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### **FACES Database Release Agreement**

The FACES database was developed at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development (MPIB), Berlin, Germany between 2005 and 2007. The FACES Technical Agent of the Max Planck Society is responsible for the distribution of the FACES database. The FACES database will be made available to researchers on a case by case (i.e., person by person and study by study) basis. All requests for the FACES database must be submitted in writing to the FACES Technical Agent. To obtain access to the database, the researcher must sign this document and thereby agree to observe the restrictions listed in this document, and to inform all other persons/researchers involved in the specific study about the restrictions. After approval of their request, researchers can access the database via an online service provided by the eSciDoc project of the Max Planck Digital Library. The images are available in jpg format; no other image formats or methods of distribution will be permitted. There will be no charge for the images.

The undersigning researcher agrees to the following restrictions on the FACES database:

1. The FACES database must only be used for research purposes.
2. The FACES database must only be used for the specific study outlined in this release form and only by the researcher signing this release form. If the study is a collaborative project, all researchers involved need to submit a Release Agreement. Conducting multiple studies using the FACES database requires the submission of multiple release forms, one for each study.

3. All requests for access to the FACES database must be forwarded to the FACES Technical Agent.
4. The FACES database must not be distributed, published, copied, or further disseminated in any way or form whatsoever, whether for profit or not. This also includes further distributing, copying or disseminating to a facility or organization unit within the requesting university, organization, or company.
5. Photographs of the FACES database must only be used in the form they are delivered. Modifications of the images are not permitted.
6. Photographs of the FACES database are neither permitted for publication in any type of report, paper, and other document nor permitted for display in any type of presentation or exhibition.
7. Exempt from Rule 6 are the pictures of the following persons: 004, 066, 079, 116, 140, and 168. Research-related publication and display of these photographs are permitted for the purpose of illustrating research methodology. These photographs must not be published or displayed for any other purpose. All other rules fully apply to this subset of pictures as well.
8. All documents and papers that report on research that uses the FACES database are requested to acknowledge the use of the FACES database by citing the reference below. The FACES Technical Agent will communicate updates to this reference.
  - Ebner, N. C., Riediger, M., & Lindenberger, U. (in press). FACES—A database of facial expressions in young, middle-aged, and older women and men: Development and validation. *Behavior Research Methods*.
9. A copy of all reports and papers that use the FACES database and that are for public or general release must be forwarded to the FACES Technical Agent after release or publication for documentation.

I confirm that I have read and will conform to the **FACES Database Release Agreement**.

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