

## **Peer-Review Statements**

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All of the articles in this proceedings volume have been presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> International Seminar on Science and Technology from 2<sup>nd</sup>–3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 hybrid in Palu, Indonesia. These articles have been peer-reviewed by the members of the 4<sup>th</sup> ISST Reviewer 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 reviewers independently.

The conference submission management system was Easychair.

The submissions were first screened for generic quality and suitableness. After the initial screening, they were sent for a similarity check using Turnitin. Furthermore, the submissions were sent for peer review by matching each paper's topic with the reviewers' expertise, taking into account any competing interests. A paper could only be considered for acceptance if it had received favourable recommendations from the two reviewers.

Authors with minor and/or major revisions should resubmit the submission to the committee within the due date and the delay of the re-submission without notification means rejection from the committee. All the rejected submissions were not allowed to revise and resubmit however if the submission topic is interesting, latest research, and shows a novelty, then the rejected submission was given the opportunity to revise and resubmit after addressing the reviewers' comments. The acceptance or rejection of a revised manuscript was final.

The submissions were treated as confidential item by the reviewers and the review form containing comment/information from the reviewer were not sent to the author directly without permission from the editor. After screening carefully, the reviewers were objectively deciding whether the submission was accepted or rejected by filling in the review form.

## 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;

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- 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;
- 5. Clarity, cohesion, and accuracy in language and other modes of expression, including figures and tables.
- 6. Maximum similarity check is 15%, however, after revision the similarity is probably up to 20% or less.

In addition, all of the articles have been checked for textual overlap in an effort to detect possible signs of plagiarism by the publisher.

## 3 Key Metrics

Total submissions 172
Number of articles sent for peer 120
review
Number of withdrawal articles due 60
to the Scopus indexation issue
Number of re-submission articles 60
Number of accepted articles 41
Acceptance rate 23.84%
Number of reviewers 12

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