleaning of the building and the aisles – that is, daily waste left by delegates. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning their own exhibit and disposal of waste generated before, during and after the event.

IMPORTANT

Unattended rubbish left by exhibitors in aisles when the exhibition is open will be removed at the Exhibitor's expense.

Catering

Exhibitors may not bring their own catering into Firenze Fiera Palazzo dei Congressi and Palazzo degli Affari. All perishable goods (coffee, tea, milk, sugar, fresh fruits...) necessary for the service of hospitality on stands should be ordered from the official caterer. Exhibitors may not sell food or drink for consumption on the premises. Serving alcoholic beverages on stands is strictly forbidden.

All companies offering hospitality are reminded of their responsibilities for hygiene & food safety.

When offering catering to delegates through the official caterer, exhibitors are encouraged to guarantee a healthy and balanced catering offer for delegates.

The Official Caterer of the FCVB 2016 is GERIST Ricevimenti.

Catering can be ordered using the Catering order form available on: www.esceexhibition.org/FCVB2016

LOGISTICS

Transport regulations/handling

It is prohibited to drive motorised vehicles (including forklifts) into the building.

During the exhibition opening hours, from Friday 08 July to Sunday 10 July, only light articles may be taken in the exhibition hall, pallet trucks may not be used.

Do not place anything in the aisles outside the stand to not block the passageway. The venue has the right to store all packaging that is left in the aisles after 19:00 on Thursday 7 July 2016.

Loading/unloading

Only authorised vehicles may work within the loading bay or exhibit hall. Using non-authorised vehicles within halls is considered a serious breach of ESC Guidelines and will result in an ESC violation procedure. Motorised vehicles, pallet trucks or any form of trolley are strictly not permitted within the exhibition areas during the congress opening times.

IMPORTANT

Each exhibitor who needs to access the loading zone must send a request to access the loading zone to ESC Industry Services Team: fcvbservices@escardio.org

Customs, taxes and duties

Exhibitors must pay the various taxes and duties due from taking part in the FCVB 2016 exhibition.

Goods reception & Delivery address

All shipments should be sent to the following address before **7 July 2016**:

Firenze Fiera, Palazzo dei Congressi
Piazza Adua 1,
50123 Firenze
ITALY

All packages should be labelled as follows:

Frontiers in Cardiovascular Biology 2016
8-10 July - Florence, Italy
Company Name - Stand Number
Item nomination (brochures, stand material...)

Goods collection

Where goods are to be collected or stored awaiting collection by a third party, it is important that a trackable order is obtained for the service in advance. It is also vital that the goods are attended until they are taken into custody of the third party. Unattended goods often go missing.

Storage

Empty packing cases must be removed from the exhibition halls by **19:00 on Thursday 7 July 2016**. Exhibitors should therefore make prior arrangements for the safekeeping of such items with the venue or with their own shipping agent. Storing materials in the spaces behind or close to stands not rented by the exhibitor is strictly forbidden.

NOTE

Depending on availability, ESC may not be able to provide storage areas for hire near the exhibit area (at same rate as stand space). To check availability, please contact the ESC Industry Services Team at fcvbservices@escardio.org.

1.5 SAFETY AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WITH REDUCED MOBILITY

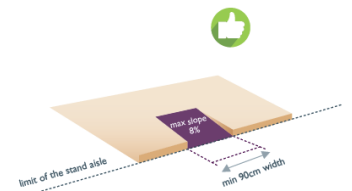
The exhibitor must comply with Italian regulations and with the accessibility order. These regulations specify that all premises and facilities open to the public must allow access to the disabled and to people with reduced mobility. For FCVB 2016, all disabled persons must be able to access and exit all facilities without assistance.

Stands should be designed to ensure that it is not unreasonably difficult for a disabled person to access their stand.

Platforms that exceed 0.03m must ensure access to the disabled visitor with clear and specified access and conformity with the following:

- Bevelled with a ramp of no more than 8% (4,75°);
- A minimum of 900mm wide; and
- Fitted with a handrail on each side or other such division to avoid any trip hazard resulting from the change of floor levels.

Door accessibility to mobility impaired disabled people should be at least 800mm wide.



FIRE PREVENTION AND CROWD SAFETY

Exhibitor obligations

Exhibitors must have available on site official reports on the fire resistance classification of all materials used on their stands. If official reports are not available, exhibitors must have all fireproofing certificates available on site at each of their stands. Any goods on your stand will constitute part of your stand and will be subject to these regulations.

General stand construction materials and the permitted manner of application

Stand construction, installation of materials and poster supporting structures should be sufficiently stable to ensure public safety. Exhibit cases & displays should be sanded down / finished to ensure that they will not inflict cuts. Clear glass elements should display warning signs at eye level. The exhibition or use for exhibition purposes of flammable, explosive, bio hazardous, radioactive, burning or red-hot materials is strictly prohibited.

Fire inspection

Before the congress, the ESC and the building representatives carry out a fire inspection of the building. They inspect, among other things, your choice of building and decor material.

Illuminated signage, fire extinguishers, fire hydrants or other protective equipment or material may not be covered or obstructed.

Fire equipment

Fire equipment must remain visible and accessible at all time.

Stand Walls

All materials to be used for stand fitting up (partition walls, backdrops, platforms, coverings, fabrics, false ceilings, curtains, carpets, various structures and so on) must be incombustible, originally fireproof or fireproofed, in compliance with the Italian standards.

Stand walls shall be made of materials, according to class 1, (see Italian DM 15 marzo 2005, classes co-ordinated with EN 13501-1). Particle board, non-porous fibreboard and plywood are acceptable.

Decorative Materials

Approval or certificates must be on hand at the display, if it is not clear in any other way that the material in question is safe. The ESC encourages stand constructions using materials meeting the European safety norm EN 13501-1.

These should be at class 1 in accordance with Italian standards, see Italian DM 15 marzo 2005, classes co-ordinated with EN 13501-1). Materials that drip or give off toxic gases when burning, such as polystyrene rigid foam (Styropor) or similar materials may not be used. Fire-retardant materials must be approved.

Wall-covering materials

Wall-covering materials must have the properties of fire propagation class 1, (see Italian DM 15 marzo 2005, classes co-ordinated with EN 13501-1). However, if unapproved material is consent will be given for its use only if the unapproved material covers a relatively small surface area of the wall. Unapproved material should be applied as an uninterrupted covering. Whether consent is obtained for the application of unapproved material depends on the assessment of the actual situation by the local fire brigade. Wall-covering materials, curtains and so forth that belong to fire propagation classes 1 may be draped in folds. Wall-coverings, decor and requisites must be kept free of possible ignition sources (spotlights, heat-producing equipment and so forth).

Smoking ban

Smoking is prohibited in all public indoor areas, including privatised areas of exhibit spaces. Smoking is illegal in all public buildings in the Italy, punishable by a fine and demand to leave the premises.

Flammable products

The storage and use of compressed gas and/or liquid gas in the exhibition zones or on the exhibition grounds is not allowed. Balloons filled with flammable gas or Helium balloons are not allowed.

Open Fire

The use of open fire or unprotected flames is prohibited.

Pyrotechnics

Explosive or pyrotechnical articles must neither be used nor taken onto the building's area, either indoors or outdoors, without written permission from the ESC and the building.

Hot work

Hot work such as welding, soldering, cutting, and circular-motion grinding, drying, heating or work over naked flame is not allowed within the congress Venue without the special permission of the Firenze Fiera Palazzo dei Congressi and Palazzo degli Affari Exhibitor Services Department.

Emergency exits

Escape routes and emergency exits (indoor and out) should be kept free of any obstruction and be kept in full view at all times. Similarly, for fire fighting equipment; fire safety signs and emergency wall phones; no product/company signs, decorations or stand roofs should be placed above an emergency exit or any other existing signs.

Heating/cooking

Stoves, heaters & open fires may not be used for any purpose, including cooking, frying or baking. This also applies to demonstrations.

Goods not allowed

The following goods are not admitted to the building: Goods causing nuisance by their smell or otherwise, appliances emitting objectionable noises or radiating disturbing light; any hazardous objects that have not been mentioned in the stand construction design but have been introduced by the exhibitor. Exhibitors wishing to use these devices should notify the brand name, frequencies to be used and range when submitting a stand design for approval.

Combustion engines

Any machine (generating sets, compressors, etc.) with an internal combustion engine, whatever the use, is forbidden inside the building.

Moving machinery

All exhibits with mechanically moving parts, which may be hazardous to public health in case of mechanical failure or incorrect assembly, require a safety certificate from a competent person (qualified & authorised to make such an evaluation). Such equipment must not present any risks to public safety.

Stationary equipment or machinery (whether or not operational):

- Any dangerous parts must be more than 1m from the public thoroughfare or protected by a rigid screen
- Dangerous parts: moving parts, hot surfaces, blades and sharp objects

Moving equipment or machinery must be presented in a protected area where members of the public are kept at a distance of at least one metre from the equipment itself.

Hydraulic jacks presented in a raised static position; the equipment's hydraulic safety mechanisms must be supplemented by a mechanical safety device preventing any untimely activation.

All equipment must be properly stabilised.

Covered stands (ceiling, canopy, raised level)

The stand ceiling may consist of stretch fabric products, various types of sheeting material or metal modular panels.

The following rules apply to the materials and construction method used for stand ceilings:

- The material should at least comply with fire propagation class (class 1 in accordance with Italian standards, (see Italian DM 15 marzo 2005, classes co-ordinated with EN 13501-1));
- The material must also be of such a quality that it is not easily flammable or must have been flame-proofed to achieve the same effect;
- Where fabric is used for the ceiling, it must be hung by means of metal wires with a minimum thickness of 0.3mm that run in one direction and are at a minimum distance of 1m from one another;
- Free-hanging decorations such as fishing nets, tarpaulins and so forth must be threaded with metal wires that run in one direction and are at a minimum distance of 1m from one another; the beginning and end of each wire should be properly fastened;
- Sheets of glass may never form part of a stand ceiling;
- Plastic foil may never be used for the ceiling of a stand;
- If a sprinkler system in the exhibition area forms part of the stationary extinguisher system no more than 30% of the stand area may be covered by a ceiling structure, unless it is fitted with a sprinkler-compatible ceiling material that meets the prescribed requirements.

Storage of flammable goods

Empty packaging, rubbish, trash, wood, paper, straw, cardboard and other flammable material must not be stored in the Halls.

Air conditioning

Devices with hot air condensation are prohibited inside the halls.

Liquids on stand

Atomised liquids and liquids that can flow or be sprayed are strictly prohibited during the exhibition. These include individual air conditioning units, fountains, high-pressure cleaners, humidifiers, shower equipment, saunas and whirlpools.

If you intend to use on your stand “open liquids”, material specification on liquids, fountains, etc, it needs to be sent to the Firenze Fiera Palazzo dei Congressi and Palazzo degli Affari for approval.

IMPORTANT

All materials to be used for stand fitting up (partition walls, backdrops, platforms, coverings, fabrics, false ceilings, curtains, carpets, various structures and so on) must be incombustible, originally fireproof or fireproofed, in compliance with the Italian standards, according to class 1, (see Italian DM 15 marzo 2005, classes co-ordinated with EN 13501-1), any floors must belong to a class not exceeding 2.

Exhibitor's using materials not conforming to any safety component of these Guidelines will replace them with safe alternatives at their own cost.

Where stands have structural elements that are neither fire resistant nor fire retardant, these must be given a coat of paint containing a fire retardant material. Wooden elements with paper coverings must, wherever possible, be pasted to walls. Inflammable artificial silk may not be used for decorations. Stand or aisle ceilings (e.g. Vela) must be rendered fire resistant by treatment with a protective material. Wall or ceiling elements endangered by heat sources must be protected by asbestos without obstructing ventilation. Packing materials may not be stored at stands.

Organiser's Security

The ESC undertakes the general surveillance service of the building, both day and night.

Extra security

The ESC will provide general surveillance of the hall, however, the ESC reminds exhibitor of their responsibility for their stand surveillance.

Exhibitors requiring stand security are invited to contact the ESC Industry Services Team (fcvbservices@escardio.org)

Valuable goods

The Exhibitor shall be responsible for the surveillance of his/her stand and exhibit during the exhibition opening hours. Exhibitors are recommended to pay closer attention to the exhibits during the stand construction and dismantling periods. Valuable objects, which may easily be removed, should be locked away overnight. The ESC accepts no responsibility for goods stolen from exhibits at any time.

IMPORTANT

Exhibitors should not leave removable/valuable goods unattended on the stand at any time; particular attention should be given to goods awaiting collection from the freight forwarder/lifter.

Admission rights

The ESC may refuse or expel any person whose behaviour or clothing is considered incompatible with the image of the congress, who refuses to comply with the local safety rules or with the content of these Guidelines.

INSURANCE

While on the premises, exhibition goods and packaging materials shall be insured at the expense and risk of the Exhibitor. Neither the Building nor the Organiser can accept responsibility for damage, loss, theft, disappearance or injury of anything or anyone due to any cause whatsoever. The Exhibitor and any contractors under exhibitor employment are obliged to take out insurance against third party risks before the start of the exhibition. The cost for this insurance and responsibility for its arrangement belongs to the Exhibitor.

Exhibitors should also be covered against any claims which may ensue from transportation to and from the Building and against any claims which may be made by third parties, e.g. the Building, the City and/or their insurers, with regards to injuries or damages sustained in any way whatsoever inside, or outside, the Building.

If any conditions within the Industry Guidelines for Participation are infringed, the responsibility for any accident will lie exclusively with the Exhibitor, who must have contracted an insurance policy for unlimited civil liability for harm to third parties, be it a person or an object. In the case of incidents caused by negligence or inaction on the part of exhibiting companies and their staff, the exhibiting company agrees to compensate the Organiser for all direct & consequential losses.

IMPORTANT

When sending their public liability insurance document, the exhibitor must be informed that this document will be sent for approval to an independent local insurance broker. If not approved, the exhibitor must order insurance through the local partner OIC Srl, see order form available on: www.esceexhibition.org/FCVB2016

In case, the exhibitor does not have public liability insurance for the event, the exhibitor must order insurance through the local partner OIC Srl, see order form available on: www.esceexhibition.org/FCVB2016

See Chapter 6 “General terms and conditions” § 6.3 INSURANCE

1.6 EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION

Exhibitors are obliged to wear their official FCVB congress badges clearly visible at all times when in the exhibition area or any other part of the building. The wearing of any other badge, including company ID badges is not sufficient and will be considered as a violation of the Guidelines for Industry Participation. Exhibitor badges are intended for exhibiting company employees and agents of such companies only.

When companies apply for badges they undertake to provide them to company employees only. Proof of affiliation will be requested.

IMPORTANT

- Non-Exhibitor individuals wishing to visit the exhibition should purchase a delegate registration (full or day access).
- The practice of selling or promoting a product or service outside of a registered exhibit area is strictly forbidden. Persons not respecting this rule will be escorted from the congress centre and any right to participate held by such persons will be directly withdrawn.

EXHIBITOR BADGE CATEGORIES

Exhibitor registration types are reserved only for staff working directly in the organisation and management of exhibits, Industry Sponsored Sessions and sponsored activities. Bearers are subject to the restrictions contained within these Guidelines.

General Exhibitor Badge

- Access to Exhibition halls
- No access to FCVB 2016 Scientific Sessions
- Access to Industry Sponsored Sessions of affiliated company
- **No accreditation (EBAC)**
- Free badge order deadline: **13 June 2016**
- Onsite name changes are not accepted, a new badge must be purchased (on site badge fee of €32,79 excl. 22% VAT)
- Lost General Exhibitor badges will not be replaced, a new badge must be purchased (on site badge fee of €32,79 excl. 22% VAT)

Scientific Exhibitor Badge

- Access to Exhibition halls
- Access to FCVB 2016 Scientific Sessions
- Access to Industry Sponsored Sessions
- **No accreditation (EBAC)**
- Free badge order deadline: **13 June 2016**
- **No additional paying badge can be ordered (beyond the defined number allocated per stand).** If any additional one is required, a usual delegate badge should be purchased through the ESC website.
- Onsite name changes are not accepted, lost Scientific Exhibitor badges will not be replaced

EXHIBITOR BADGES ALLOCATION

Exhibitor badge allocation

All exhibiting companies have a fixed allocation of free General Exhibitor, Scientific Exhibitor badges.

The number of free allocated badges is determined according to each stand space. An Exhibitor choosing to order several stands, should be aware that each stand will be considered as separate stand.

Stand size between:	General Exhibitor Badges	Scientific Exhibitor Badges
5 and 6m ²	3	3
9 and 49m ²	4	4
50 and 99m ²	8	8

EXHIBITOR BADGES ORDER

Free badges orders

Free General Exhibitors and Scientific Exhibitors badges orders must be sent to the ESC Registration Department (fcvregistration@escardio.org) by **13 June 2016** using the badge order form will be sent to the contact person in late March.

Exhibitor badges with company name and/or individual name

You may choose how your free badges are inscribed: either company name only or individual name & company name. It is mandatory that the company name is the same as that provided for the exhibition listing.

Additional General Exhibitor badges

If the number of free General Exhibitor badges is insufficient, extra General Exhibitor badges, with the company or individual name, may be purchased.

Additional General Exhibitor badges may be pre-ordered at a fee of €32,79 (excl. VAT) per badge.

NOTE

- When companies apply for badges they undertake to provide them to company employees only. Proof of affiliation will be requested.
- Registered exhibitors may gain access to the exhibition halls during build-up and dismantling times by showing their exhibitor badge at the entrance.
- Exhibitor badges ordered on-site must be paid for directly on collection at the Exhibitor Registration desk by credit card (VISA, Amex, MasterCard) or cash in €.
- Lost badges will not be replaced. In this case, a new General Exhibitor badge may be ordered when credentials from the exhibiting company are presented, at a fee of €32,79 (excl. 22% VAT).
- Unused badges will not be refunded, regardless of circumstances.

Exhibitor badge collection

All Exhibitor badges should be collected at the Exhibitor Registration desk by the official contact person (whose name is given to the ESC as the main organising contact, when initially reserving exhibit space). Badges are NOT sent in advance of the congress. If the contact person details should change it is necessary that the new contact person has written proof of this change from the exhibiting company to show when picking up the badges.

To ensure that all staff receives their badges before accessing the exhibition, we recommend that badges with individual names be picked up individually.

WORK PASSES

In the interest of safety, only those individuals directly responsible for the construction and dismantling of exhibits will be permitted in the exhibit areas during the construction and dismantling periods. To this end, work passes will be given out at the registration area during construction and dismantling phases. Contact the Industry Services Team on-site.

Work passes are valid during the construction period on **Thursday 7 July, from 08:00 to 19:00**, and during the dismantling period on **Sunday 10 July, from 18:30 to 19:00**.

Delegate passes to exhibition outside of opening hours

For Security reasons, access to the exhibition outside of opening hours is limited to persons holding an exhibitors' badge. Full fee paying delegates affiliated with an exhibiting company can also receive a green sticker for access to the exhibition outside of exhibition hours. Companies must provide the ESC with a complete list of relevant names prior the congress. Named delegates will be provided with the necessary stickers at the Exhibitor Registration desk and will be given access to the exhibition without the need to be accompanied.

1.7 STAND ACTIVITY AND PROMOTIONAL REGULATIONS

STAND ACTIVITIES

The main activity of any exhibition stand should be the presentation of the exhibiting company and/or its products or services.

Companies may organise stand activities in line with the information they have to communicate with the delegates. Stand activities should be focused on the product and scientific information to be communicated; Companies should ensure that the perception of the activity is above all one of transfer of knowledge. All stand activities must be submitted to the ESC for approval. Interactive technology based activities may be accepted provided their focus remains product, scientific knowledge transfer and they have no negative impact on the exhibition area or other rules within this publication.

Stand activities include all presentations, documents, interactive knowledge tests, hospitality and other which will be available to delegates from the stand during the event.

All stand activities must be submitted, using the form on www.essexhibition.org/FCVB2016, for the approval of the ESC by **27 May 2016**. After this date the ESC cannot guarantee approval.

Non-approved stand activities will result in the exhibitor being obliged at their own expense to discontinue any such activity on-site and may risk penalties.

When planning stand activities, Exhibitors shall refrain from:

- holding lotteries
- organising games of chance
- using "market stall" techniques
- distributing items with no scientific value
- using performance artists of any kind
- entertain delegates with sport or cultural events or any other way
- providing hospitality as a main focus point of the stand

NOTE

- The official language of FCVB 2016 is English.
- All flyers, items for distribution, promotional materials and presentations on stands and information on stand displays must be in English.
- Distribution of translated printed documents is permitted.
- Distribution or display of materials by an exhibitor or its agents is limited to the company's exhibition space and Industry Sponsored Sessions (see applicable rules in Chapter 2)
- There is to be no distribution of flyers in the general and/or public areas (e.g. at the arrival entry of the venue, Catering Areas of the venue or within the walkway).
- The use of photographers, portrait artists or other performers is not allowed without the written permission of the ESC.

Presentations on stands

The focus of presentations should be product-related information and not on the presenters themselves. Celebrated or costumed presenters may be employed as long as they are not central to the presentation or its publicity. Where Key Opinion Leaders (KOLs) are employed as presenters, their presence should be discrete and not publicly advertised.

NOTE

The nature of the presentation should be informal and not resemble to ESC official scientific sessions. The titles of official ESC sessions such as “Meet the Expert” “Symposium” “Experts on the Spot”, etc must not be used by companies to describe their presentation. The use of presentation titles is subject to prior approval by the ESC. All flyers, promotional brochures which refer to the presentation and are to be distributed to delegates during the Congress are subject to prior ESC approval. The activity or distribution of flyers pertaining to the presentation may be stopped onsite should approval not have been secured in advance.

Hospitality

The main activity of the stand should focus on the imparting of knowledge and while reasonable hospitality is accepted, this should not form the main focus of the stand. The ESC advises that hospitality is limited to non-alcoholic beverages, tea, coffee, juice, etc and is available on request and not as a general attraction.

Badge scanning and market research

- All stand activities must be confined within the stand perimeter. Badge scanning by hostesses or staff members as well as market research/questionnaire polling must be held on the stand space only. It is forbidden to conduct such activities in the aisles of the Exhibition or in any other area of the congress centre.
- Exhibitors are allowed to scan the badges of congress participants with their approval. A registered congress participant cannot be refused entry to a booth if they do not wish their badge to be scanned.

Audio & visual activities

The projection of films and slides; any amplification with the aid of loudspeakers; the production of music and/or sound; as well as the use of lighting, computer monitors and television screens is acceptable within the stand space as long as no disturbance is caused. Sound and lighting effects should be contained within each stand area. If the ESC judges that a disturbance is being caused, the exhibitor is to halt the activity immediately. If this is not done, the ESC reserves the right to make the necessary arrangements at the expense of the exhibitor. A refusal to lower the sound level or halt an activity will be considered a violation of these Guidelines. Licensing for copyrighted work is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor.

Special effects

“Special effect” lights, laser, sound & video projection/recording on the stand will only be allowed:

- When the effect is limited to the rented stand area
- If it is proven that there is no health or safety risk
- And when written permission from the ESC has been achieved

PROMOTIONAL REGULATIONS

Items which may be advertised

It is prohibited to advertise goods and services which have not been admitted (see stand space application form) to FCVB 2016 or to make publicity for organisations which do not occupy stand space at FCVB 2016. Exhibitors should be aware that they are held responsible for any material on which their logo and/or name appears. This applies especially to any brochures produced and distributed by a third party.

Items for distribution

Exhibitors can distribute approved items to delegates on their stands and/or to those delegates participating in approved stand activities.

- The ESC recommends that items for distribution are of scientific or educational value with a maximum purchase value of €60.
- For items which have no scientific or educational value, the maximum purchase value must not exceed €10.
- Items should be equally available to all delegate or participants of stand activities; drawing winners is not allowed.
- Certain items such as digital cameras, MP3 players, tablet computers or other hi-tech, high value goods are not considered appropriate.
- Approval of all items for distribution is at the discretion of the ESC.
- In the case of printed or electronic material for distribution, the intellectual ownership of content should not be a cause for dispute and images should not cause offence. Additionally, any quoted references should be clear and follow internationally accepted principles; scientific claims should be based on accepted evidence. ESC’s decision in such matters will be considered final.

Each exhibitor should declare all items for distribution in advance with a description/picture and unit price using the form available on www.escehhibition.org/FCVB2016. For more advice on items for distribution approval, contact fcvbservices@escardio.org

IMPORTANT

- Items for distribution should be legal in Italy, in terms of the item itself and any product advertised.
- Items for distribution must be safe for the user & not endanger health or reputation of congress participants or ESC.
- Items for distribution should be reasonable and to the value stated here, the item should in no way overshadow the main activity of the sponsor.
- The distribution must not disturb neighboring stands or cause queues outside the stand area.
- Each exhibitor is expected to show proof of purchase value either before or during the congress.
- Non-compliance will be considered a violation of these Guidelines.

Photography & filming

No part of the building or of the exhibition may be photographed or filmed without permission of the ESC or of the relevant Exhibitor. The ESC is entitled to photograph, draw or film installations, stands, as well as exhibits to use these reproductions in its publications and in the press. The exhibitor is entitled to photograph or film his own exhibition stand only during exhibition hours or build-up and dismantling periods for professional use only.

Prohibited activities

Exhibitors are not allowed:

- To display or use names or trademarks which may be misleading or cause hindrance to the exhibitors at other stands or to visitors to FCVB 2016
- Barring exemption applied for and granted, to sell goods against surrender of the purchased items or to receive money in any way for goods sold or offered for sale or for services rendered
- To affix sold-tags to goods on display
- To remove exhibits from the stand, to add exhibits to the stand or to cover (parts of) exhibits on the stand

Branding

The use of any ESC corporate branding and visuals (such as logos, images, graphics, and branding guidelines) is strictly forbidden in any advertising, publicity, signage, product, printed matter, film, video, other media etc. without prior request and subsequent written approval from the ESC.

A copy of the ESC Corporate Identity Rules and Regulations, the Branding Guidelines and ESC Corporate Logos and Visual form request may be obtained at following web address: www.escardio.org/The-ESC/About/Policies-statutes-and-reports/ESC-corporate-identity.

For further information please contact: communications@escardio.org

FCVB 2016 event visual

An event visual was created to identify specifically with FCVB 2016. This event visual is a derivative of the ESC logo and a reflection of the FCVB. The FCVB 2016 visual may be used by our industry partners to promote their congress activities. The FCVB 2016 event visual must not be distorted or altered in any way. Use of the FCVB 2016 event visual is not mandatory. **The use of the ESC logo is not allowed.**

Exhibitors or their agencies are not allowed to reproduce texts, graphic representations of the venue or hall layout that have been specially produced by ESC for use in publications or any similar material posted on the ESC Web Site or Mobile App.

Usage rights for music, images and films

Participating companies are solely responsible for paying all usage rights and royalties for the use of intellectual property (music, photos, movies, artwork, etc) used on the company's exhibition stand; before, during and after an Industry Sponsored Session as well as during any company-organised event at the venue or in the city of the congress. The ESC reserves the right to request a copy of the authorisation or proof of payment of the said rights that should cover the duration of the congress as well as the 2 days before and after the event. More information can be found on the World Intellectual Property Organisation website: www.wipo.int and www.wipo.int/treaties.

STAND PROMOTION

For further details on how to promote your stand presence, please consult the sponsorship opportunities in Chapter 3 “Sponsorship”.

Company and product description

Each exhibitor will be able to detail their participation in the Mobile App. Companies will also be listed on the ESC Web Site.

The deadline for submitting company and product description is **29 April 2016**.

The ESC cannot guarantee the inclusion of your product description in above publications if received after this deadline.

2. INDUSTRY SPONSORED SESSIONS

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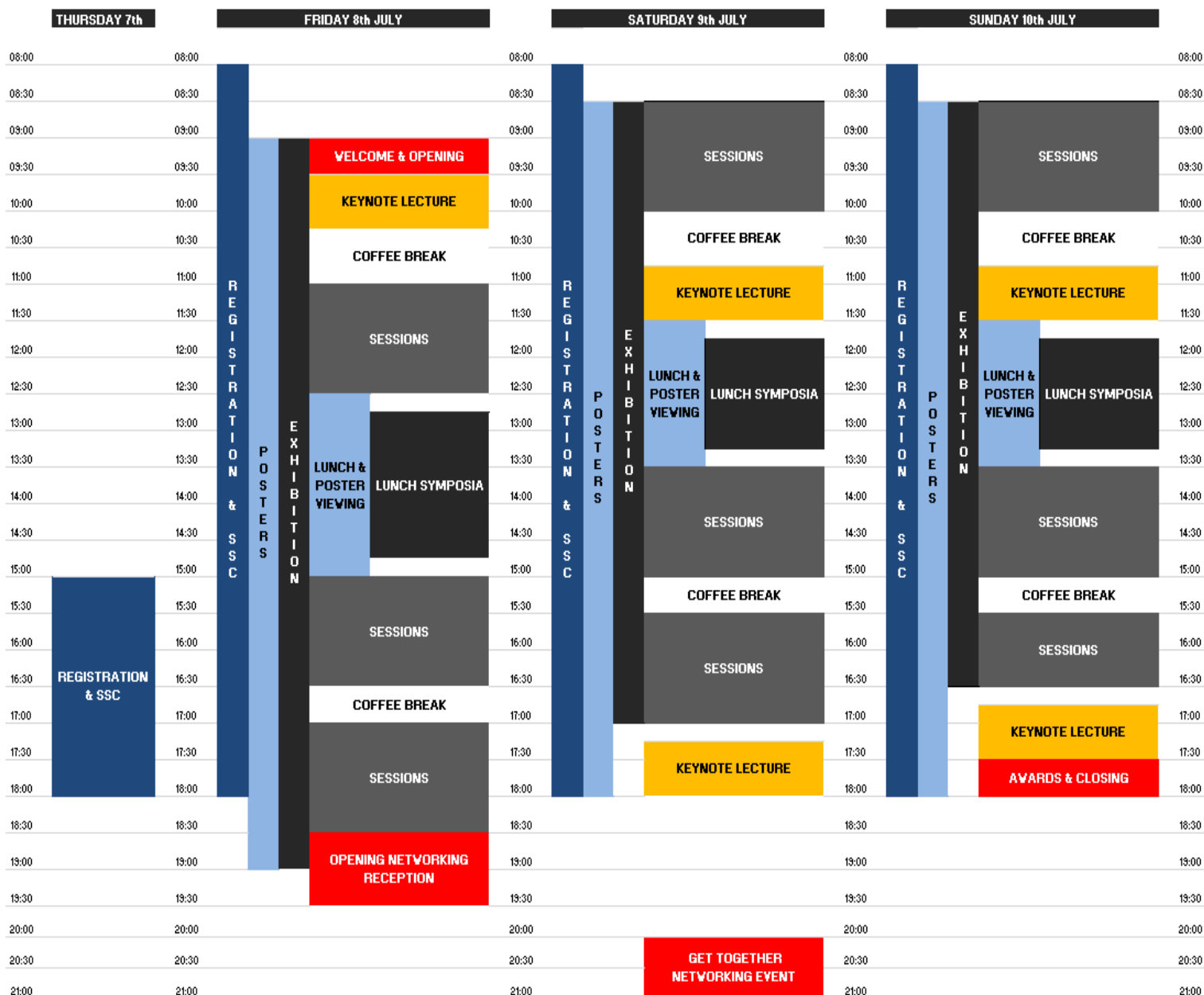
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2.1 KEY DATES

Until 31 October 2015	Cancellation fee: 10% of total amount due
From 1 November 2015 until 31 January 2016	Cancellation fee: 50% of total amount due
From 1 February 2016	Cancellation fee: 100% of total amount due
20 May 2016	Deadline for receiving complete scientific programmes
27 May 2016	Deadline for approval of promotional materials (invitations/flyers) by ESC
7 July 2016	Last deadline for payments
8 – 10 July 2016	FCVB 2016 – Florence, Italy

Embargo regulations

Industry meetings open to FCVB 2016 delegates are strictly forbidden outside the official ESC offer (Industry Sponsored Sessions, Rooms at FCVB). Companies are requested to respect this rule from 8 July through 10 July 2016, 08:00 to 20:00.



2.2 CME ACCREDITED PROGRAMMES

The supporting company is free to choose their CME provider and support the programme via an educational grant.

CME or EBAC Accredited programmes should be booked in the same timeslots as Satellite Symposia and Satellite Symposia - Experts on the Spot.

EUROPEAN BOARD FOR ACCREDITATION IN CARDIOLOGY (EBAC)

EBAC works in cooperation with the EACCME (European Accreditation Council for CME). CME credits are recognised in most European countries which have a running CME system. EBAC CME credits can also be reported to the American Medical Association.

EBAC provides accreditation to educational programmes such as events and distance learning courses. EBAC is an independent body constituted of European specialists in cardiology and medical education.

For more information you are welcome to visit the EBAC website www.ebac-cme.org

Satellite Symposia can be accredited by EBAC. The EBAC accreditation, granted by a board of specialists widely recognised in the field of cardiology, confirms the scientific and educational quality of programmes proposed by national and international scientific or academic organisations and institutions, such as medical professional organisations, universities or teaching hospitals. The EBAC accreditation allows the participants to receive continued medical education (CME) credits for the time spent in the educational activity.

A Satellite Symposium with EBAC accreditation is officially announced as “EBAC Accredited Educational Programme supported by an unrestricted educational grant from company X”.

CME CREDITS AWARD

EBAC awards 1 CME point per 1 hour of education. Increment of half a point is not an option:

HOW DO I GET EBAC ACCREDITATION?

Application for EBAC accreditation can only be submitted by national and international scientific or academic organisations and institutions, such as medical professional organisations, universities or teaching hospitals. Each programme should have a designated Scientific Director, responsible for the quality of the programmes scientific content, and appointed by the applying institution or organisation.

Applications can only be submitted via the EBAC on-line system (www.ebac-cme.org) and must include the following:

- Registration as a CME provider
- Completion of the on-line application form on www.ebac-cme.org
- Reception of the accreditation certificate
- Provision of EBAC endorsement letter, Course Director’s Commitment
- Provision of the educational session scientific programme 3 to 4 months before the event takes place and in any case no later than 8 weeks before

CME providers are asked to:

- Follow EBAC requirements concerning the publicity and the use of EBAC logo
- Distribute CME certificates to participants after the verification of their presence
- Send a post-course report to EBAC (template available on website)
- Host an EBAC monitor (upon request of the EBAC Board)
- Be compliant with **deadlines required by the ESC**
- **Be accountable for the respect of the ESC deadlines**

For more information, please consult the EBAC Package available on www.escehhibition.org/FCVB2016

HOW CAN I APPLY?

Applications for EBAC Accredited Educational Programmes may be submitted for the CME provider by a third party (for example: communication agency) in respect of the Appointed Agencies. We would like to draw your attention to the fact that correspondence for EBAC accreditation should be made between this third party, EBAC and the ESC.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Companies applying for an EBAC accredited Educational Programme will pay the ESC the same fee as for a Satellite Symposia and Satellite Symposia - Experts on the Spot. A non-refundable administrative fee will be paid to EBAC at the time of submission of the application. The accreditation fee will be indicated when accreditation is granted.

APPOINTED AGENCY

Applications for EBAC Accredited Educational Programmes may be submitted for the CME provider by a third party (for example: communication agency). Please make sure all correspondence for EBAC accreditation is made between this third party, EBAC and the ESC.

- ESC should be informed in writing, which agency is appointed to manage EBAC Accredited Educational Programmes. Requests from unknown agencies will not be taken into consideration.
- These guidelines and the EBAC accreditation guidelines should be communicated to staff of appointed agencies by the organising companies.
- The appointed agency will work in accordance with the requirements of the CME provider and will be held accountable for its organised activities.

HOW TO COMMUNICATE ON AN EBAC SESSION?

- EBAC recommends sending any promotional materials (printed and electronic) bearing the EBAC logo and relating to EBAC Accredited Educational Programmes (programmes, invitations, posters, folders, abstract book...) for review and validation to ESC and the EBAC office.
- The EBAC Accredited Educational Programme promotional items must respect the EBAC template available on www.escehhibition.org/FCVB2016

WHAT SHOULD NOT BE DONE?

- Promote in any way the EBAC Accredited Educational Programme as a « XYZ company supported programme » or invite participants to « the symposium of the XYZ Company ».
- Commercially publicise prior, during or after an EBAC Accredited Educational Programme (i.e. use of banners, pens, commercial logo...).
- Use corporate colours, visuals (publicity item pictures) in communication and publicity concerning the EBAC Accredited Educational Programme.
- Use items with corporate visuals during the programme (pens, banners, notepads...).
- Distribute invitations, use roll-ups and posters of the EBAC Accredited Educational Programme on the financial sponsor's stand, in the Exhibition area.

2.3 SATELLITE SYMPOSIA

WHAT IS A SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM?

Satellite Symposia allow for the review and discussion of recent trials and ongoing studies with the objective of providing the latest information on new therapies and techniques in cardiovascular medicine. Satellite Symposia can be organised by exhibiting or non-exhibiting companies and must be open to all registered delegates.

WHERE DO THEY TAKE PLACE?

These sessions are organised within the Congress Centre in fully furnished and AV equipped ESC lecture rooms ranging in size from 200 to 400 seats.

WHEN DO THEY TAKE PLACE?

WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

Satellite Symposia should fit in the standard time unit of a 60-minute session. The table below illustrates the timeslots available for selection:

Satellite Symposia (Room rental excluded)	Exhibitor Prices	Non-Exhibitor Prices
Friday 8 July 2016 13:00 – 14:00 (60 mins)	€10 000	€15 000
Saturday 9 July 2016 12:00 – 13:00 (60 mins)	€10 000	€15 000
Sunday 10 July 2016 12:00 – 13:00 (60 mins)	€10 000	€15 000

All prices are exclusive of VAT

What is included in the cost?

- Lecture Room rental
- Basic lecture room set-up
- Promotional package
 - 1 invitation/flyer slot in dedicated Industry Sponsored Session display rack
 - 1 Weblink
- Dedicated listing in the Scientific Programme & Planner and Mobile App
- Promotion allowed in front of the session room (Roll-up and/or invitations)

For Non-Exhibiting companies the cost includes all the above as well as:

- 5 General Exhibitor Badges for Non-Exhibitor Categories*
- 5 Scientific Exhibitor Badges for Non-Exhibitor Categories**

*General Exhibitor Badges for Non-Exhibitors will give the holder access to the Industry Sponsored Sessions of the organising company during the congress opening hours. These badges do not give the holder any exhibitor rights.

**Scientific Exhibitor Badges for Non-Exhibitors will give the holder access to the scientific sessions of the FCVB 2016Congress. These badges do not give the holder access to an official congress bag and/or accreditation.

ASSIGNMENT OF SATELLITE SYMPOSIA

Satellite Symposia will be assigned on a “first-come first-served” basis.

- The preferred choice of a Satellite Symposium timeslot and lecture room upon application does not guarantee availability.
- Lack of availability of a preferred time-slot is not considered as a parameter for a customer refund.
- A limited number of lecture rooms are available in the building.
- Lecture Rooms can only be reserved through the ESC.
- The ESC reserves the right to allocate/modify lecture room and timeslot assignments at any time in line with the overall congress requirements or in case of unforeseen matters.
- Due to the limited number of Satellite Symposia timeslots; please note the ESC cannot assure that you will be the only session organiser dealing with the same subject topics during your timeslot or during the same day.

LECTURE ROOM ACCESS AND SET-UP

Unless arranged otherwise, Satellite Symposia organisers have access to the lecture rooms, 15 or 30 minutes, before their scheduled timeslot. Unless otherwise arranged, Satellite Symposia organisers must clear the lecture room, 15 or 30 minutes, after their scheduled timeslot.

Standard room set-up:

- Chairs arranged theatre-style
- Stage set up in lecture rooms: 1 table for 2 Chairpersons with video monitor in front of Chairperson’s table + 2 microphones
- 1 lectern + 2 microphones + computer networked with the Speakers’ Service Centre
- 1 screen for projections
- 1 technician
- 1 video data projector
- 1 ESC room hostess

Any installations or alterations to lecture rooms may only be made with explicit approval of the ESC.

It is the session organisers’ responsibility to select an adequate size room to accommodate all attendees in their session. The session organiser must plan appropriate staffing and/or security to avoid any problems. If this is not the case, for security reasons, the building has complete authority to block entrance into the rooms.

IMPORTANT

The ESC room hostess will be in charge of:

- Welcoming and briefing the Chairpersons and the Speakers on technical facilities
- Ensuring that sessions run on time

The ESC room hostess may not be used by the session organisers to distribute promotional materials or scan delegate badges.

Invitations

Invitations can be distributed at the entrance of the assigned room 30 minutes before the beginning of the session. It is forbidden to distribute invitations anywhere else in the building other than on the booth (except for EBAC Accredited Educational Programmes) and in the “Industry Sponsored Session Display Racks”.

Lecture room roll-ups

Two Roll-ups (maximum height of 2.5m and maximum width of 1m, no electrical connections, no lights, and no sound) may be displayed in front of the lecture room door(s) 1 hour before the sessions start.

2.4 GENERAL RULES GOVERNING INDUSTRY SPONSORED SESSIONS

BOOKING PROCEDURE

Application forms and deadlines

An application for an Industry Sponsored Session by a company forming a product alliance exhibiting at FCVB 2016, does not entitle each sponsor to an exhibitor fee for a session with another topic/product focus. Each sponsor must hold a stand in their own right to avail of this fee for a distinct Industry Sponsored Session not covered by the alliance.

Please submit one completed application form for each activity.

E-application forms are available on our website: www.esceexhibition.org/FCVB2016.

Deadline for application is **30 November 2015**.

If several companies apply for Satellite Symposia on the same topic, the Congress Programme Committee (CPC) reserves the right to assign them different dates in order to avoid overlapping. The CPC makes the final decision on whether an application is accepted or rejected and cannot be held responsible for these decisions. No appeals are possible.

The scientific programme of Industry Sponsored Sessions received after **20 May 2016** cannot appear in our publication.

Appointed agency

- Sponsoring industries should inform the ESC, in writing, which agency is appointed for which session, with the corresponding session number. Requests from unknown agencies will not be taken into account.
- Applications for Industry Sponsored Sessions must be submitted by the sponsoring industry. Correspondence should be made exclusively between this company and the ESC.
- It is not the role of any agency to make initial enquiries or reservations with the ESC independently of the sponsoring industry.
- The named agency cannot fully act as if it were the company itself and the company will continue to be held entirely responsible and accountable for activities organised in its name by its agency.
- The ESC has created these Guidelines as an essential tool on how to host an Industry Sponsored Session. It is obligatory that every appointed agency read these Guidelines and all other documents posted on www.esceexhibition.org/FCVB2016 website in order to have a proper working relationship with the ESC congress division. The Sponsors is responsible for communicating these guidelines to staff and appointed agencies.
- The ESC reserves the right to inform the Sponsor if the appointed agencies have not read or understood the Guidelines and the companies will ensure smooth communication is re-established.

Invoicing

- Companies will be invoiced for the requested service upon signature of the order form.
 - Cancellation fees will apply upon signature of the order form.
 - Precise and definitive accounting information must be provided on the initial e-application form.
 - The ESC cannot reissue invoices for missing or incorrect data (addition of Purchase Order, changes of billing address).
- For all payment, invoicing and cancellation information, please see Chapter 5 "Finance and Invoicing".

PREPARING YOUR INDUSTRY SPONSORED SESSION SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Submitting your scientific programme

The complete scientific programme of Industry Sponsored Sessions must be typed on the appropriate form provided by the ESC and available on www.esceexhibition.org/FCVB2016.

IMPORTANT

The deadline for scientific programme submission is **20 May 2016** in order to be approved by the Congress Programme Committee (CPC).

A complete programme includes the following:

- Learning Objectives (for publication on the Scientific Programme & Planner and Mobile App only)
- Title of the session
- Topic number chosen on the FCVB 2016 topic List

- Duration of the session
- Proposed name of the Satellite Symposia chairperson(s):
- Title of each presentation with their duration and topic number
- Complete addresses of Chairpersons and Speakers

Approval of scientific programmes

Industry Sponsored Sessions' scientific programmes must be reviewed by the FCVB Congress Programme Committee (CPC). The CPC is a board of specialists widely recognised in the field of cardiology. The CPC confirms the Industry Sponsored Sessions' scientific value. The CPC approval or suggestions for changes will be communicated to the Industry Sponsored Sessions' organisers. These recommendations must be taken into considerations.

Scientific programme charter

The Congress Programme Committee stresses that the sessions should allow adequate time for discussion and presentation. The CPC expects organising companies to take this into consideration to maintain the overall quality of Industry Sponsored Sessions with regards to programme objectivity, balance, and scientific rigor. The programme proposal will not be accepted if it is judged to be promotional rather than educational.

- The scientific programme structure should respect the general organisation of academic sessions
- The content should focus on the environment, in which a drug or a device is being developed. Not all lectures within a Satellite Symposium should focus on a specific drug or device. The Satellite Symposium should rather provide a balanced view on the entire scientific field.
- Presentation titles should avoid marketing or journalistic connotation and the use of trademarks is not permitted. The programme will not be accepted if it is judged to be promotional rather than educational
- Following the presentation summarizing the potential added value of a drug or device, an open, nonbiased discussion should be organised in order to put the new results in perspective.
- Chairpersons and Speakers should receive the complete Satellite Symposium scientific programme at least one week before the session.
- The role of Chairpersons is to ensure that scientifically balanced information is released during Satellite Symposia and that discussions are unbiased. Chairpersons should give an introduction and summarize the content of the Satellite Symposium at the end of the session. Chairing more than two Satellite Symposia is not permitted.
- Speakers are expected to stay during the entire duration of the Satellite Symposium and should not provide more than one activity per time slot. Being both Speaker and Chairperson of a Satellite Symposium is not permitted. Speakers should provide balanced and neutral scientific information.
- Speakers and chairpersons cannot participate in two parallel sessions. In this case, the two companies concerned and the relative speakers will be informed and requested to resolve the situation. It is the responsibility of the session sponsor to ensure there is no scheduling conflict for speakers with parallel sessions. The ESC cannot be held responsible for any scheduling conflict.
- No drug, device, product names or brand names are allowed in the title or in the scientific programme of Industry Sponsored Sessions.
- The session or presentation titles may contain a generic name.
- No abstract forms need to be submitted for Industry Sponsored Sessions.
- Abstract poster sessions are not allowed during the session or during receptions before or after the session.

Session identification number

A Session number will be assigned to identify each Industry Sponsored Session.

Please include this number in all communications with the ESC. Please note that e-mails that do not contain this Session number will not be treated with the same efficiency.

Faculty management

Satellite Symposia organisers are responsible for:*

- The registration and accommodation of the faculty involved in their Satellite Symposia.**
- Payment of travel related expenses
- Payment of extra expenses at the discretion of the Industry Partners (e.g. taxi, extra nights, room service, restaurant...)

*Exceptions are made for the Council on Basic Cardiovascular Science's President and the Congress Committee Chairpersons whose expenses will be covered by the Congress organisation.

**Exceptions are made for the faculty involved also in FCVB scientific sessions. Registration and accommodation in official faculty hotel will be covered by Congress organisation.

Faculty engagement: Following the approval of the session scientific programmes by the Congress Programme Committee, the ESC encourages Industry Sponsored Session organisers to visit the Congress Scientific Programme & Planner (SPP) to identify faculty participating in multiple sessions.

The ESC will facilitate contact between Industry Sponsored Session organisers to discuss faculty arrangements amongst themselves. Nevertheless, the ESC will not engage in communication on faculty arrangements and expense management. Please note that the ESC reserves all rights to modify the programme faculty.

Disclosure of conflict of interest

Declaration of interest will allow the audience to take potential conflicts of interest into account when assessing the objectivity of the presentation.

- The Congress Programme Committee requests faculty to declare all possible interest.
- The session organiser confirms that all Chairpersons/Speakers participating in their programme have fully agreed to provide the session organiser with all potential conflicts of interest that may arise from their presentations.
- The existence of potential conflicts of interest does not necessarily indicate a bias. However it is our ethical obligation to inform organisers and participants so that they are made aware of any relationship that might cause unintentional bias. The disclosure of interest should detail existing relationship with the sponsor of the Satellite Symposium or related organisations or companies.
- A potential conflict of interest may arise from various relationships, past or present, such as employment, consultancy, investments and stock ownership, funding for research, family relationship etc.
- Chairpersons/Speakers are requested to declare interest regarding their current presentation/topics on their first slide and provide the audience with necessary time to read this slide.

Intellectual property and Copyright

Intellectual property law protects the legal rights of creators and owners in relation to intellectual creativity. These works can be in the industrial, scientific, literary or artistic domains. The four main types of intellectual property rights are patents, trademarks, designs and copyright. Copyright protects original literary, artistic, dramatic and musical works, sound recordings, films or broadcasts.

IMPORTANT

Copyright material can be copied for educational purposes if the copying is not done through reprographic means (e.g. by means of photocopying, facsimile, scanning or other mechanical device) and the source is acknowledged. The copied material cannot be used for commercial purposes.

Licensing for copyrighted work is the sole responsibility of the sponsor of the Industry Session.

Changes in the scientific programme content

- Changes cannot be made without the specific approval of the Congress Programme Committee (CPC)
- Programme content received after **20 May 2016** will not be included in the Mobile App
- Changes will be included in Mobile App and to the Scientific Programme & Planner.
- Failure to adhere to announced/approved programme content will be considered a violation of the Guidelines for Industry Participation. This is valid for both the industry scientific activities (and/or any potential webcasts of the sessions).

PREPARING YOUR INDUSTRY SPONSORED SESSION REQUIREMENTS

Badges, right of admission reserved

- All persons involved in the organisation of Industry Sponsored Sessions (film crew, technicians, participants...) must have a valid badge: General Exhibitor*, Scientific Exhibitor**, active participant or day ticket.
- All persons attending Industry Sponsored Sessions must be registered either as active participants, exhibitors; persons without a badge will not be allowed to enter the room.
- Industry Sponsored Sessions organisers are allowed to scan the badges of congress participants with their approval. A registered congress participant cannot be refused entry to a session if they do not wish their badge to be scanned.

*General Exhibitor Badges for Non-Exhibitors will give the holder access to the Industry Sponsored Sessions of the organising company during the congress opening hours. These badges do not give the holder any exhibitor rights.

**Scientific Exhibitor Badges for Non-Exhibitors will give the holder access to the scientific sessions of the ESC Congress. These badges do not give the holder access to an official congress bag and/or accreditation.

Speaker Service Centre (SSC)

FCVB 2016 offers computerised presentation facilities for all lectures. The use of the Speaker Service Centre is mandatory, free, and offers audio-visual assistance to all speakers.

The Speaker Service Centre will be open as follows:

Date	Times
Thursday 7 July 2016	15:00 – 18:00
Friday 8 July 2016	08:00 – 18:00
Saturday 9 July 2016	08:00 – 18:00
Sunday 10 July 2016	08:00 – 18:00

To avoid last minute technical problems, session organisers are strongly encouraged to make sure their speakers use the Speaker Service Centre to preload all presentations at least 3 hours prior to the session. If speakers choose to use their own laptop, responsibility for the technical outcome is completely assumed by the session organisers.

Overflow

No overflow is planned during FCVB 2016.

Catering

- The Official Caterer of the FCVB 2016 is **GERIST Ricevimenti**. All catering offered should be ordered from **GERIST Ricevimenti**
- The ESC does not guarantee that suitable space will be available to organise catering before or after their scheduled sessions.
- When suitable space is available, Industry Sponsored Session organisers may organise receptions before or after their scheduled sessions.
- Receptions can only be organised with the ESC official caterer.
- ESC recommends placing Lunch boxes inside the lecture room to serve the delegates attending the Industry Sponsored Session.
- Reception space cannot be used for entertainment, poster displays, presentations or any other promotional purposes.
- Reception space must be open to all registered congress participants.
- Sessions organisers are encouraged to guarantee a healthy and balanced catering service to their delegates.

Extra services

The costs for any extra orders (i.e. catering service, extra audio-visual equipment, extra furniture, extra decoration, extra hostesses, etc) are not included in the session price. To order extra equipment we suggest you contact the official suppliers whose details will be communicated in due time. These details will be provided on www.escehibition.org/FCVB2016

The ESC has established a co-ordination system to ensure that the various suppliers duly execute the numerous orders for Industry Sponsored Sessions. The ESC cannot however be held fully responsible for the services delivered by sub-contractors or the building.

Noise and disturbance

Industry Sponsored Sessions are official scientific programmes as validated by the Congress Programme Committee (CPC); their focus should remain scientific and any entertainment factors around the presentation (e.g.music, graphics, artists...) is highly dissuaded by the ESC. The ESC reserves the right to stop any activity which it considers inappropriate to the presentation of an Industry Sponsored Session or which is causing disturbance to any other activity (sponsored session or otherwise) in the vicinity.

PROMOTING AND FILMING

Invitations

- Invitations can be distributed at the entrance of the assigned room 30 minutes before the start of the session.
- Invitations should not be distributed anywhere else in the building other than on the booth (except for EBAC Accredited Educational Programmes)
- Invitations should not exceed the maximum size A4 (21 X 29.7cm).
- Invitations for EBAC Accredited Educational Programmes should not exceed the maximum size A5 (15 X 21cm) portrait format.

Invitations must be approved by the ESC before 27 May 2016

- Following approval by the ESC, session organisers can adapt approved invitations/flyers to their requirements whilst respecting the approved content.
- To facilitate the approval process, it is advised to adapt approved invitations/flyers for other promotional or sponsored materials.

Lecture room roll-ups

Two Roll-ups (maximum height of 2.5m and maximum width of 1m, no electrical connections, no lights, and no sound) may be displayed in front of the lecture room door(s) 1 hour before the sessions start.

NOTE

- The official language of FCVB 2016 is English.
- All flyers, items for distribution, promotional materials and presentations during Industry Sponsored Sessions must be in English.
- Distribution of translated printed documents is permitted.

IMPORTANT

- ESC approval is mandatory for all promotional material except abstracts books, slides, names signs, stage banners, table panels, lectern panels, question cards, note books and social events invitations.
- The ESC's decision is final and does not require justification.
- The content of promotional material must not include any product names, or names that might be perceived as misleading product names, brand names or specific quality or virtues of a sponsoring industry and/or any of the industry's product(s) either via text or visuals.
- All unauthorised material will be immediately removed.
- EBAC Accredited Educational Programme promotional material must respect the EBAC Template.
- ESC discourages promotional material, stands or door drops in hotels.
- The use of performance artists to attract delegates is forbidden within the building and strongly discouraged outside.
- Promotional material left in lecture rooms when the Industry Sponsored Session is over will be removed by official cleaning supplier.

Items for distribution

Session organisers can distribute approved items to delegates participating in their sessions. The ESC recommends that items for distribution are of scientific or educational value with a maximum purchase value of €60. For items which have no scientific or educational value, the maximum purchase value must not exceed €10. Items should be equally available to all participants of a session; selecting or drawing winners is not allowed.

All items for distribution should be declared to the ESC using the form available for this purpose, see www.escehhibition.org/FCVB2016.

Each session organiser should declare all items for distribution at their sessions in advance with a description/picture and unit price using the form available on www.escehhibition.org/FCVB2016. For more advice on items for distribution approval, contact fcvbservices@escardio.org

IMPORTANT

- Items for distribution should be legal in the congress hosting nation, in terms of the item itself and any product advertised.
- Items for distribution must be safe for the user & not endanger health or reputation of congress participants or ESC.
- Items for distribution should be reasonable and to the value stated here, the item should in no way overshadow the main activity of the sponsor.
- The distribution must not disturb neighbouring sessions or cause queues outside the lecture room.
- Each session organiser is expected to show proof of purchase value either before or during the congress.
- Non-compliance will be considered a violation of these Guidelines.

Branding

The use of any ESC corporate branding and visuals (such as logos, images, graphics, and branding guidelines) is strictly forbidden in any advertising, publicity, signage, product, printed matter, film, video, other media etc. without prior request and subsequent written approval from the ESC.

A copy of the ESC Corporate Identity Rules and Regulations, the Branding Guidelines and ESC Corporate Logos and Visual form request may be obtained at following web address: www.escardio.org/The-ESC/About/Policies-statutes-and-reports/ESC-corporate-identity

For further information please contact: communications@escardio.org

FCVB 2016 event visual

An event visual was created to identify specifically with FCVB 2016. This visual is a derivative of the ESC logo and a reflection of the FCVB. The FCVB 2016 visual may be used by our industry partners to promote their congress activities. Use of the FCVB 2016 event visual is not mandatory. The use of the ESC logo is not allowed.

Filming

The ESC retains the right to record the sound and images of Industry Sponsored Sessions. Companies can film and webcast their own Industry Sponsored Sessions; each company is fully responsible for filming access to their sponsored session and have the right to refuse all other filming requests other than those of the ESC.

Usage rights for music, images, and films

Participating companies are solely responsible for paying all usage rights and royalties for the use of intellectual property (music, photos, movies, artwork, etc) used on the company's Exhibition Stand; before, during and after an Industry Sponsored Session as well as during any company organised events at the venue or in the city where the congress is taking place. The ESC reserves the right to request a copy of the authorisation, or proof of payment of said rights that should cover the duration of the congress as well as the 2 days before and after the event. More information can be found on the World Intellectual Property Organisation website: www.wipo.int and www.wipo.int/treaties

ESC scientific session references

Companies can make reference to the scientific sessions of the FCVB Congress but must systematically print the following text: "This session is an official scientific session of the FCVB 2016 Congress, X has, in no way been involved in, contributed to, or affected the outcome of this/these scientific session(s), wholly devised and organised by the FCVB 2016 Congress Programme Committee".

For further information on this session(s), please refer to www.escardio.org.

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Independent research shows that companies who integrate additional marketing strategies into their congress plans are far more successful in attracting attendees to their booth.

3.1 KEY DATES

Until 30 November 2015	Sponsorship cancellation fee 10% of total amount due
From 1 December 2015 Until 1 February 2016	Sponsorship cancellation fee 50% of total amount due
From 1 February 2016	Sponsorship cancellation fee 100% of total amount due
25 February 2016	Deadline to submit first content for Mobile App
10 May 2016	Deadline to submit visual for delegate badge holder
16 May 2016	Deadline to submit remaining content for Mobile App
31 May 2016	Deadline to submit adverts for the Invitation flyer approval (Date may be subject to modification – communicated at a later stage)
1 June 2016	Deadline to submit weblink advert (Industry Sponsored Session)
15 June 2016	Deadline to send printed Invitation flyer to European Heart House, Antibes, FRANCE (Date may be subject to modification – communicated at a later stage)
8 – 10 July 2016	FCVB 2016 – Florence, Italy

3.2 BOOKING PROCEDURE

Sponsorship, advertising and promotional options can only be ordered by an exhibiting company or a non-exhibitor Industry Sponsored Session organiser.

Cancelling a stand or a non-exhibitor Industry Sponsored Session at a later stage will also mean cancelling the sponsorship, advertising and promotional options.

APPLICATION FORMS

Exhibiting companies must complete and submit for all sponsorship, the application form on our website www.esceexhibition.org/FCVB2016

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Sponsorship, advertising and promotional products are assigned on a “first-come first-served” basis and are subject to availability.

INVOICING

- Companies will be invoiced for the requested service(s) upon signature of the order form.
- Cancellation fees will apply upon signature of the order form.
- Precise and definitive accounting information must be provided on the initial e-application form.
- The ESC cannot reissue invoices for missing or incorrect data (addition of Purchase Order, changes of billing address).
- For all payment, invoicing and cancellation information, please see Chapter 5 “Finance and Invoicing”.

SPONSORSHIP CONTACT

- For any logistical queries, please contact Ms. Samantha Bickham of the ESC at sponsorship@escardio.org
- For further consultation on, and management of, your corporate investment and strategy, please contact the ESC Industry Relations Team (industry@escardio.org)

3.3 PRODUCT DESCRIPTIONS AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

The following pages detail all existing Sponsorship, Advertising & Promotional options at FCVB 2016 and we will be pleased to consider additional sponsorship initiatives or suggestions.

Technical specifications listed hereafter are subject to modifications and will be updated on the ESC Exhibitors and Industry Partners Web Site: www.escehhibition.org/FCVB2016

IMPORTANT

Unless specifically noted, the use of product names/brand names, misleading names that might be perceived as product/brand names and registered trademarks are not permitted for sponsorship and advertising products.

NOTE

Creation of apps that relate to FCVB 2016 and its scientific programme are permitted, and subject to ESC approval. The use of any ESC corporate branding and visuals (such as logos, images, graphics, and branding guidelines) is strictly forbidden without prior request and subsequent written approval from the ESC. An event visual was created to identify specifically with FCVB 2016. This visual is a derivative of the ESC logo and a reflection of the ESC Congress. The FCVB 2016 visual may be used. The use of the ESC logo is not allowed. Furthermore if Industry Partners create apps that are to be used by delegates during the Congress, they must insist that apps are to be downloaded ahead of the Congress and that the congress Wi-Fi network is not used for this purpose.

General rule applicable for Promotional Package Invitation Flyers:

- 1 Invitation Flyer promotes 1 event (Satellite Symposium, EBAC Accredited Educational Programmes or Exhibition full details or activities).
- 1 Invitation Flyer promoting 1 Session with reference to the booth will be considered as 1 Invitation Flyer.
- 1 Invitation Flyer promoting 2 events (Satellite Symposium, EBAC Accredited Educational Programmes or Exhibition details) will be considered as 2 Invitation Flyers.
- 1 Invitation Flyer promoting 1 Session and Exhibition full details or activities will be considered as 2 Invitation Flyers.

DELEGATE BADGE HOLDER

Deadline: 10/05/2015

*No Product Advertising Permitted
Exclusive Sponsorship*

The popular and highly visible official FCVB 2016 delegate badge holders are available for exclusive sponsorship. The sponsor's name and logo will be printed on the badge holder, distributed to all participants. Units supplied: 1 000

Specifications:

High resolution corporate logo in .ai and .eps formats (white + colour)

INVITATION FLYER

No Product Advertising Permitted

Deadline for content approval: 31/05/2016

Deadline to receive flyers: 15/06/2016

Dates may be subject to modification – communicated at a later stage

The invitation/flyer allows you to design an invitation in the form of a customised advertisement of your company, satellite or exhibition activities (format A4, 2 pages maximum). The invitation flyer should be placed in the dedicated Industry Sponsored Session display rack in front of the allocated room. This opportunity allows you to reach every delegate at the congress. One invitation flyer promotes one activity.

One Invitation flyer is included in the Satellite Symposia promotional package.

Specifications:

The size of the Invitation Flyer is maximum A4, and weight should be similar to flyer type thickness. Please remember the flyers will need to be posted therefore we recommend a light g/m²

After approval, the flyers must be sent to:

European Society of Cardiology

Att: Samantha Bickham

Congress: FCVB 2016 / Invitation Flyer for (your company name)

Les Templiers

2035 Route des Colles

CS 80179 BIOT

06903 SOPHIA ANTIPOLIS Cedex

FRANCE

MOBILE APP

Product Advertising Permitted in sponsor button only

Exclusive Sponsorship

Deadline to submit first content: 25/02/2016

Deadline to submit remaining content: 16/05/2016

An innovative way for a sponsor to reach delegates by offering a mobile version of the Final Programme to enhance their onsite experience. This environmentally-friendly initiative is for smart phones & tablets.

The App offers the exclusive sponsor a dedicated button to promote congress activities. Co-promotion of the App is offered to the sponsor as well as sponsor acknowledgement on the opening page of the App.

The sponsor must send the first content:

- Company and Product Description
- Corporate logo for sponsor button
- Minimum of 1 image for carousel in sponsor tab

Specifications:

Supply About “company name” and Contact “Company name texts + minimum 1 visual size: 200x200 pixels (png format)

More details will be communicated at a later stage on www.escehhibition.org/FCVB2016

WEBLINK

No Product Advertising Permitted

Deadline: 1/06/2016

Create a weblink to invite delegates to your Industry Sponsored Sessions from the FCVB 2016 Scientific Programme & Planner (SPP). This invitation in PDF, HTML or Flash format, will communicate your congress message to delegates online.

One weblink is included in the Satellite Symposia promotional package.

Specifications:

PDF PAGE:

- Size: the lighter the better, screen quality, 600Kb max
- No crops
- Security: ideally locked

- Open size: ideally 100%
- Images: may be included

HTML OR FLASH PAGE:

Provide organiser with the invitation URL, not the company web site URL.

Must be optimized for web 1280 x 1024 px: the lighter the better

ONSITE ADVERTISING

Deadline: 16 May 2016

No Product Advertising Permitted

There are several opportunities for our industry partners to promote their congress and corporate messages to delegates' onsite. You will find an extensive presentation on the following link: www.escehibition.org/FCVB2016

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4.1 ROOMS AT FCVB

The ESC has created two product categories to allow companies to organise different meeting formats within the congress centre during congress hours.

Embargo regulations

Industry meetings open to FCVB 2016 delegates are strictly forbidden outside the official ESC offer (Industry Sponsored Sessions, Rooms at FCVB). Companies are requested to respect this rule from 8 July through 10 July 2016, 08:00 to 20:00.

FUNCTION SPACES

Companies are allowed to host a limited number of guests and organize small and informal meetings in a range of Function Spaces on offer within the congress centre.

Product specification

- The ESC allows companies to host a limited number of guests and organise small informal meetings (approx 20 pax).
- No press conference, training or showcasing of products/therapies, or announcement of scientific results may take place in the Function Spaces.
- Function Spaces in the congress centre can be reserved only through the ESC.
- Function Spaces will include electricity, air-conditioning, and daily cleaning (to be confirmed at a later stage)
- Furniture and AV need to be ordered from ESC official suppliers and are billable as extras.
- Unless otherwise agreed, Function Spaces are rented for a minimum of 3 days, from **Friday 8 July to Sunday 10 July 2016**.
- Rental costs available upon request.

Access schedule

Friday 8 July 2016

08:00-09:00	Access for exhibitors - Room set-up and decoration allowed
	Access for delegates not allowed
09:00-18:30	Access for exhibitors and delegates

Saturday 9 July 2016

07:30-18:00	Access for exhibitors
08:30-18:00	Access for delegates

Sunday 10 July 2016

07:30-18:00 Access for exhibitors
08:30-18:00 Access for delegates

INDUSTRY MEETING ROOM

Depending on availability, a limited number of Industry Meeting Rooms might be available for one-shot occasional meetings. The standard set up will be boardroom.

Product specification

- The ESC allows companies to host a limited number of guests and organise small informal meetings (approx 20 pax).
- No press conference, training or showcasing of products/therapies or announcement of scientific results may take place in the Industry Meeting Room.
- Industry Meeting Rooms are reserved through the ESC.
- Industry Meeting Rooms will include electricity, air-conditioning, daily cleaning, standard boardroom set-up for 20 pax maximum, projection screen and beamer. Customised set up, change of set up or extra AV are billable as extras.
- Industry Meeting Rooms are available for rental for a minimum of 1 day.
- Due to limited availability ESC will seek to ensure assignment to a maximum number of companies. A same company will not be allowed to monopolise the availability of the Industry Meeting Room(s).
- Unless otherwise agreed, organisers will have access to their assigned room from 08:00 to 20:00
- Rental costs available upon request.

CLOSED INDUSTRY MEETING

The ESC allows companies to organise staff meetings, briefings, investigator or other type of closed meetings within the congress centre with the following requirements:

Product specification

- Meeting “is closed” and on invitation.
- Maximum attendance is 150 guests.
- Meeting can be promoted from the exhibitor booths.
- Closed Industry Meetings are permitted in and around the congress centre for 150 pax, any requirements for meetings exceeding this number should be addressed to the ESC for review and approval.
- Closed Industry Meetings within the congress centre will be held in fully furnished and AV equipped lecture rooms (theatre style only – No alteration of the room set-up allowed).
- Unless otherwise agreed, closed industry meetings organisers have access to their assigned lecture room 15 to 30 minutes before their scheduled time slot.
- Entry to the Closed Industry Meeting must be controlled by the organiser at the door(s)
- Rental period: the ESC deals with requests on an individual basis.
Closed Industry Meetings are permitted within the congress centre from 08:00 to 18:00 from Friday 8 July to Sunday 10 July 2016
- Rental costs (excl. VAT): €1 000 per 60-minute meeting – Additional €500 charged per increment of 30 minutes. The organiser must include the 30-minute set up in their rental cost.

IMPORTANT

Presentations for Closed Industry Meetings cannot be downloaded at the Speaker Service Centre. Closed Industry Meetings organisers have to bring their own laptop to the lecture room and connect it to the lectern. An HDMI cable is available at the lectern for this purpose.

BOOKING PROCEDURE

“Rooms at FCVB” can only be ordered by an exhibiting company or a non-exhibitor Industry Sponsored Session organiser. Cancelling a stand or a non-exhibitor Industry Sponsored Session at a later stage will also mean cancelling the rental of Function Spaces, Industry Meeting Rooms, Closed Industry Meetings.

Application forms

For application, please contact the ESC Industry Relations Team at industry@escardio.org.

Application deadline

Deadline for application is **30 November 2015**.

Rooms at FCVB contact

For any logistical queries on the above, please contact Ms. Abir Ghorah at fcvbservices@escardio.org

Appointed agency

- Sponsoring industries should inform the ESC, in writing. Requests from unknown agencies will not be taken into account.
- Applications for Function Spaces, Industry Meeting Rooms, Closed Industry Meetings must be submitted by the sponsor. Correspondence for the above items should be made exclusively between this company and the ESC.
- It is not the role of any agency to make initial enquiries or reservations with the ESC independently of the sponsoring industry.
- The named agency cannot fully act as if it were the company itself and the company will continue to be held entirely responsible and accountable for activities organised in its name by its agency.
- The ESC has created these Guidelines as an essential tool on how to host Function Spaces, Industry Meeting Rooms and Closed Industry Meetings. It is obligatory that every appointed agency read these Guidelines and all other documents posted on www.essexhibition.org/FCVB2016 website in order to have a proper working relationship with the ESC congress division. The sponsor is responsible for communicating these guidelines to staff and appointed agencies.
- The ESC reserves the right to inform the room organisers if the appointed agencies have not read or understood the Guidelines and the companies will ensure smooth communication is re-established.

BADGES, RIGHT OF ADMISSION RESERVED

- All persons involved in the operation of Function Spaces, Industry Meeting Rooms, Closed Industry Meetings (film crew, technicians, participants, etc) must have a valid badge: General Exhibitor, Scientific Exhibitor, active participant or day ticket.
- All persons visiting Function Spaces, Industry Meeting Rooms and Closed Industry Meetings must be registered either as active participants, exhibitors or journalists; persons without a badge will not be allowed to enter the room.

ROOM ASSIGNMENT

- “Rooms at FCVB” will be assigned on “first-come first-served” basis.
- Rooms in the congress centre can be reserved only through the ESC.
- The ESC can offer a limited number of “Rooms at FCVB” within the congress centre.
- The ESC has the right to modify assignment as it sees fit to best accommodate as many requests as possible.
- The ESC has the right to modify room assignment in the event of last minute changes.
- The ESC cannot handle any meeting requests for industry meetings outside the congress centre.
- The ESC will suggest rooms in a written proposal to requesting companies and the company can accept or decline within the given deadline.
- Companies not responding by the deadline will be assumed to have accepted the assigned rooms.

ROOM SET-UP

- Function Spaces: information available upon request.
- Industry Meeting Rooms: information available upon request.
- Closed Industry Meetings within the congress centre will be held in fully furnished and AV equipped lecture rooms (theatre style only – no alteration of the room set-up allowed).

INVOICING

- Function Spaces, Industry Meeting Rooms, Closed Industry Meetings will be invoiced for the requested service following signature of the appropriate order form.
- Precise and definitive accounting information must be provided on the initial e-application form.
- The ESC cannot re-issue invoices for missing or incorrect data (addition of Purchase Order, changes of billing address, etc...).
- Payment for “Rooms at FCVB” must be made within the payment deadline and latest by **7 July 2016**.
- Payment must be made within the payment deadline or the room will be released for other companies.
- For all payment, invoicing and cancellation information, please see Chapter 5, “Finance and Invoicing”.

SIGNAGE

- The ESC will take care of the generic signage within the congress centre.
- No other signage or promotion can be made within the building.

CATERING

- Catering services within the Function Spaces, Industry Meeting Rooms, Closed Industry Meetings can be organised with the ESC official caterer at the sponsor's cost. The Official Caterer of the FCVB 2016 is **GERIST Ricevimenti**.
- Organisers are encouraged to guarantee a healthy and balanced catering service to their delegates.
- Companies will not have the right to serve alcoholic beverages during congress.

EXTRA SERVICES

The costs for any extra orders (i.e. catering service, audio-visual equipment, furniture, extra decoration, hostesses, etc) are not included in the room rental price.

Extra services within the Function Spaces, Industry Meeting Rooms, Closed Industry Meetings can be organised with the ESC official suppliers at the sponsor's cost.

The ESC cannot however be held fully responsible for the services delivered by sub-contractors or the venue.

4.2 GROUP REGISTRATION

Group Online services are available on <http://www.escardio.org/Congresses-&-Events/Upcoming-congresses/Frontiers-in-Cardiovascular-Biology/Registration/register-now> through your "My ESC" account.

For more details contact our Group Registration Department at: fcvregistration@escardio.org

ADDRESS DATA QUALITY

We draw your attention to the importance of receiving valid and complete delegate information (postal addresses and emails). This is of great concern not only to the ESC but to:

- Your attendees - To receive the journal subscription if included in the registration fee, as well as Industry activity eBlasts
- Exhibiting companies - To retrieve valid and exploitable data from badge readers during the congress and to guarantee the delivery of Industry promotional eBlast

NOTE

Only registrations from industries or their agents providing valid addresses for each attendee will be processed. Without this information; registrations will not be accepted. If the valid address is submitted at a later stage, the fee corresponding to the period when the ESC receives this information will apply.

DEADLINES

- 08 April 2016** Early Fee Registration Deadline
- 06 June 2016** Late Fee Registration Deadline
- 27 June 2016** Last Minute Online Registration deadline

4.3 HOTEL SERVICES

Companies participating in the FCVB 2016 may wish to make group hotel reservations for employees and invited guests.

For information and requests, please visit the hotel accommodation section on the FCVB 2016 web page www.escardio.org.

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It is the ESC's policy that all invoices be paid by the date indicated on the invoice or before the opening of the congress on **7 July 2016**, should this date fall first.

Value added taxation

Italian VAT rules will apply for, exhibitor badges, registration fees and hotel accommodation sales. For such services, Italian company VAT registered in Italy will have to auto reverse the VAT in their home country (general EU services directive). All other services are subject to French VAT according to general EU services directive and reverse charge procedure may apply. In this case the customer must auto reverse the VAT in their home country; companies registered in a country outside of the European Union are encouraged to seek advice on reclaiming VAT payment.

5.1 EXHIBITION

INVOICING

- Exhibition space will be invoiced for the requested service following assignment of your stand.
- Payment for exhibition space must be made within the payment deadline (30 days from date of invoice) and latest by **7 July 2016**.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellation Fees will apply as of receipt of the signed order form as follows:

- 10% until 31 October 2015
- 50% from 1 November 2015 to 31 January 2016
- 100% from 1 February 2016

Cancellation fees will be charged despite unprocessed payments.

Requested stand size may be revised downwards by the client with no cancellation fees up until 30 November 2015, any down-sizing post this date will be subject to cancellation fees as outlined above. Given serious cause the ESC is entitled to postpone, to curtail the duration, to close the exhibition completely or in part for any period, or to cancel. In the event of complete or part postponement or curtailment, the order form is regarded as valid for a possible new date and new duration for the said congress and location only. If, for any reason, FCVB 2016 has to be cancelled, the ESC will refund to the exhibitors the sum paid to the ESC for contractual commitments less expenses incurred in preparation of these contracts, with liability for either party to the contract.

Cancelling your exhibition space will mean:

- Pay the non-exhibitor fee for your Industry Sponsored Sessions.
- Cancelling your Sponsorship, Advertising & Promotional items if no Industry Sponsored Sessions has been ordered
- Cancelling your Function Spaces, Industry Meeting Room, Closed Industry Meeting if no Industry Sponsored Sessions has been ordered
- Lose your Exhibitor rights, which include Exhibitor badge allocation (General Exhibitor, Scientific Exhibitor).

5.2 INDUSTRY SPONSORED SESSIONS

INVOICING

- Industry Sponsored Sessions will be invoiced for the requested service following confirmation of your time slot.
- Lecture rooms will be invoiced upon assignment of the rooms.
- Once these deadlines have passed, Industry Sponsored Sessions will be invoiced on submission of their application.
- Payment for Industry Sponsored Sessions and lecture rooms must be made within the payment deadline (30 days from date of invoice) and latest by **7 July 2016**.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellation Fees will apply as of receipt of the signed order form as follows:

- 10% until 31 October 2015
- 50% from 1 November 2015 to 31 January 2016
- 100% from 1 February 2016

Cancellation fees will be charged despite unprocessed payments.

5.3 SPONSORSHIP

INVOICING

- Sponsorship, Advertising & Promotional items will be invoiced for the requested service following signature of the appropriate order form.
- Payment for Sponsorship, Advertising & Promotional items must be made within the payment deadline (30 days from date of invoice) and latest by **7 May 2016**.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellation Fees will apply as of receipt of the signed order form as follows:

- 10% until 31 October 2015
- 50% from 1 November 2015 to 31 January 2016
- 100% from 1 February 2016

Cancellation fees will be charged despite unprocessed payments.

5.4 ROOMS AT FCVB

INVOICING

- Function Spaces, Industry Meeting Rooms, Closed Industry Meeting will be invoiced for the requested service following signature of the appropriate order form.
- Payment must be made within the payment deadline (30 days from date of invoice) or the room will be released for other companies.
- Payment for Rooms at FCVB must be made within the payment deadline (30 days from date of invoice) and latest by **7 July 2016**.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellation Fees will apply as of receipt of the signed order form as follows:

- 10% until 31 October 2015
- 50% from 1 November 2015 to 31 January 2016
- 100% from 1 February 2016

Cancellation fees will be charged despite unprocessed payments.

5.5 ADMINISTRATIVE FEES RELATED TO INVOICING CHANGES

All invoices will be raised using the Invoicing Data provided by the company on the various application forms. Please ensure the information provided is correct for invoicing. Please provide a PO number when submitting an application form. An administrative fee of €70 + VAT will be charged for any requested changes to an invoice once it has been issued.

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6.1 GENERAL

Returning an application form constitutes an Agreement and implies accordance with the Guidelines and any provisions contained herein for Industry Participation for the FCVB 2016.

These conditions supersede any others written agreements ESC may have with Industries except otherwise mutually agreed upon between the Parties.

INDEBTEDNESS

If the Industry fails to meet its financial obligations, additional expenses or other claims arising from the contract, the ESC is entitled to prevent the Industry from accessing the service (incl. rental space) as long as a joint solution is not identified.

COUNTERCLAIMS RIGHTS RENOUNCED

The Industry renounces the right to offset counterclaims against any fees for service payable in time unless the counterclaims are undisputed or have been confirmed by a court of law.

PENALTIES

Non respect of the obligations set in these Guidelines may result in the loss of eligibility to participate in future FCVB Congresses. The procedure for policing and enforcing the violation system is as follows:

The ESC will report alleged violations to the Guidelines for Industry Participation Committee. After considering the available evidence, a representative of the relevant company having been invited to present the company's view, the Committee will give its opinion. This will be confirmed in writing after the Congress. Appeals may be made to the Board of the Council on Basic Cardiovascular Science (CBCS).

First serious violation:

First written warning

Second serious violation:

Loss of eligibility to participate in future FCVB Congresses for a period of two years.

6.2 RESPONSIBILITY

The Industry shall ensure it is compliant with all national, international regulations but also any technical and safety regulation required by the Building owner where the FCVB 2016 is held.

The Industry is liable for the content of its presentation, promotional materials and/or any other information presented during FCVB 2016. The Industry shall hold the ESC harmless from any third Party's claim arising out from infringement or breach of copyright protected content or material.

Each company accepts their sole and individual responsibility to ensure that all their activities in relation to FCVB 2016 (exhibition, sponsored sessions, sponsorship, etc) are in full respect of applicable laws, regulations, guidelines and relevant trade association codes of practice.

REGULATION ON PARTICIPATION OF MEDICAL CONGRESS EXHIBITIONS

According to Italian legislation, any Marketing Authorisation Holder or pharmaceutical company responsible for the commercialisation of a drug, which organises or helps to organise, whether by direct or indirect funding in Italy or abroad, a congress, or a meeting on topics in any way related to the use of medicines, shall notify the competent Unit of the Italian Medicines Agency (AIFA) at least 60 days before the date of the event to ensure that these adhere to strict technical criteria and aim to provide further knowledge in the fields of chemistry, pharmaceutical technology, biochemistry, physiology, pathology and clinical medicine.

AIM Group International has been appointed as the official agency for AIFA submission to support sponsors and exhibitors with these formalities. Pharmaceutical companies which require the authorisation from AIFA are advised to contact:

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DAMAGES

Any defects within rental areas found at the end of the Congress shall be deemed to have occurred during this period, unless the Industry reported the aforesaid defects to the ESC in writing at the start of the rental or can irrefutably prove that the defects concerned already existed before the rental.

The industry shall use the rental areas and its equipment carefully and for its intended purpose and shall return it at the end of the rental period in the same condition in which it was at the start of the period.

All damages caused by any factor whatsoever during the rental to the rented premises or to any spaces that are made available to the Industry must be repaired by the Industry, in so far as such damage was not caused by the ESC and /or its personnel or other Industries.

EXCLUSION FROM LIABILITY

The ESC shall not be liable to support any financial charge, unless the damage is a consequence of intent or deliberate recklessness on the part of the ESC.

Neither the ESC nor the Building owner can accept any liability for loss or damage to Industry equipment.

The ESC shall not be responsible for any loss or profits or consequential damages of the Industry, its participants or for damages suffered as a consequence of the activities of others Industries or of obstacles to the use of the Premises which are caused by third party unless there has been intent or deliberate recklessness on the part of the ESC.

The ESC does not undertake to safeguard the rental areas and excludes, for its staff as well, all liability for damage to these, for theft of these, or loss, except in cases of intent or gross negligence. This exclusion from liability also applies if industry equipments are seized and stored by the ESC due to infringement of the present conditions of participation. This exclusion of liability is in no way impaired by the special security measures taken by the ESC.

Furthermore the ESC explicitly excludes all liability for any disadvantages or damage incurred to Industry due to erroneous details on space allocation, stand construction, catalogue entries or other errors in ancillary services.

Property of the Industry and of third parties shall remain on the premises at their own risk. The ESC will not be responsible for the insurance of such items. The ESC shall not be liable for any injury or damage howsoever caused to goods and/or persons in the Building and/or on the adjacent sites.

6.3 INSURANCE

All industries must send a copy of their insurance certificate to the ESC Industry Services Team (fcvbservices@escardio.org) at least 4 weeks before the opening of the congress (by 10 June 2016). In the event, the ESC Industry Services Team does not receive the certificate in due time or does not receive the certificate at all, please be informed that the ESC will not proceed with automatic reminder and only the Industries would be held responsible for this lack of information which can be, at the discretion of ESC, considered as a breach of contract.

The civil liability insurance shall cover all damages to persons and property that may be caused by its employees, agents or subcontractors as well as damages caused by guests, visitors or those participating in the event.

While on the rented premises, exhibition goods and packaging materials shall be insured at the expense and risk of the Industry. Industry should therefore contact their own insurance company.

Industry shall take out as well adequate insurance for third-Party Liability. Industry will be liable for the safety of participants on and around their stand area. In accepting ESC terms of sale, Industry undertakes to indemnify the ESC against any and all losses resulting from an unsafe construction, unsafe exhibits or the actions/inactions of its staff. The Industry, personnel engaged by or on behalf of the Industry, and third parties such as other participants, subcontractors, guests, visitors are in the Rental area at the risk of the Industry, or, as the case may be, these third parties. The ESC is not required to insure these risks.

The Industry shall indemnify the ESC against all claims which third party may be able to enforce against the ESC in connection with acts and omissions of the Industry or of persons for whom the Industry is liable or who are present on account of the Industry.

6.4 COPYRIGHT

The Industry acknowledges and agrees that: (a) the ESC owns all right, title and interest in the ESC Trademarks and ESC Content; (b) nothing in this Agreement shall confer in the Industry any right of ownership in the ESC Content or the ESC Trademarks and that all uses of the ESC Trademarks shall inure to the benefit of ESC; and (c) the Industry shall not now or in the future contest the validity of the ESC Trademarks or use or authorise the use of any trademarks, service marks or logos that are confusingly similar to the ESC Trademarks.

ESC acknowledges and agrees that: (a) the Industry owns all right, title and interest in the Industry Materials and the Industry Trademarks; (b) nothing in this Agreement shall confer in ESC any right of ownership in the Industry Materials or the Industry Trademarks and that all uses of the Industry Trademarks shall inure to the benefit of Industry; and (c) ESC shall not now or in the future contest the validity of the Industry Trademarks or use or authorize the use of any trademarks, service marks or logos that are confusingly similar to the Industry Trademarks.

6.5 FORCE MAJEURE AND LIMIT OF LIABILITY

If the ESC is unable to make the agreed services fully available to the Industry in accordance with the agreement on account of Force Majeure or any other causes or circumstances preventing the ESC from organising the event, the ESC will refund to the Industry the sum paid to the ESC for contractual commitments less 10% administrative fees. The ESC shall not be liable for any other consecutive damages suffered by the Industry from partial or complete curtailment of services.

6.6 TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT

If after binding application and conclusion of the contract the ESC should accept that an industry may withdraw from their contract, the Industry is liable for the full amount of the rental fee including all surcharges and associated costs.

6.7 JURISDICTION AND APPLICABLE LAW

In the event of any disputes, controversies or claims arising in connection with the Agreement or arising out of, or relating to, any provision of the Agreement or the breach thereof, the Parties shall try to settle the problem amicably between themselves. Should the Parties fail to come to an agreement within Sixty (60) Days from the first notice of such dispute, controversy or claim; the same shall be finally settled by the competent Court of Grasse, France.

The Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the French Laws.