

SFS Meetings Social Media Conduct Policy

SFS meetings, open to SFS members and those interested in freshwater sciences, are among the most respected meetings in the freshwater science community. SFS is committed to providing a safe, productive and welcoming environment for all meeting participants and staff. All participants including, but not limited to, attendees, speakers, volunteers, exhibitors, SFS staff, service providers, members of the press, and others are expected to abide by this SFS Meetings Social Media Conduct Policy. This policy applies to all SFS meeting-related events including those sponsored by organizations other than SFS but held in conjunction with SFS events, in public or private facilities.

“*Social media*” includes all websites or online applications that allow users to create and/or share content and to participate in social networking. Examples include Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and Flickr.

This policy is guided by the understanding that *SFS members and conference attendees should always assume that presenters do not wish to have photos of or specific results from their presentations posted on social media unless explicitly stated otherwise.*

Expected Behavior

- Do not post recordings or videos of scientific sessions or plenary talks on social media without prior permission from the speaker.
- Do not explicitly share data or specific results on social media without prior permission from the speaker. General statements about the conclusions of the presentation are acceptable.
- Do not use social media to harass, intimidate, or otherwise conduct activities which may have detrimental effects on other SFS members. **Note that the SFS Meetings Code of Conduct applies to social media use**, including posts using the meeting hashtag or referencing events at the SFS meeting.

Guidelines for Speakers

Some speakers may choose to permit attendees to record and share descriptions of specific results, photos, video or audio of their presentations. However, it is your right to deny permission to anyone. If someone violates this policy or continues unreasonably harassing you for permission, please see “Reporting Unacceptable Behavior and Consequences” below.

Reporting Unacceptable Behavior & Consequences

All violations of this policy are subject to the SFS Meetings Code of Conduct and should be referred in the same way as [outlined in that policy](#).