



## International Symposium Acute Leukemias (ISALXVIII) Munich, March 19-22, 2023

### ISALXVIII Environmental Sustainability Policy Practices

The organizers of ISALXVIII recognize that environmental sustainability has become a top priority especially in all health care institutions and sectors including medical conferences, meetings and symposia. We as organizers of the international symposium ACUTE LEUKEMIAS XVIII are taking our responsibility for the environment and all participants of ISALXVIII serious and are working hard on our policy to raise our standard and improve our sustainability strategy.

The organizers of ISALXVIII Munich, March 19-22, 2023, are therefore highly committed, and **encourage all participants and partners** of ISALXVIII to also finding ways to reduce the impact of their activities both before and during the symposium, in and around the meeting center as well as on their way to and from the meeting center for example by primarily using sustainable modes of transport: walking, cycling, public transport, or car-sharing.

The organizers of ISALXVIII continually seek to improve their environmental performance, for example by

During the preparatory period of ISALXVIII:

- **reducing** waste, energy, water, and pollution (emissions) from our business activities
- **using environmentally** friendly name badges and conference bags as well as eco paper and pens
- **continually trying** to reduce the use of all raw materials, energy, and supplies
- **raising awareness and training** employees and symposium staff in environmental matters before the start of the symposium
- **communicating** environmental aims and objectives to employees
- **recycling** as much waste material as possible by avoiding the use of paper wherever possible in the office

during the meeting:

- **doing a regular walk through the lecture hall building** to see if all participants are using energy and water efficiently and whether measures to reduce waste and pollution are effective
- **eliminating** non-recyclable coffee cup or plates for the coffee breaks and lunch breaks.
- **calculating and ordering** food and beverages for all coffee and lunch breaks to avoid food waste
- **offering waste separation facilities on-site** like glass, paper, plastic bins

#### COVID-19: New challenges for environmental sustainability

Although nearly all former preventive COVID-19 measures have been withdrawn in Germany and with this withdrawal of most measures most of the former disposal problems have decreased. However, there are still challenges in maintaining momentum for environmentally sustainable practices. If ISALXVIII participants are still facing certain regulations, as for example the obligation of wearing FFP2 masks, we ask all to consider their disposal in the dedicated and separated waste bins, preferably in the bathrooms of the lecture hall building.

#### We as organizers of ISALXVIII

- Encourage all cooperating partners to expect similar environmental standards from all suppliers and contractors and we
- Encourage all cooperating partners to use products and services in an environmentally sensitive way.

It can take years to achieve full sustainability in all sectors of our life but the organizers of ISALXVIII try to involve and encourage all participants and cooperating partners to support their sustainability strategy by making them eco-conscious and eager to participate. **Thank you for becoming part of the solution!**

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