



8th International Symposium Deep-Sea Corals

29 May - 2 June Edinburgh, Scotland

ISDSC8 Code of Conduct and Social Media Policy

The Code of Conduct and social media Policy for ISDSC8 adopt the principles published by [Favaro et al. 2016](#) and followed by the previous ISDSC.

We are committed to providing a friendly, professional, respectful, inclusive and safe environment for all participants at the ISDSC8. By participating in the Symposium, all attendees agree to this Code of Conduct. Any behaviours that violate this code should be reported to isdsc8@ed.ac.uk and may result in the removal of the participant from the event. We commit to respond to any reports of such behaviours in a respectful and timely manner, while ensuring privacy.

Examples of Expected Behaviours

- Treat all participants, guests, organisers and volunteers of ISDSC8 with **respect and consideration**.
- Communicate openly and thoughtfully with others and be **considerate of the multitude of views** and opinions that are different than your own.
- Be **respectful and mindful** in your critique of ideas.
- Maintain a **safe and appropriate physical and emotional distance** in all interactions.
- **Do not record** presentations.

These behaviours are expected by all symposium participants during presentations, social hours, events and when using online platforms including social media.

Examples of Behaviours that will not be tolerated during the Symposium:

- Harassment and intimidation, including any verbal, written, or physical conduct designed to threaten, intimidate, or coerce another delegate, conference organisers, or staff.
- Discrimination based on gender or gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, physical appearance, race, religion, national origin, or culture.
- Physical or verbal abuse of any attendee, speaker, volunteer, exhibitor, staff member, service provider or other meeting guest.
- Disrespectful disruption of presentations.

The ISDSC8 embraces wider dissemination, collaboration, and partnership and has established social media channel to facilitate this.



During the Symposium, many of our speakers will be presenting exciting novel research that is not yet published and **we respect the speakers' right to request that their work not be shared across social media**. During the ISDSC8 we ask all presenters to make it clear during their talks if any data, research plans or other information need to be kept confidential. This should be explained verbally and by inserting a graphic similar to the example below on the relevant PowerPoint slides.



Recording or reproducing audio or video of presentations is not allowed. However, please note, that some images might be taken during the event by the organisers to be used on ISDSC8 website and social media. Please contact isdsc8@ed.ac.uk if you do not give consent to appear on any photos published by the event.

Provided there are no restrictions on dissemination, **we encourage participants at the ISDSC8 to share information through their social media accounts** using the hashtags and handles listed below. It is the responsibility of the ISDSC8 participants to acquire appropriate permission to publish any photographs that feature other participants.

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