



## **POLICY: CONTROL OF ANY CPD EVENT MATERIALS**

### **Background**

Over the past few years there has been a noticeable trend of audience members using their smartphones/tablets/cameras to take photos of the slides on the screen at congresses and symposia. The information on the slides belongs to the presenters: it is their intellectual property. They have not given permission to delegates/audience to photograph (i.e., copy) the information on the slide. They may be presenting findings from a study that has not yet undergone peer review. They may be presenting about a paper or a book they have written, and the information may be copyrighted to the publisher. SORSA is mindful of all relevant legislation and international policies with respect to continuing professional development events.

This policy must be included in all notices (including social media) of future provincial/national CPD events. This policy must be attached to registration forms.

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- Taking photographs, videotaping or audiotaping posters, scientific exhibits, sessions or presentations without the prior written permission of SORSA is strictly prohibited. Persons violating this policy may have their congress badge confiscated and be escorted from the meeting. Persons violating this policy at provincial events may be escorted from the meeting/symposium .
- When registering, you are required to agree that you will adhere to this policy.
- No unapproved surveys may be distributed at any SORSA meeting.
- SORSA takes photographs during meetings and events for organisational use, including print, electronic or other media, and the SORSA website. Certain portions of a SORSA CPD event may be videotaped. By participating in the meeting/,symposium/congress you permit SORSA to use your image and name for such purposes.

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