

Protection of personal data within ISCAR

According to [ISCAR Standing Order 6](#), all ISCAR databases must be used in accordance with “*Directive 95/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 1995 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data.*” More information about this directive at the end of this page.

Especially relevant to ISCAR

Many points in the directive are relevant to ISCAR, but particularly important are **Article 6(b)**, which states that: Personal data must be ... “collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a way incompatible with those purposes.”

and **Article 14(b)** which states that persons must “be informed before personal data are disclosed for the first time to third parties or used on their behalf for the purposes of direct marketing, and to be expressly offered the right to object free of charge to such disclosures or uses.”

Implications for ISCAR

- ISCAR data are considered to be internal to the Society.
- Only those who have need, as a result of their responsibilities within the Society, should have access to the data.
- Those with access to these data should only use them for purposes directly relevant to ISCAR members, and in limited cases to non-members where it is directly relevant to ISCAR.
- It would be **inappropriate** to use these data for personal reasons – for example to make announcements about jobs, symposia, publications, etc that are not relevant generally for ISCAR members.

Given that there are already communication possibilities within ISCAR, this should not restrict appropriate communication to ISCAR members.

- It would be **inappropriate** to give or show these data (e.g., email addresses) to another person.

If there is need to communicate with ISCAR members (or subsets of ISCAR members), possibilities already exist within the Society to make these communications, without having to release personal data.

Background Information about the Directive

- Was created primarily to find a balance between the legitimate need for collection of relevant data by governments and private business and the protection of the rights and privacy of the individuals registered in this data collection.
- Was motivated in part because of unfortunate historical experience in the use of data by European states during and after World War II. Depending on your own historical perspective, this directive may seem appropriate or excessive. For discussion see: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Directive_95/46/EC_on_the_protection_of_personal_data
- Directive as HTML file: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:31995L0046:EN:HTML>
- Entire directive (in two parts) as PDF files. http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/fsj/privacy/docs/95-46-ce/dir1995-46_part1_en.pdf
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