

## **INPRA Connect Participation Guidelines**

**Forums/Blogs** Forums/Blogs are one way that the IPRA Staff and membership can communicate. All content guidelines must be followed.

**Content Guidelines** Any message posted on the Forum expresses only the views of the author of that message and does not necessarily reflect our views or the views of any other person on the Forum.

All posted comments and user generated media content will be pre- or post-moderated, depending on the application. This means that every comment will be checked by an IPRA moderator for compliance with the guidelines below either before it is published or upon being flagged-up for attention by users. We reserve the right to refuse or remove any user generated content submitted.

### **Content Standards**

When posting contributions to a forum, you must comply with the spirit of the following standards as well as the letter. These standards apply to each part of any contribution as well as to its whole.

Contributions to the Forum must:

- be accurate (where they state facts);
- be genuinely held (where they state opinions); and
- comply with applicable law.

Contributions to the Forum must not:

- be defamatory (a defamatory comment is one that may damage the reputation of a person or organization);
- be threatening, abusive, harassing or invasive of a person's privacy;
- be sexist, racist, profane, blasphemous, homophobic or otherwise discriminatory and/or offensive;
- promote violence or advocate, condone or assist any unlawful act;
- describe violent intentions towards other people or organizations;
- be pornographic, sexually explicit, obscene or lewd;
- be used to impersonate any person or to misrepresent your identity;
- infringe any copyright, database right, trade mark or any other intellectual property, confidentiality or privacy rights of any person or organization; or
- otherwise violate any law.

In addition, your contribution must not post a link to a website that contains, or directly links to, material that contravenes any of these standards. In particular, you must not post a link to:

- offensive material (pornographic, discriminatory or gratuitously violent); or
- unlawful material (such as material that condones or encourages unlawful acts, breaches intellectual property law or encourages others to do so, hacks or causes technical disruption to online services or describes how to conduct an unlawful act).

By submitting your contribution to the Forum you warrant that such contribution fulfills the above Content Standards. You also agree to indemnify us against all legal fees, damages and other expenses that may be named by us as a result of your breach of this warranty.

### **Etiquette**

Participants should treat each other with respect, recognizing their right to freedom of opinion and expression.

### **Advertising, promotion and commerce**

Advertisements, chain letters, pyramid schemes and solicitations are unacceptable entries on our discussion forum.

### **Copyright and ownership of user generated media content**

By contributing to the Forum you grant us royalty-free, worldwide, irrevocable, perpetual, non-exclusive permission to publish, use or edit your entry or any media in any way deemed appropriate by us.

We may provide or offer user generated content to third party media or news organizations and will endeavor to do so in a manner that is not inaccurate, misleading or distorted.

We agree to respect contributors' moral rights, crediting them appropriately and defending the integrity of their work against (unfair or misleading) alterations.

### **Breach of this Policy**

We will determine, in our discretion, whether there has been a breach of this Policy. When a breach of this Policy has occurred, we may take such action as we deem appropriate, which includes the immediate removal of any objectionable material, even in the absence of a complaint, without prior contact with you.