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POLICY DOCUMENT GOVERNING VENUS INTERNATIONAL HEALTHCARE AWARDS

1. PREAMBLE

Instituted in 2018 by the Center for Health and Medical Sciences (CHMS) of the Venus International Foundation (VIF), the Venus International Healthcare Awards (VIHA) is an annual distinguished recognition programme conferred during the Annual Healthcare Summit (AHS). The VIHA Awards honour exceptional excellence and meaningful contributions across medicine and healthcare, recognizing physicians, medical professionals and researchers whose expertise, dedication, innovation and professional distinction advance patient care, medical education, research, and the broader pursuit of better health and human well-being.

Vision	To celebrate and inspire the distinguished minds shaping the future of global healthcare.
Mission	To recognize and honour extraordinary physicians whose excellence in clinical practice, research, innovation, and dedicated service advances the frontiers of healthcare.
Objectives	To honour physicians who demonstrate exceptional excellence, integrity, and distinction in healthcare through outstanding professional service, research contributions, and enduring commitment to human well-being.

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2. PRINCIPLES AND GOVERNANCE OF VENUS INTERNATIONAL AWARD

2.1 Recognition of Excellence

The Venus Award recognizes individuals who demonstrate quality, reliability, professional competence, and the ability to apply knowledge and skills effectively in the performance of specific responsibilities and tasks.

2.2 A Formal Mark of Recognition

The Venus International Award is a non-financial distinction conferred through an official Certificate of Recognition. It represents a formal authentication of merit—a Seal of Approval, a Mark of Recognition, and a Written Assurance of Professional Credibility—acknowledging the recipient’s demonstrated capabilities and standards of performance.

2.3 A Structured and Governed Recognition Framework

The Award operates through a defined and transparent recognition framework, comprising an established Policy, Nomination Form, Expert Committee, and Judging Process. All stages are conducted in accordance with the principles, standards, and governance framework approved and overseen by the Board of Trust.

Note: The Venus International Award stands as a distinguished testament to competence, credibility, and excellence—conferred through a structured, principled, and professionally governed process.

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3. THE VENUS INTERNATIONAL AWARD PROCESS

This section outlines the Venus International Award process, providing a structured, transparent, and rigorous framework for the evaluation and recognition of distinguished achievements. Each nomination progresses through a series of carefully defined stages designed to uphold integrity, impartiality, confidentiality, and international standards of assessment.

S.No.	Process
3.1	Receipt of Nomination Form
3.2	Secretariat Review and Administrative Screening
3.3	Document Review
3.4	Preliminary Eligibility Assessment
3.5	Credentials and Information Verification
3.6	Independent Peer Assessment
3.7	Award Committee Deliberation and Final Decision
3.8	Formal Notification of Outcome to the Nominee
3.9	Confirmation of Acceptance and Event Registration
3.10	Official Award Presentation

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4. THE 9TH HEALTHCARE AWARDS – VIHA 2026

The 9th Venus International Healthcare Awards – VIHA 2026 (F. No. F.No.HA26/SN09/AAP–II)) is formally convened by the Center for Health and Medical Sciences (CHMS) of Venus International Foundation (VIF) and shall be conducted in accordance with the resolution duly adopted at the VIF BOARD MEETING held on 9 December 2025 at the VIF Headquarters, as recorded under No. VIF/MIN/BM–II/2025.

The following specialties have been identified as the principal professional fields eligible for consideration under the VIHA 2026.

S.No.	Specialties	Code
4.1	Medical Specialties	MS
4.2	Medical Super Specialties	MSS
4.3	Surgical Specialties	SS
4.4	Surgical Super Specialties	SSS
4.5	Biomedical Sciences	BM
4.6	Public Health	PB

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5. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Venus International Healthcare Awards (VIHA) 2026 are open to Physicians, Healthcare Researchers, and Faculty Members of any nationality who, at the time of nomination, are in good professional standing and have demonstrated an established record of academic, professional, and service excellence.

Nominees must be 27 to 75 years of age and must hold a recognized Postgraduate Degree / Doctoral Degree, or an equivalent qualification appropriate to their professional discipline.

5.1 Issues Affecting Eligibility

A healthcare professional may be considered for nomination to VIHA 2026, provided that there are no substantiated adverse findings or unresolved professional concerns recorded by the Competent or Concerned Authority in relation to any of the following:

- a) Professional Misconduct
- b) Deficiency in Professional Performance
- c) Criminal Conviction
- d) Formal Caution or Warning
- e) Disciplinary Action by the Employing Institution or Competent Authority

Note: The Foundation reserves the right to determine eligibility based on the authenticity, integrity, and professional standing of the nominee.

5.2 Evaluation Criteria

The evaluation shall consider the nominee's professional excellence, ethical commitment, innovation and measurable contribution to healthcare, with particular emphasis on:

- Excellence in Clinical and Professional Practice
- Selfless Dedication and Sustained Commitment to Patient Care
- Distinctive Innovations and Transformative Initiatives in Healthcare
- Advancement of Patient Safety, Quality, and Wellbeing
- Contribution to Healthcare Policy, Planning, and Institutional Development
- Development and Application of Novel, Effective, and Evidence-Based Treatment Approaches
- Demonstrated Impact on the Advancement of Healthcare and Medical Practice

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6. AWARD CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA

6.1 Award for Excellence (Code: AE)

Established in 2018, the Award for Excellence is a distinguished honour conferred upon eminent physicians whose distinguished careers have set a benchmark of professional excellence, scholarly accomplishment, ethical practice, and dedicated service to humanity.

The award recognizes physicians who have demonstrated an exceptional and sustained record of clinical practice and/or research, together with selfless dedication to patient care, professional advancement, and the broader wellbeing of society. It particularly acknowledges individuals whose pioneering innovations, visionary initiatives, professional leadership, and enduring contributions have had a significant and demonstrable impact on patient care and the advancement of healthcare.

The award is intended to honour a career of distinction and lasting professional legacy, reflected not merely by individual accomplishment, but by the nominee's ability to advance knowledge, inspire professional excellence, strengthen healthcare systems, and contribute meaningfully to the evolution of medicine.

- **Criteria:**

The nominee should satisfy the following criteria:

- a) Professional Standing**

The nominee should possess a well-established professional reputation and an outstanding record of achievement, with demonstrated recognition among peers and within the broader healthcare community.

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b) Innovation and Impact

The nominee should demonstrate meaningful contributions through innovative practices, pioneering initiatives, or transformative approaches that have contributed substantially to the quality of patient care, healthcare delivery, research, or human wellbeing.

c) Scholarly Contribution

The nominee should have a sustained record of disseminating professional knowledge and expertise through scientific presentations, invited lectures, authorship of research articles and scholarly papers, and other recognized academic or professional contributions.

d) Leadership and Institutional Contribution

The nominee should have made significant contributions to professional leadership, healthcare policy development, strategic planning, research advancement, institutional development, and the strengthening of healthcare establishments and systems.

e) Professional Seniority

The nominee must be above 44 years of age and should have completed at least 20 years of professional service, calculated as of 1 December 2025.

- *Note: The Award for Excellence shall be conferred in recognition of an enduring career distinguished by excellence, integrity, leadership, innovation, and exceptional service, representing a lasting contribution to the medical profession and to the advancement of healthcare.*

6.2 Professor of the Year (Code: PY)

Instituted in 2018, the Professor of the Year Award is a distinguished recognition honouring an eminent healthcare academic whose career reflects sustained academic excellence, exemplary professional integrity, institutional leadership, and a profound commitment to advancing healthcare education and research.

The Award recognises a professor whose scholarly accomplishments and institutional contributions have created a lasting and meaningful impact on students, faculty, the academic institution, and the wider professional community, including the initiation of innovative academic and student-centred services.

▪ **Criteria**

The nominee shall demonstrate a distinguished and sustained record of:

a) Institutional Excellence

Significant and enduring contributions to institutional initiatives that have strengthened the quality, relevance, and advancement of healthcare education and research.

b) Academic Leadership and Governance

Demonstrated leadership through faculty governance, academic administration, institutional committees, policy development, or other responsibilities that have contributed substantially to institutional growth and excellence.

c) Innovation in Education

Conceiving, developing, or implementing new academic programmes, educational initiatives, or innovative approaches to teaching and learning that have enhanced the academic experience of students and faculty.

d) Scholarly Contributions

A substantial record of scholarly achievement, including publications in recognised journals, research articles, reviews, academic books, or other significant scholarly works.

e) Service and Professional Commitment

Meaningful contributions to the institution, students, faculty, professional community, and broader society, reflecting the highest standards of academic responsibility and professional conduct

f) Professional Seniority

The nominee must be above 50 years of age and should have completed at least 25 years of professional service, calculated as of 1 December 2025.

- *Note: The nominee should demonstrate a distinguished and sustained career of academic, scholarly, institutional, and professional accomplishment commensurate with the stature of this Award*

6.3 Outstanding Physician (Code: OP)

Instituted in 2018, the Outstanding Physician Award is conferred in recognition of physicians who have demonstrated a distinguished record of professional excellence and sustained contributions to their hospital or institution, advancing the safety, quality, effectiveness, and well-being of patient care.

- **Criteria**

- a) **Clinical Excellence**

- The nominee shall have demonstrated excellence in clinical practice and a sustained commitment to delivering high standards of patient care

- b) **Innovation in Practice**

- The nominee shall have successfully introduced novel, effective, or evidence-based treatment approaches, clinical practices, or therapeutic methods that have gained recognition and appreciation among professional peers

- c) **Institutional Contribution**

- The nominee shall have made significant and demonstrable contributions to the advancement of healthcare standards, patient safety, service quality, or institutional excellence.

- d) **Professional Standing**

- The nominee shall be above 34 years of age and shall have completed at least 10 years of professional service, calculated as of 1 December 2025

- *Note: The award seeks to honour physicians whose clinical distinction, professional integrity, innovative practice, and enduring commitment to patient welfare represent the highest traditions of the medical profession*

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6.4 Outstanding Researcher (Code: OR)

Instituted in 2018, the Outstanding Researcher Award honours distinguished Physicians who have demonstrated a sustained record of scholarly excellence, professional contribution, and meaningful advancement of patient care within a Hospital, Medical Laboratory, Healthcare Institution, or related medical establishment.

The Award recognizes individuals whose research, innovation, or evidence-based clinical contributions have made a notable and enduring impact on the safety, quality, effectiveness, and well-being of patients, and whose accomplishments have earned professional recognition among peers.

▪ Criteria

- ✓ The nominee shall have demonstrated distinguished contributions to research, clinical practice, or healthcare innovation, with demonstrable relevance to patient safety, quality of care, or patient well-being.
- ✓ The nominee shall have successfully introduced novel, innovative, or demonstrably effective research methodologies, diagnostic approaches, treatment methods, or clinical practices that have gained recognition or acceptance among professional peers.
- ✓ The nominee's contributions shall reflect a sustained commitment to professional excellence, research integrity, innovation, and the advancement of healthcare.
- ✓ The nominee shall be above 34 years of age and shall have completed a minimum of 10 years of professional service as of 1 December 2025.

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6.5 Young Physician (Code: YP)

Instituted in 2018, this distinguished award honours a young physician who has demonstrated a commendable record of professional excellence and meaningful contributions to a hospital or healthcare institution, with a sustained commitment to advancing the safety, quality, effectiveness, and well-being of patient care.

▪ Criteria

- ✓ The nominee shall have introduced or successfully implemented innovative, novel, or effective treatment approaches that have earned recognition and professional regard among peers.
- ✓ The nominee shall be above 27 years of age and shall have completed a minimum of five years of professional service as of 1 December 2025.

6.6 Young Researcher Award (Code: YR)

Instituted in 2018, the Young Researcher Award honours promising physicians who have demonstrated a distinguished record of research, clinical innovation, and meaningful contributions to a Hospital, Medical Laboratory, or Healthcare Institution, advancing the standards of patient safety, quality of care, and overall well-being.

▪ Criteria

- ✓ The nominee shall have introduced novel, innovative, or demonstrably effective research or treatment methodologies that have earned recognition and professional acceptance among peers.
- ✓ The nominee shall be above 27 years of age and shall have completed a minimum of five years of professional service as of 1 December 2025.

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7. CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The 9th Venus International Healthcare Awards – VIHA 2026 formally commenced with the issuance of the Call for Nominations, marking the opening of the nomination process for this distinguished international recognition programme. The VIHA 2026 invites nominations from Physicians, Healthcare Researchers and Faculty Members serving in Government or Private Hospitals, Clinical Establishments, Laboratories, Research Institutions and Academic Institutions.

The Call for Nominations, issued vide F. No. VIF/CFN/HA/2026, was officially opened on 9 January 2026. The nomination process is conducted in accordance with the established VIHA Policy, Eligibility Framework, Nomination Guidelines and prescribed documentation requirements, ensuring a structured, transparent and academically rigorous process befitting an international recognition programme.

7.1 Official Information and Nomination Documents

Comprehensive information concerning Eligibility, Award Categories, Nomination Guidelines, Policy Provisions, Procedural Requirements and prescribed Nomination Formats is made available electronically through the official VIHA website:

<https://www.venusinfo.org/medical/2026/ahs.html>

8. JUDGING CRITERIA

8.1 Independent Peer Review

The VIHA 2026 judging process shall be conducted through a rigorous and independent peer-review mechanism. An eminent panel of experts representing diverse medical specialties and areas of expertise shall evaluate each submission independently. Each entry shall be assessed on a scale of 0 to 100, in accordance with the prescribed evaluation criteria, with due consideration given to the nominee's overall distinction, impact, originality, and sustained contribution.

8.2 Evaluation, Consolidation and Final Selection

The Venus International Foundation (VIF) shall consolidate and review the scores received from the expert panel to determine the outcome in each award category. The decision of the duly constituted expert panel, following the prescribed evaluation process, shall be final and binding. For each category/specialty — for example, Award for Excellence in Cardiology — the Expert Committee shall ordinarily identify three distinguished nominees who most clearly demonstrate the requisite standards of excellence.

8.3 Discretion to Recognise Exceptional Merit

While three nominees shall ordinarily be selected in each category, the Apex Committee reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to honour fewer or more than three nominees where the quality, distinction, and demonstrated achievements of the nominees warrant such recognition. Any such decision shall be guided by the exceptional standards and benchmarks established by the Expert Committee.

8.4 Multiple Nominations

Where an individual is nominated concurrently for two or more awards, the Expert Committee shall exercise its considered discretion to determine the most appropriate category in which the nominee's achievements and contributions are best represented. Where appropriate, the nomination may be reassigned to the category that most accurately reflects the nominee's principal distinction.

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8.5 Reclassification of Nominations

If, during the evaluation process, a nominee is found to fulfil the eligibility and excellence criteria of an award category other than the one for which the nomination was originally submitted, the Expert Committee may, at its discretion, reclassify and transfer the nomination to the most appropriate category. Such reclassification shall be undertaken solely in the interest of ensuring that exceptional merit is evaluated and recognised within the category most commensurate with the nominee's accomplishments.

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9. VIHA 2026 PROCESS

This section presents the complete VIHA 2026 process, outlining the key stages from the receipt and screening of nominations through evaluation, selection, official announcement, and the Award Presentation Ceremony.

Step 1 — Receipt and Preliminary Screening

All nomination documents received by the VIHA 2026 Secretariat will undergo a formal preliminary screening to verify completeness, eligibility, and compliance with the prescribed nomination requirements.

Step 2 — Official Acknowledgement

An official acknowledgement confirming receipt of the nomination will be communicated to the respective Nominee.

Step 3 — Verification of Credentials — If Required

Where necessary, the VIHA 2026 Secretariat may request documentary evidence or supporting proof for academic, professional, research, institutional, or other credentials and achievements stated in the submitted Curriculum Vitae.

Step 4 — Due Diligence and Committee Evaluation

The submitted documents and credentials will be cross-verified through an appropriate due-diligence process. Eligible nominations will subsequently be placed before the designated VIHA 2026 Evaluation Committee for consideration.

Step 5 — Official Selection Communication

Nominees selected through the evaluation process will receive an official communication from the VIHA 2026 Secretariat confirming their selection.

Step 6 — Official AHS 2026 Registration

Selected Nominees will be required to complete the prescribed AHS 2026 Registration formalities. (*Refer Annexure – B of the Policy Document*)

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Step 7 — Official Announcement of Awardees

The final list of VIHA 2026 Award Winners will be formally published on the Official VIHA Webpage.

Step 8 — Formal Award Winner Notification

Each Award Winner will receive an official congratulatory communication containing relevant information concerning the award and the Award Presentation Ceremony.

Step 9 — Award Presentation Ceremony

The distinguished VIHA 2026 Awardees will be formally honoured at the Award Presentation Ceremony, recognizing their outstanding achievements, contributions and enduring impact.

Step 10 — Official Post-Award Publication

A curated official summary of AHS 2026, including the distinguished Awardees and highlights of the ceremony, will be published through the Official Webpage.

Note: VIHA 2026 is committed to maintaining a process founded on integrity, transparency, professional due diligence, excellence, and international standards of recognition.

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10. IMPORTANT DATES (Revised)

S.No.	Milestone	Date
10.1	Opening of Entries	9 January 2026
10.2	Submission Deadline	15 October 2026
10.3	Deadline for Submission of Supporting Documents	25 October 2026
10.4	Announcement of Award Winners	On or before 5 November 2026
10.5	Award Presentation Ceremony	5 December 2026

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11. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR VIHA 2026 NOMINATION

A distinguished working professional may nominate an Eligible Individual for the VIHA 2026, or may submit a Self-Nomination for consideration. To ensure a comprehensive and professional assessment of each nomination, the following documents are required to be submitted along with the nomination:

a) VIHA 2026 Nomination Form

The duly completed and signed VIHA 2026 Nomination Form, providing all required particulars of the nominee.

b) Curriculum Vitae (CV)

A comprehensive and up-to-date Curriculum Vitae of the nominee. The CV may be submitted in any professional format and may extend to any number of pages, as appropriate to the nominee's career and accomplishments.

c) Recent Passport-Size Photograph

One recent, high-resolution passport-size photograph of the nominee.

d) Academic Qualification

A clear copy of the Ph.D. degree certificate or equivalent highest academic qualification certificate, as applicable.

e) Registration Certificate (s)

Copy of the relevant Registration Certificate(s) and/or Licence(s), as applicable

f) Professional Affiliation

A clear copy of the nominee's current workplace/organizational identification card (ID) or equivalent official proof of professional affiliation.

Note: All documents should be clear, legible, authentic, and submitted in accordance with the prescribed VIHA 2026 nomination requirements. The organizers reserve the right to request additional supporting documents or clarifications, wherever considered necessary for the evaluation of the nomination.

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12. MODE OF SUBMISSION

All nominations for VIHA 2026 shall be submitted electronically to the following official email addresses:

- viha2026@venusinfo.org
- AND
- directorvifindia@gmail.com

Important Submission Notes:

- *VIHA 2026 follows an exclusively digital nomination process and hence submission of a hard copy of the nomination or supporting documents is not required. Only nominations that fully comply with the prescribed eligibility criteria, submission requirements, documentation standards, and nomination guidelines will be considered for processing and review. Incomplete or non-compliant nominations will not be accepted.*
- *An official acknowledgement of receipt will be sent to the nominator by email within three working days of successful receipt of the nomination. All nominations are subject to verification and compliance with the official VIHA 2026 nomination guidelines.*

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13. AWARD PRESENTATION

The 9th Venus International Healthcare Awards – VIHA 2026 shall be ceremonially conferred on 5 December 2026 at Green Park, Chennai, India.

The Awards shall be formally bestowed upon the distinguished recipients by the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the Venus International Foundation, in solemn recognition of their outstanding accomplishments, professional distinction, enduring excellence, and significant contributions to healthcare and medical sciences.

The Award Presentation shall constitute a distinguished ceremonial occasion honouring individuals whose achievements and contributions exemplify the highest standards of professional merit, scholarly excellence, and meaningful service to society.

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14. HEADQUARTERS

The administrative headquarters responsible for the governance, coordination, and official servicing of the Venus International Foundation is located at:

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THE 9TH ANNUAL HEALTHCARE SUMMIT – AHS 2026

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The Annual Healthcare Summit (AHS) is a distinguished international forum dedicated to advancing excellence in healthcare through scientific innovation, interdisciplinary collaboration, and evidence-based practice. Bringing together eminent physicians, healthcare professionals, researchers and academicians from across the globe, AHS provides an exceptional platform for the exchange of pioneering research, transformative ideas, and best practices that shape the future of healthcare.

Committed to fostering meaningful collaborations, AHS promotes the creation, dissemination, and translation of high-quality scientific knowledge into clinical practice and health policy. The Summit encourages multidisciplinary partnerships that address the evolving challenges of modern healthcare while driving innovation in patient care, healthcare quality, safety, operational efficiency, digital health, and clinical effectiveness. Through scientific sessions, keynote addresses, expert discussions, and collaborative networking opportunities, AHS aspires to inspire thought leadership, accelerate translational research, influence healthcare policy, and support the development of resilient, equitable, and sustainable healthcare systems that improve patient outcomes worldwide.

We are delighted to welcome you to The 9th Annual Healthcare Summit – AHS 2026 (Scientific Conference Code: HS26EN09SN–047) and invite you to join a global community committed to shaping the future of healthcare through excellence in research, innovation, collaboration, and clinical practice.

- **Theme:** *Transforming Healthcare Through Early Detection, Precision Treatment and Preventive Care*

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- **Abstract Submission and Guidelines:**

The AHS 2026 seeks original, high-quality proposals describing the research and results that contribute to advancements in their major areas.

Further information and documents are available electronically on the official website: <https://www.venusinfo.org/medical/2026/authors.html>

- **Publications:**

All accepted and duly registered abstracts will be published in the official AHS 2026 Conference Proceedings, carrying a recognized ISBN.

- **Previous Event:**

8th Annual Healthcare Summit – AHS 2025:
<https://venusinfo.org/medical/2025-ahs.html>

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REGISTRATION FEE – AHS 2026

Category	Registration Fee (Including GST*)
International Delegates — High-Income Countries	USD 610
International Delegates — Middle-Income Countries	USD 400
Indian Delegates	INR 18,000

1. REGISTRATION AND ENTRY

a) Applicable GST

The prevailing Goods and Services Tax (GST) at the rate of 18% shall be applicable to the registration fee, as per prevailing regulations.

b) Mandatory Registration

Registration is mandatory for all Delegates seeking to participate in the Conference and its official proceedings.

c) AHS 2026 Registration Entitlement

Each AHS 2026 Registration provides two exclusive Entry Passes — one for the registered Delegate and one for Accompanying Person.

d) Entry Privilege

All the registered attendees shall be entitled to access the designated Conference proceedings and official programme, subject to the applicable terms and conditions.

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2. REGISTRATION INCLUDES

a) Full Access to All Conference Sessions

Complimentary access to the complete programme of keynote addresses, plenary sessions, scientific presentations and special sessions.

b) Official E-Certificate of Participation and Presentation

A professionally issued digital certificate recognizing participation and, where applicable, presentation of the research work.

c) Official Conference Pass and Printed Programme

An exclusive conference access pass accompanied by a professionally designed printed programme for easy reference throughout the event.

d) Premium Refreshments and High-Quality Buffet Lunch

Complimentary tea/coffee breaks and a carefully curated, premium buffet lunch served during the conference.

e) Digital Visibility and Global Promotion

Opportunity for featured visibility through the Official Conference Website and Social Media Platforms, subject to the conference's communication and publication guidelines.

f) Electronic Copy of the ISBN Conference Proceedings

Complimentary electronic access to the officially published ISBN Conference Proceedings, featuring the accepted and published scholarly contributions.

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3. ACCOMPANYING PERSONS — HOSPITALITY AND CONFERENCE ACCESS

- Accompanying Persons are warmly welcomed to enjoy the Tea Breaks and High Buffet Lunch arranged as part of the Conference hospitality. For Conference Sessions, Accompanying Persons may attend strictly as Listeners/Observers and are welcome to benefit from the academic and professional proceedings.
- However, Accompanying Persons are not eligible to present papers, deliver presentations, participate as speakers, or access presenter/delegate privileges associated with the Conference Sessions. All Conference participation and access privileges remain subject to the official registration category and applicable Conference guidelines.

4. REGISTRATION DOES NOT INCLUDE

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- c) Personal and Incidental Expenses:** All personal expenses, including meals outside the programme, local transportation, communication, shopping, insurance, and other incidental costs.

Note: Delegates are requested to make their own arrangements for travel, accommodation, and personal expenses. All such expenses shall be the sole responsibility of the respective delegate.

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