

GDPR Update from ISPP's Central Office (May 2018)

The Central Office has completed preparations for the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) by the EU that goes into effect later this month. Regardless of whether or not you are in an EU country and this regulation will apply to you, all of our ISPP members, past and present, and conference attendees have the right to control the information ISPP has about them. So what information do we have, and how is it used?

- Familiarize yourself with ISPP's Privacy Policy (<http://www.ispp.org/privacy>), which has been updated in accordance with GDPR
 - ISPP collects certain information from you in order to establish your membership and provide you with member benefits if you are a member. An e-mail address and current membership is needed to log into our Member Portal and access the Teacher's Corner, for example. We use graduation dates to help identify Early Career Scholars.
 - We share select elements of your information with certain agents, again to provide you benefits/services/events for which you register.
 - We provide e-mail and mailing addresses to our journal publisher, Wiley-Blackwell, for our members to have online access to the journal, and to receive hard copies of the journal via postal mail (if applicable).
 - The name and billing address for a payment card is required by our card authorization service to verify the validity of a card for online payments (for membership, conference registration, etc.).
 - For our conferences, we provide your name and affiliation to the printer to produce the name badges.
 - We provide food allergy/dietary information to the conference venue to ensure proper caution/labelling of food items provided at the conference. If for a sit-down lunch, we will note dietary needs on the back of your name tent at the table, so that servers know where to place certain dishes.
 - Also for our conferences, when we need to verify the hotel sleeping rooms filled by ISPP attendees, we provide names (only) of our attendees to the hotel so that they can check against their list of registered guests, and ensure ISPP receives credit for the appropriate number of rooms.
 - We do not disseminate information about our members to any third parties other than those necessary to provide member or attendee benefits and safety (as in the above). We do not sell our members' or attendees' contact information for any marketing lists. And your data is kept secure within our online software (Events Air) and within the ISPP Central Office.
 - The only contact information we disseminate other than as noted above is that of people who have indicated that they wish to be contacted by the media for news and other stories/articles. By indicating that you wish to be contacted by

the media, you give ISPP permission to provide your name, contact information, and area(s) of study/expertise to members of the media. This list is kept within the Central Office, and is available upon request only.

- The Central Office uses geographical, gender, discipline, and self-identifying information you provide to generate overall statistics about our membership and conference attendees to report to ISPP's leadership. There is no personally-identifying information with this: it is to see where on the globe we have members, or from where our attendees have come for a given conference; how many student and early career scholar members/attendees we have; how many members in political science vs. psychology vs. social psychology; and similar statistics.
- We use the data we have for historical comparisons. For example, we might look at the number of years members have been with ISPP to inform us of membership patterns, and conference attendance numbers and attendee geography to inform future conference attendance in various locations. These data help us plan for a variety of activities, budgeting and cash flow, and the like. Like above, there is no personally-identifying information with these data.
- You have visibility and control over your data in our new system. You can log into the Member Portal and change and update your information at any time. But please consider your member benefits before hitting "delete": realize that if you delete your mailing address, for example, we will no longer be able to send you hard copies of the journal.
- We keep data for historical information, and we are also required by U.S. law to keep some data for a given period of time. Other data is archived after a few years.
- You can contact the [ISPP Central Office](#) at any time for assistance with the information we have on you, including asking that your data be made anonymous. The data will be retained, but will not be able to be identified with a specific individual.

If anyone has any problems with any aspect of their membership or renewal, conference registration, or receiving the journal or online access, please do not hesitate to contact Sev Bennett or Heather Schlabach in the Central Office (info@ispp.org). Thank you all for your membership and patience with our software transition this year, and we will see you in San Antonio in less than two months!

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