



Peer-Review Statements

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All of the articles in this proceedings volume have been presented at the Palembang Tourism Forum (PTF) Vol. II 2025 during June 17, 2025 in Palembang Polytechnic of Tourism, Indonesia. 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

All papers submitted to the Palembang Tourism Forum (PTF) Vol. II 2025 underwent a double-blind peer-review process to ensure the quality, relevance, and academic integrity of the research contributions. Each manuscript was reviewed by at least two independent reviewers who were experts in the relevant field of tourism, hospitality, event management, and sustainable development.

The review process was conducted in the following stages:

1. Initial Screening. All submissions were checked by the Editorial Board to ensure compliance with the conference's scope, formatting guidelines, and ethical standards.
2. Double-Blind Review. Each paper was anonymized and assigned to qualified reviewers who assessed the content independently without knowledge of the authors' identities.
3. Review Evaluation. Reviewers provided detailed comments, recommendations, and overall scores for originality, methodology, clarity, and contribution to the field.
4. Revision and Final Decision. Authors were required to revise their papers according to reviewer feedback. The final decision for publication was made by the Scientific Committee, based on the reviewers' recommendations and the authors' revisions.

2. QUALITY CRITERIA

To maintain a high publication standard, all papers were evaluated based on the following academic and scientific quality criteria:

1. **Originality and Novelty.** The study presents new findings, perspectives, or methodologies relevant to tourism and event management.
2. **Relevance and Contribution.** The research contributes to the advancement of knowledge and practical implications in the tourism and hospitality industry.
3. **Methodological Rigor.** The paper demonstrates appropriate and scientifically sound research design, data collection, and analysis methods.
4. **Clarity and Structure.** The paper is well-organized, written in clear academic English, and follows the prescribed formatting and citation style.
5. **Ethical Considerations.** The research complies with ethical standards, including proper citation, avoidance of plagiarism, and transparency in data usage.

3. KEY METRICS

<i>Total submissions</i>	38
<i>Number of articles sent for peer review</i>	30
<i>Number of accepted articles</i>	12
<i>Acceptance rate</i>	40%
<i>Number of reviewers</i>	6

These metrics reflect the conference's commitment to maintaining international academic standards while fostering diverse and inclusive research collaboration across regions.

4. COMPETING INTERESTS

All reviewers and members of the Scientific Committee declared **no conflict of interest** in the evaluation of the submitted manuscripts. The review process was conducted independently and impartially. Reviewers did not evaluate papers authored or co-authored by individuals with whom they had personal or professional relationships. Any potential conflict identified during the review process was immediately reported and resolved by the Editorial Board through reassignment of reviewers.

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