



NAT2022

NORTH AMERICAN TUNNELING CONFERENCE

North American Tunneling Conference 2022 (NAT2022): Registration Terms & Conditions

This document sets out the terms and conditions between UCA and you when you register for any event or conference organized by UCA, including NAT2022. By registering for an event or conference organized by UCA you are agreeing to comply with these terms and conditions. You should read this document carefully.

Prior to your registration, you must acknowledge and accept the UCA Registration Terms & Conditions (the “Terms & Conditions”) contained herein. Should you not wish to accept the Terms & Conditions you should not register.

Submission of a registration is regarded as affirmation of your acceptance of the Event Terms & Conditions.

Membership Discount Rates

Individuals must be members in good standing at the time of registration in order to qualify for discounted member rates.

Non-member full conference registrations include a complimentary pro-rated UCA membership that will remain active until December 31, 2022. Discounted non-member registrations that include, but are not limited to, Discounted Author Rates and Complimentary Sponsor Registrations do not include complimentary memberships.

All attendees, exhibitors and authors are required to register. Nonmember authors/chairs may register at the member rate using the discount code provided.

The appropriate badge is required for admittance to the technical sessions and exhibit hall functions and will be checked at the entrance of all activities. Exhibits-only registrations are NOT permitted to attend the technical sessions. One-day or Exhibit Hall-only passes are not available.

Student

Student registration for NAT2022 must meet eligibility requirements. UCA requires that an individual must be attending a college/university/higher education institute on a full-time basis to qualify for student registration. Student registrations may be required to provide evidence of full-time status. Students enrolled in 12 or more semester credit hours are considered full-time. Acceptable confirmation includes: transcript, most recent report card, or official school registration documents. Student registrations without this documentation will not be eligible for the reduced student rate.

Early-bird Discount Options

All registrations received on or before May 5, 2022, qualify for the Early-bird discount rates listed here: natconference.org/register/ and must be accompanied with full payment. Registrations are not considered complete and confirmed until full payment is received.

Additional Options & Events

Pre-conference short courses and ticketed networking events are additional options for attendees and are not included in a regular conference registration. Registrants can purchase ticketed functions within the registration process and can only be purchased in conjunction with a full conference registration.

Cancellation Policy

If circumstances require you to cancel your NAT2022 registration, you must do so in writing. Written notice must be sent via email to meetings@smenet.org. Cancellations received on or before May 12, 2022, will receive a full refund. There are no refunds for no-shows and cancellations received after May 12, 2022. Substitutions will be accepted in writing at no charge until May 12, 2022. After May 12, 2022, a \$25 fee will be charged for substitutions.

Registrants are responsible for cancellation of their own hotel accommodations.

Attendee Conduct

UCA is committed to creating a professional and respectful conference experience for attendees, exhibitors, vendors, contractors, sponsors, and event staff. Individuals should immediately report any behavior inconsistent with these principles to onsite event staff. You may also contact UCA directly to report a concern at meetings@smenet.org. We will look into and review every allegation of inappropriate conduct and respond appropriately. We value your attendance.

Privacy Policy and Personal Data

Registrants who opt-in during the registration process agree to share their provided contact details including name, company name, title, mailing address and email with exhibiting companies and sponsors and exhibitors of NAT2022.

NAT2022 event sponsors and exhibitors may directly request your personal information at their exhibit booths or presentations. Providing your information to them is optional, and you should review their privacy policies to address your particular needs and concerns about how they will treat your personal information.

Photograph and Video Use Permission

Attendees acknowledge and grant the right, in perpetuity, to UCA and their contracted agents, to take photographs and video of me and my property, with or without naming and without compensation, in connection with attending NAT2022 and hereby authorize UCA and their contracted agents to copyright, use and publish any and all photographs and video taken at same in print and/or electronically for any lawful purpose, including publicity, illustrations, advertising, marketing and internet content all related to promoting UCA, NAT2022 and their educational activities.

Attendees agree to not capture audio or visual recordings of NAT2022 elements (including sessions, social functions, etc.) in any medium and to not distribute audio or visual recordings of NAT2022 (via social media or any other means) without the express permission of the subject, speaker, author, SME or UCA representative.

Attendees also agree to not take or distribute pictures of or copy research posters/presentation materials unless explicit permission is granted.

Permission must be granted by SME or UCA and press credentials issued for any entity that desires to film, interview or capture attendees within all areas of NAT2022. Non-credentialed press, photographers and associated crew are subject to specific limitations for the time and placement of filming locations. Violations of these specifications may result in removal from NAT2022.

Distribution of Materials

UCA and NAT2022 retain the right to approve all materials distributed and displayed outside of exhibit hall booths. Any non-approved materials distributed will be immediately removed and disposed of.

Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability

Attendee assumes all risks and accepts sole responsibility for any injury (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability or expense, of any kind, that attendee may experience or incur in connection with attending the event. Attendee hereby releases, covenants not to sue, discharges and holds harmless SME, UCA and NAT2022, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from any such claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto.

Specifically relating to the global COVID-19 pandemic, attendee acknowledges the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assumes the risk of exposure or infection by attending the event, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability and death. Attendee understands that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the event may result from the actions, omissions or negligence of others who may attend the event or their families, colleagues, or others with whom they may have contact. Accordingly, attendee understands and agrees that this release includes any claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of SME, UCA and NAT2022, its employees, agents and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during or after participation in the event.

In addition to all other rules and regulations relating to the attendee's attendance at the event, the attendee agrees to comply with all COVID-related procedures that may be implemented by SME, UCA and NAT2022, in order to protect the health and safety of all attendees. SME, UCA reserves the right to refuse entry to registrants who do not successfully pass the health screening or who refuse to follow the health and safety guidelines set forth including, but not limited to, providing proof of vaccination, verifying identity with a government issued photo ID, wearing a mask and maintaining appropriate social distancing.

To obtain a list of all local, county, state and federal mandates and laws in effect at the time of the event with regards to COVID-19, please visit natconference.org/health-safety. This page will be updated as mandates and laws change. If a registrant does not feel comfortable complying with local regulations at the time of the event, the registrant should not attend.

Changes to Terms & Conditions

UCA reserves the right to change, amend, add or remove any of the above Terms & Conditions in its sole discretion and without prior notice. If one or more of the conditions outlined in these Terms & Conditions should become invalid, the remaining conditions will continue to be valid and apply. These Terms & Conditions apply to all event participants (attendees, authors, speakers, sponsors, exhibitors).