

Privacy notice sphn.ch

Introduction

Data protection is a key concern for the Swiss Academies of Medical Sciences (SAMS) and SIB Swiss Institute for Bioinformatics. The purpose of this explanatory notice on data protection (hereinafter "**Privacy Notice**") is to explain the measures taken by SAMS and SIB in terms of Personal Data processing with respect to the use of the website www.sphn.ch (hereinafter "**SPHN website**"). This Privacy Notice is intended to help You understand how We may use the data you provide as a user (hereinafter "**User**" or "**You**") of the SPHN website.

By accessing and using the SPHN website, You acknowledge that You have read, understood and accepted that You are subject to all of the conditions laid down in this Privacy Notice.

SPHN website owner and Data Controllers

The Swiss Personalized Health Network initiative (hereinafter "**SPHN**") mandated by the Swiss federal government aims to advance research and innovation in the field of personalized medicine. The Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences (hereinafter "**SAMS**") and the SIB Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics (hereinafter "**SIB**") are responsible for carrying out the mandate related to the SPHN initiative.

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The SPHN Management Office is hosted by the Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences (SAMS) and manages the overall initiative and daily operations.

A group of SIB Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics, the PHI manages both, the SPHN Data Coordination Center and the BioMedIT project.

While accessing and using the SPHN website, the SAMS and the SIB (hereinafter the "**SAMS/SIB**" or "**We**") are joint website owners and website controllers when processing Personal Data pursuant to and in accordance with the Federal Data Protection Act (FDPA) and, if applicable, the European Regulation EU 679/2016 (GDPR). Any Personal Data provided or otherwise collected while using the SPHN website is processed in compliance with the principles laid out by the above-mentioned regulations.

Personal data

Personal Data means any information concerning an identified or identifiable natural person. This concerns in particular information and information such as name, address or postal address, telephone number or email address, insofar as this contains an indication making it possible to identify the person. Personal Data that You communicate to SPHN website in registration forms, the newsletter and when making contact are used exclusively for the processing of your requests (registration, information/service request, etc.).

Your rights

As a User you have the following rights:

- The right to be informed about how we collect and use data;
- The right to access the data we hold on you;
- The right to correct any inaccurate or incomplete data;

- The right to have your data deleted;
- The right to restrict processing of your data;
- The right to obtain a copy of your data;
- The right to object to us using your data for a particular purpose;
- The right to remove consent for using your data;
- The right to object to automated decisions and profiling.

Depending on the applicable law, the above-mentioned rights may be subject to specific restriction.

Personal Data processing while accessing and using the SPHN website

If You only use the SPHN website for information purposes, without actively sharing any Personal Data, We only process Personal Data necessary for the display of the SPHN website on your device connected to the internet that You are using. These include:

- the IP address,
- the date and time of the request,
- the quantity of data transmitted,
- the type and version of the internet browser,
- the operating system used.

These data are collected only for the sole purpose of administering the SPHN website, simplifying and improving its management and identifying and preventing unauthorized access.

Newsletter and Mailing Lists

SPHN uses Mailchimp as a mailing list manager, and registrations are processed by them. When subscribing to a mailing list, first and last name, e-mail address, IP address and date of registration of the person who made the request are recorded and stored by Mailchimp in a GDPR compliant manner. This storage serves on one hand as proof only in the event that a third party has misused your e-mail address and has signed up to receive the newsletter without your knowledge and on the other hand to keep You apprised about SPHN activity, projects and events. You have, in any case, the possibility of cancelling the subscriptions to mailing lists, either through the link which appears in the emails, or by sending a message to the contact addresses indicated below.

Mailchimp is registered at:
The Rocket Science Group, LLC
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Suite 5000
Atlanta, GA 30308 USA

You can find more information on Mailchimp's data privacy policies at <https://mailchimp.com/gdpr/> and <https://www.intuit.com/privacy/statement/>

Access to Personal Data by third-parties

Personal Data is solely handled and stored within the SAMS-SIB in Switzerland. We will not sell, nor lease, market and/or lend Personal Data to third-parties through the SPHN website. In no event shall Personal Data be transmitted to third-parties unless required by law or by an administrative or judicial authority.

With the exception of data disclosed to comply with legal requirements, Personal Data may also be disclosed to the following categories of third-parties, acting as subcontractors, in compliance with the applicable legal requirements:

Web agency that hosts and maintains the SPHN website, besides organizing, scheduling, building and executing any task related to the SPHN website.

Security

We have implemented standard security measures (of a technical and organizational nature) in accordance with standard regulations, taking into account the risks involved in protecting information from any accidental or intentional manipulation, loss, destruction or communication, or from all non-authorized access.

Contact

If you have any questions or a request in relation to the processing of your personal data by SAMS-SIB, you can contact Us at the following address: info@sphn.ch

Reservation of modifications

This Privacy Notice may require periodic updates, including as part of the evolving regulatory framework for data protection. We invite You to check this page regularly to make sure You have read the latest version.

Last update: 26 October 2023

Place of jurisdiction and applicable law

The legal relationship between You and the Website owner with regard to accessing and using the SPHN website and any resource connected to it is governed by Swiss substantive law, excluding international private law regulations. Any dispute, controversy, or claim arising out of, or in relation to, this Privacy Notice shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the District Court in Bern.

Effectively as of: 01 November 2023