



Peer-Review Statements

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All of the articles in this proceedings volume have been presented at the ICCSSH 2022 during April 21–22, 2022 online. 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 double-blind. Each submission was examined by 3 reviewers independently.

Only the submissions whose repetition rates are lower than 15% declared by authors were accepted and first screened for generic quality and suitability by editors. After the initial screening, they were sent for peer review by matching each paper's topic with the reviewers' expertise, taking into account any competing interests. The reviewers respond in a reasonable time-frame, especially if they cannot do the review, and without intentional delay. 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.

Reviews should not involve anyone else in the review of a manuscript, including junior researchers they are mentoring, without first obtaining permission from editor-in-chief; the names of any individuals who have helped them with the review should be included with the returned review so that they are associated with the manuscript in the proceedings' records and can also receive due credit for their efforts.

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

1. Pertinence of the article's content to the scope and themes of the conference;
2. Clear demonstration of scientificity, objectivity, originality, novelty, and timeliness of the research;

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3. Rationality of paper structures, and soundness of the methods, analyses, and results;
4. Adherence to the ethical standards and codes of conduct relevant to the research field;
5. Clarity, cohesion, and accuracy in language and other modes of expression, including figures and tables.

We declare that authors should check repetition rates of all manuscripts in relevant database before submitting their papers and make sure that repetition rates are below 15% to ensure they are original.

3 Key Metrics

Total submissions	104
Number of articles sent for peer review	95
Number of accepted articles	48
Acceptance rate	46.2%
Number of reviewers	10

4 Competing Interests

Peer reviewers should guarantee that their review is based on the merits of the work and not influenced, either positively or negatively, by any personal, financial, or other conflicting considerations or by intellectual biases.

In addition to this, reviewers should be specific in their criticisms, and provide evidence with appropriate references to substantiate general statements such as, ‘this work has been done before’, to help editors in their evaluation and decision and in fairness to the authors.

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