



**44th ANTARCTIC TREATY CONSULTATIVE MEETING
BERLIN, GERMANY
23 MAY TO 2 JUNE 2022**

**SECRETARIAT NOTE 7: COVID-19 Hygiene Concept and Reminder of
Registration for ATCM XLIV and CEP XXIV Hybrid Meeting**

3 Mai 2022

COVID-19 Hygiene Concept:

The hygiene concept regarding COVID-19 at ATCM XLIV is based on a consistent testing strategy. We will provide a Covid-19 test center in the conference venue. Rapid tests will be performed there free of charge. The center will be open from 7 am to 8 pm every day. Each rapid test has a validity of 24 hours. Therefore, tests taken the night before will be still valid the next morning. This is to prevent unnecessary queues from forming in front of the test center in the morning. We will also accept valid tests from other COVID-19 test centers. Mandatory tests will apply to all persons staying in the conference area, i.e. delegates, technicians and service personnel. Control at the entrance is based on colored admission wristbands, which delegates receive in case of a negative COVID-19 test.

Please get tested for COVID-19 immediately after collecting your badge for ATCM XLIV or CEP XXIV at the ESTREL Convention Center. We will have a sign post in the atrium of the ESTREL from where you can find the testing premises.

Delegates who will have been tested positively will not be able to continue attending the conference in person, but can continue to attend virtually. They will be given the opportunity to have a PCR-test performed in the testing-center of the ESTREL to confirm the result. In case of the confirmation of the result, legal provisions in force at time of the ATCM XLIV regarding isolation will apply (currently 5 days of isolation). We would advise you to obtain a health insurance that covers consequences of a COVID-19 infection.

We will provide delegates with FFP2 protective masks on a daily basis and ask to wear them in the conference area with only a few exceptions (e.g. being seated, during lunch).

A copy of the hygiene concept will be handed out to you upon arrival at the registration counter. Depending on the pandemic situation during ATCM XLIV, we reserve the right to make short-term changes to the concept.

We strongly recommend that all delegates are adequately vaccinated against COVID-19. However, it is not a requirement to attend the conference.



Registration Reminder:

Deadline for registration is 6 May 2022. Please register your delegation by that date. Forms for participation as a virtual representative with "ask for the floor" and "right to speak" can be found in Secretariat Note 6. It can be accessed via the ATCM XLIV website (<https://44atcm.ats.aq>). Closing date for these applications is 9 May 2022.

We are very much looking forward to your participation in ATCM XLIV, in-person or virtually.

Kind regards

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Attachments:

1) Key Dates

Attachment 1

Key Dates

D-45	Friday 8 April 2022	Submission of ATCM and CEP Working Papers and other papers for which translation is required
D-30	Saturday 23 April 2022	Submission of ATCM and CEP Information Papers, and Background Papers that participants wish to be listed in the Final Report
D-17	<u>Friday 6 May 2022</u>	Closing of on-line registration
D-14	<u>Monday 9 May 2022</u>	Submission of forms for the registration of virtual representatives
D-1	Sunday 22 May 2022	Opening of the Registration Desk at the conference venue
D	Monday 23 May 2022	Meeting of the ATCPs' Heads of Delegations
D	Monday 23 May 2022	Commencement of the CEP Meeting
D+1	Tuesday 24 May 2022	Commencement of the ATCM
D+10	Thursday 2 June 2022	Conclusion of the ATCM