



Synapse: Event Attendance and Sponsorship Rules

1. SPONSOR

The sponsor of the initiative is Bending Spoons S.p.A., with registered office in Milan, Corso Como 15, 20154, taxpayer identification number and V.A.T. number 08931860962 (the “**Sponsor**”), a company engaged in the development, distribution, marketing, promotion, and advertising of mobile applications, among other activities.

2. EVENT AND PARTICIPANTS

“*SYNAPSE*” is a symposium that features talks and poster sessions with globally respected voices in the field of Artificial Intelligence or Machine Learning (“**AI**”) and it will be held on September 30, 2023 (the “**Event**”). The application and attendance to the Event is regulated by these rules (“**Rules**”).

The Sponsor wishes to select the most interesting profiles who will have the opportunity to attend the Event free of any charge (the “**Non-Sponsored Participants**”). Moreover, the Sponsor wishes to select up to 50 persons (the “**Sponsored Participants**”) who will win the exclusive possibility to attend the Event free of any charge, and, in addition, a sponsorship offered by the Sponsor according to these Rules, which will include the round-trip flight ticket and one-night accommodation in Milan (the “**Attendance Sponsorship**”). Both the Non-Sponsored Participants and the Sponsored Participants (together, the “**Participants**”) will be offered lunch during the Event. The purpose of the Event is to connect the Participants with incredibly talented students, and globally respected researchers and professors in the field of AI.

3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Application to the Event is free and is open to all individuals who, at the application date, are at least 18 years old (the “**Applicants**”). In order to apply for the Attendance Sponsorship, Applicants must also be students currently enrolled in a university degree course in one of the following subjects: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (“**STEM Subjects**”), or who graduated in a STEM Subject. The Sponsor will give preference to those Applicants who are currently enrolled or are graduated in a degree course in the field of AI.

Participation in the Event is reserved to natural persons. The Sponsor reserves the right to request documents and information to verify the Participants’ compliance with the eligibility requirements.



4. HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must apply for the Event no later than

- June 15, 2023, at 11.59 p.m. CET. if applying for attending the Event and for the Attendance Sponsorship, and
- July 15, 2023 at 11.59 p.m. CET. if applying only for attending the Event,

by entering the Event website <http://synapsesymposium.ai/> (the “**Website**”) and applying by following the instructions below (the “**Application**”).

The Application must include the following documents:

- To apply only for attending the Event:
 - Updated *Curriculum Vitae* or link to the Applicant’s LinkedIn profile
- To apply for attending the Event and the Attendance Sponsorship:
 - Updated *Curriculum Vitae*
 - Academic transcripts

The Application’s documents must be submitted in the PDF format. Each Application’s document must be named as follows: *firstname-lastname-CV.pdf* and *firstname-lastname-transcript.pdf* (if applicable). Any late submission or submission in a format other than the required one will not be taken into account for the Application.

The Sponsor reserves the right to close Applications in advance if these reach a number exceeding the Sponsor’s actual organizational capacity. The Sponsor reserves the right to exclude from the Event, at any time, anyone who in the Application has entered, or subsequently communicated, untruthful or inaccurate information.

5. APPLICATION ASSESSMENT

The Applications will be evaluated by directors, employees, collaborators, or representatives of the Sponsor. The Sponsor will independently evaluate each Application and will select among the Applicants the Participants based on its sole discretion. The Sponsor’s judgment is final and not subject to appeal. The Sponsor will not justify or motivate its decision. Any Applicant who will attempt to contact the Sponsor or its personnel with matters regarding the Application will be automatically disqualified and excluded from the Event. The Sponsor will evaluate the Applications that satisfy the eligibility requirements and will select, among the Applicants, the Non-Sponsored Participants and the Sponsored Participants. The Event is in collaboration with the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (“**AIMS**”), therefore up to 6 Attendance Sponsorships will be reserved to AIMS students. If one or more of the Applicants for the Attendance Sponsorship will not be awarded with the Attendance Sponsorship, the Sponsor will consider selecting them for attending the Event without the Attendance Sponsorship, subject to the Applicant’s acceptance to participate nonetheless.



6. LOGISTICS AND ATTENDANCE SPONSORSHIP

The Sponsor reserves the right to make any change to the organization of the Event (including the dates, process, duration), hold it remotely and cancel it for justified reasons, including health and safety concerns. All Participants will be promptly informed of any change. The Sponsor will not be liable for any such changes. The Sponsor will provide accommodation in Milan for the Sponsored Participants, if they so wish, for the night of the Event. Accommodation will be chosen and booked by the Sponsor, in its sole discretion, and based on the information provided by the Sponsored Participants. One meal for all Participants will be provided by the Sponsor on the day of the Event. In addition, the Sponsor will pay for the following documented travel costs incurred by the Sponsored Participants to and from Milan: the Sponsored Participants will be able to book their flight or train and transfer - if needed - following the instructions provided by the Sponsor via email. All the details on how to book flights or train tickets will be emailed by the Sponsor to each Sponsored Participant in due time. The Sponsor will not reimburse air or rail fare travel tickets purchased autonomously by the Sponsored Participants.

7. APPLICANTS (INCLUDING PARTICIPANTS)' LIABILITY, SPONSOR'S LIMITATION OF LIABILITY, AND INDEMNIFICATION

By submitting an Application, the Applicants agree to these Rules. Any Participant who, according to the unquestionable judgment of the Sponsor, has breached one or more provisions of these Rules, or may have won by means or tools capable of circumventing the normal course of the Rules, will be excluded from the Event and will not be awarded any Attendance Sponsorship (if applicable). The Sponsor reserves the right to carry out any control the Sponsor deems reasonable to safeguard the correctness of the Event. The Sponsor reserves the right to proceed, within the terms deemed most appropriate, and in compliance with applicable laws, to restrict and prevent any initiative aimed at circumventing the Rules. Before selecting any Participant and awarding any Attendance Sponsorship (if applicable), the Sponsor reserves the right to perform all the necessary controls, including the verification of the Participants' compliance with the eligibility requirements. The Sponsor will not be liable for problems of access, impediments, malfunctions or difficulties concerning technical tools, telephone line, cables, electronics, software and hardware, transmission and connection, or Internet connection, that may prevent an Applicant from accessing the Website, submitting their Application, or otherwise participating in the Event. The Sponsor will not be liable for failure to receive, or incomplete receipt of, the Application, for any reason, including in case the Application's data have not been received or are illegible. The Sponsor will not be liable if any email concerning the Event could not be delivered to the Applicants for reasons out of the Sponsor's control. Participants must use the Sponsor's premises and any materials or equipment made available by the Sponsor with the utmost care and diligence and will abide by any health and safety rules in force and any other instructions given by the Sponsor in the context of the Event. The Applicants waive any claims for damages and/or indemnification against the Sponsor, in any capacity, for any reason or cause. Each Applicant will be solely liable for their acts and their Applications, and the Sponsor will have no liabilities whatsoever in this respect. Each Applicant will indemnify the Sponsor, its parents,



subsidiaries, affiliates, distributors, licensees, permitted assigns, directors, officers, employees and agents from all liabilities, losses, claims and damages arising out of any Applicant's breach of these Rules.

8. PRIVACY AND AUTHORIZATION TO USE PERSONAL IMAGE

Sponsor will process Applicants' personal data in compliance with the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR) and the Italian Legislative Decree No. 196/2003 (as amended), and in accordance with the Privacy Policy made available to the Applicants during the Application process.

By submitting an Application, Applicants, only for the case that they will be selected among the Participants, expressly authorize, consent, and grant to the Sponsor, free of any charge, the right to record and use their image, likeness, voice, conversations, name, biographical and identification information pursuant to Article 10 of the Italian Civil Code, Article 96 and 97 of Italian Law 233/1941, and any other applicable law, in and in connection with the results and proceeds of the audio-visual recordings and photography made by the Sponsor of the Event, for the advertising, publicizing, and commercialization of the Event, in all media now known or developed in the future, for an unlimited number of times, in any territory, and in any language.

9. EXCLUSION FROM THE SCOPE OF PRIZE EVENTS

The Event (including the Attendance Sponsorship) fall outside the scope of the rules governing prize events, pursuant to and in accordance with Article 6, paragraph 1, sub-paragraph a), of Presidential Decree No. 430/2001 because it is an initiative that does not require any prior purchase or payment and it is aimed at rewarding the skills and abilities of the Participants, including to encourage them to educate themselves in the field of the STEM Subjects, and, in particular, AI.

10. GENERAL

The laws of Italy, excluding its conflict of law provisions, will govern these Rules. If you are a consumer resident in the European Union, these Rules will not affect the mandatory laws and statutory consumer rights of your country of residence. Any and all disputes, controversies or claims arising out of or related to the interpretation, performance or termination of these Rules, or a breach thereof, will be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of Milan, Italy. If you are a consumer resident or domiciled in the European Union, you may submit your claim to the court of your place of residence or domicile. These Rules are available on the Website and may be changed by the Sponsor at any time. In the event of conflict between these Rules and any subsequent amendments, the latter will prevail. The amended Rules will come into force once it has been published on the Website. Any communications or requests for information related to the Event must be sent by email to info@synapsesymposium.ai indicating "Synapse" in the email subject.



Pursuant to articles 1341 and 1342 of the Italian Civil Code, the Applicants declare they have read and specifically accept sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10 of these Rules.