



Peer-Review Statements

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All of the articles in this proceedings volume have been presented at the *DESD2022* during *July 22nd–24th, 2022* in *Hangzhou*. These articles have been peer reviewed by the members of the *Scientific Committee* and approved by the Editor-in-Chief, who affirms that this document is a truthful description of the conference's review process.

1 Review Procedure

The reviews were *single-blind*. Each submission was examined by 2–3 reviewer(s) independently.

The conference submission management system was chairin.

The submissions submitted to our conferences will go through a rigorous blind review process. The local committee members will go through all submitted papers. The papers which do not follow format requirement or are out of topics will be rejected.

A paper could only be considered for acceptance if it had received favourable recommendations from the two reviewers.

Authors of a rejected submission were given the opportunity to revise and resubmit after addressing the reviewers' comments. The acceptance or rejection of a revised manuscript was final.

2 Quality Criteria

Reviewers were instructed to assess the quality of submissions solely based on the academic merit of their content along the following dimensions [*Note: please summarise your criteria and order them by importance; the following list is an example*]:

The papers are reviewed based on originality, technical strength, organization, and appropriateness to the conference. All acceptance letters or reject letters will be sent at the same time.

1. Pertinence of the article's content to the scope and themes of the conference;
2. Clear demonstration of originality, novelty, and timeliness of the research;
3. Soundness of the methods, analyses, and results;
4. Adherence to the ethical standards and codes of conduct relevant to the research field;

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5. Clarity, cohesion, and accuracy in language and other modes of expression, including figures and tables.

In addition, all of the articles have been checked for textual overlap in an effort to detect possible signs of plagiarism by the publisher. All accepted papers will be checked by iThenticate for plagiarism before submitting to publisher.

3 Key Metrics

Total submissions	98
Number of articles sent for peer review	71
Number of accepted articles	41
Acceptance rate	41.8%
Number of reviewers	49

[Any additional information about article statistics belongs to this section, but the listing should suffice in most situations. More rows can be added if necessary, but please do not delete any existing row. Numbers are for example only. “Acceptance rate” is (number of accepted articles) divided by (number of total submissions).]

4 Competing Interests

[Competing interests refer to any interests of the Editor-in-Chief and/or members of the review body, that may or may be perceived to influence editorial decisions. It is normal to have interests, even competing ones, but the ethics of scientific publication demands that any competing interests be properly declared, and that appropriate steps be taken to uphold the validity of the editorial process in their presence.]

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Example A (for no special interest): Neither the Editor-in-Chief nor any member of the Scientific Committee declares any competing interest.

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