

Terms and Conditions for the 4th Edition of the eSPARK International Summer School on Experimental Electrochemistry

1. The 4th edition of the eSPARK International Summer School on Experimental Electrochemistry will be henceforth referred to as the Summer School.
2. The Summer School is being coordinated by an Organising Committee, henceforth referred to collectively as the Organisers. The Organisers are employees from the Institute of Physical Chemistry of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw (Poland), henceforth referred to as the Institute. As such, the status of the Organisers is governed by separate regulations.
3. The Summer School will take place on the grounds of the Institute. It will begin on 23rd September 2024 and will end on 30th September 2024.
4. All aspects of the Summer School will be conducted in the English language.
5. An Applicant is a person that registered through the dedicated Registration Form (provided on the Summer School's website – esparkschool.com) during the period between 1st April 2024 and 1st June 2024.
6. The Summer School is open to prospective Applicants from all backgrounds, so long as they have:
 - a. an active research role.
 - b. a need for the lessons taught during the Summer School within their current or future research plans.

No spaces will be given to students without research projects or to industrial candidates with managerial/administrative roles.

7. A Participant is an Applicant whose registration was accepted by the Organisers based on a selection process with the following criteria:
 - a. Applicants must attach their Curriculum Vitae and a motivation letter during registration. The motivation letter will initially be evaluated for any plagiarism or use of generative AI (Artificial Intelligence), both of which are forbidden and grounds for rejection of an application. In case of any doubt, we reserve the right to reject an Applicant based on this content.
 - b. Applicants will first be prioritized according to their experience in the field of electrochemistry based on their Curriculum Vitae. Early career Applicants or those with less experience in electrochemistry will be selected preferably.
 - c. After this, space will be assigned based on the perceived need of the Applicant as judged by the content of their motivation letter, with priority going to those whose research could benefit the most from their attendance to the Summer School.
 - d. As a final selection of individual candidates, we reserve the right to limit the number of Participants to one per research institution and/or university. This criterion will only be applied in case of a high number of applications and is aimed to increase the spread of disseminated knowledge.
 - e. Alumni of previous editions of the eSPARK International Summer School on Experimental Electrochemistry are welcome to apply again but will only be accepted in the case of low registration numbers. Previous Applicants who were unsuccessful are also welcome to apply again but will not be given any preference over new Applicants.

8. Unsuccessful Applicants will be placed on a waiting list and, unless they indicate their desire not to be included on this waiting list, will be informed via email of any available spaces that appear as a result of retracted applications or Visa issues.
9. Each Applicant wishing to register must submit their own Registration Form. In the case that more than one person from an institution wishes to register, each individual Applicant must submit their own separate Registration Form.
10. Registration Forms that lack any element marked as obligatory will not be considered in the selection process.
11. The final decision on an Applicant's registration will be delivered to the e-mail address provided by the Applicant in the Registration Form no later than 1st July 2024.
12. Participants are obliged to pay a fee of 750 EUR for their participation in the Summer School. The payment of the fee should be made between 1st July 2024 and 1st August 2024. Failure to pay within the allotted period will result in the Participant being removed from the list of accepted Applicants. Detailed information about payment will be sent by e-mail alongside the confirmation of the successful application. The Organisers hold the right to decrease the fees in the case that they obtain additional financing.
13. The fee will be used to cover:
 - a. one hot meal per day (total 5 meals).
 - b. tea/coffee breaks
 - c. consumables and chemicals necessary for conducting classes
 - d. printing costs for the poster session and the certificate of attendance (ECTS points can also be received)
 - e. five full days of lectures led by qualified specialists in the field of electrochemistry.
14. Participants are asked to bring their own lab coats or to inform the Organisers if they cannot do so (some lab coats can be borrowed).
15. The fee paid by the Participant does not include transport and accommodation costs. The Organisers, however, may provide information and/or suggestions on appropriate transport and accommodation options to the participants.
16. In the case of a Participant's resignation, the fee will be returned to the same bank account from which it was paid, so long as the resignation is declared no later than 2 weeks after the payment deadline. Otherwise, the fee will not be returned.
17. The Summer School will include:
 - a. Five full days (7 hrs incl. breaks) of practical electrochemistry lectures
 - b. One poster session on Wednesday evening
 - c. Two/three social events (exact nature of events will be confirmed closer to the date)
18. Posters should be prepared with a portrait orientation and an A0 size – 841 mm (width) x 1189 mm (height). No abstract is needed, and the topic of the poster can be freely selected, but the Participant is asked to keep the topic related to research they have done or are in the process of doing themselves. The posters will be printed by the Organisers. The Participant will be asked to send the poster as a .pdf file no later than two weeks before the start of the Summer School. Further information will be sent via email after successful registration.
19. The Organisers reserve the right to modify or cancel any of the courses of the Summer School in the case of low interest in the specified courses, as indicated in the Registration Form. In the case that the course the Participant was interested in is cancelled or modified, the Participant will be given the opportunity to alter their selection of courses and they reserve

the right to completely withdraw their registration if they are no longer interested in attending the Summer School.

20. The Organisers are not responsible for incorrect data submitted by an Applicant to their Registration Form.
21. Applicants will be asked on the Registration Form if a Visa application is required to attend the Summer School. The Organisers will send an invitation letter to a successful Applicant via email. The invitation letter does not constitute an application for a Visa, and we cannot guarantee any success in the Visa application.
22. Before being presented with a certificate of attendance, the Participant will be required to fill in an evaluation form providing feedback on the Summer School.
23. By sending the Registration Form, an Applicant confirms that:
 - a. they have read and agree with these Terms and Conditions.
 - b. the Participant's data can be processed by the Organisers to the extent necessary to conduct the Summer School. The Participant's personal data will be administered by the Institute, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation of the European Union. The data collected are the Participant's name and surname, e-mail address, telephone number, and billing address. The Participant may withdraw their consent at any moment by contacting the Organisers by e-mail at espark@ichf.edu.pl.
 - c. the Participant's image can be shared on photos, videos, and other promotional materials of the Summer School, including placements on the Organiser's websites and social media platforms. The Organisers assure not to transfer personal data of the Participant to third parties without the consent of the Participant.
 - d. the Organisers are allowed to contact the Participant for the sake of future editions.
24. The Organisers hold the right to introduce changes to these Terms and Conditions at any time. Any Applicants that have read the Terms and Conditions before the changes are enacted will be informed of the particulars of the changes via email.
25. In all disputable issues not included in these regulations, the final decision belongs to the Organisers.