

Dear Author,

We are happy that you are able to participate in the ISE online meeting!

The ISE Executive Committee has investigated issues of copyright associated with the online meeting. Unfortunately, there are no simple rules that can be communicated. Many issues are open to interpretation and, in case of dispute, are settled only before a legal court (which may arrive at a different ruling in different locations).

However, we would like to share with you some useful information and thoughts, that may help you in preparing your material. You are also recommended to seek local advice from your home institution.

- **The copyright issues for an online meeting are not different from a normal ISE conference.** Any rules apply equally to both types of meetings. Online meetings bear a different aspect in the sense that violation of copyright issues may be easier to prove because the material is stored.
- Very good summaries of the associated issues and their legal judgment (which may deviate in specific points from what is perceived as common sense in our community) can be found in compilations made by other respected scientific societies that were made on very similar occasion as our upcoming Online Meeting.

<https://www.soa.org/globalassets/assets/files/static-pages/professional-development/pd-copyright-content-tips-presenting.pdf>

<https://www.rcog.org.uk/en/courses-exams-events/speakers-and-chairs/copyright-faqs/>

With all caution, the ISE Executive Committee has identified two questions that may be of highest importance to authors with respect to copyright

- **Can I publish material that was presented at the ISE meeting in a later journal paper?**  
The answer depends on the publisher. From experience, most publisher in the field of science and technology would permit previous preliminary release of data in conference communications. In case of the ISE meeting, the *Electrochimica Acta* Special Issue is an example that actually requires the previous presentation of the work at the ISE meeting. In order to be absolutely sure with other journals, authors have no other option than to contact the intended publisher beforehand.
- **Am I allowed to reproduce in my slides graphs that were part of a publication (by myself and others) provided that I properly cite the source? Do I have to obtain a copyright permission for each instance?**  
The described practice is perceived as quite common on ISE meetings. However, its legal treatment is far from simple. In most cases, the authors would assume that the clause of "Fair Use" will apply. We advise you to check the material listed under point (2) to determine, if the "Fair Use" clause really applies in your specific case.  
For material that you have already published in a journal article and where the copyright has been transferred to the publisher, you may check the copyright transfer statement that you have signed. In many (but not all) cases, publishers in our field explicitly permit the re-use of the material in conference contributions. In this case it is fine for you to use it in your presentation.

If you published your material open access, use in a conference contribution is fine. (This may not automatically apply to material of other authors or to material of multi-authored papers!)

6) Although the recording of any presented material in the ISE Online Meeting is strictly prohibited (as it is in a regular ISE meetings), violations of this rule may occur. This is the equivalent problem to participants photographing and voice-recording during oral presentations or taking photographs in a poster session without the prior explicit consent of the presenters.

We would like to advise you that the Organisation Committee of the Online Event has little, or no, effective means to prevent such violation.

In the interest of scientific discussion and interaction, the sharing of the newest scientific results is a prime objective of ISE. However, such sharing always has to occur with the consent of the authors. Therefore, most presenters will happily share material with interested colleagues, however we ask for respect, if such a request cannot be fulfilled in particular circumstances.

Kind regards

Organisation Committee