



Peer-Review Statements

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1. REVIEW PROCEDURE

All manuscripts submitted to the *IWPOSPA Technology and Environment Proceedings* underwent a **double-blind peer-review process** to ensure the scientific quality, originality, and relevance of the published research. The review process was managed by the Editorial Committee and conducted by independent reviewers with expertise in

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transportation technology, maritime engineering, environmental science, sustainable development, logistics technology, renewable energy, and related fields.

The review procedure consisted of the following stages:

1. **Initial Editorial Assessment**, Each submission was screened by the Editorial Committee to verify its relevance to the conference themes, compliance with submission guidelines, adherence to ethical standards, and overall suitability for peer review.
2. **Reviewer Assignment**, Manuscripts that passed the initial assessment were assigned to at least two independent reviewers with appropriate subject-matter expertise. The identities of both authors and reviewers were concealed throughout the review process to ensure impartiality.
3. **Peer Review Evaluation**, Reviewers evaluated the manuscripts according to the established quality criteria, including originality, scientific contribution, methodological rigor, technical quality, relevance to the conference themes, ethical compliance, and clarity of presentation.
4. **Revision and Resubmission**, Authors were required to address reviewers' comments and recommendations through revision of their manuscripts. Revised submissions were assessed by the Editorial Committee and, where necessary, returned to the reviewers for further evaluation.
5. **Final Editorial Decision**, The final decision regarding acceptance for publication was made by the Editorial Committee based on the reviewers' recommendations and the authors' responses to the review comments.

Only manuscripts that successfully satisfied the scientific, technical, and editorial requirements of the conference were accepted for publication in the *IWOSPA Technology and Environment Proceedings*. The review process was conducted in accordance with internationally recognized principles of academic integrity, confidentiality, fairness, and objectivity.

2. QUALITY CRITERIA

Reviewers were instructed to evaluate submissions according to the following quality criteria:

1. **Relevance and Scope**, The extent to which the manuscript aligns with the aims, scope, and thematic areas of the conference, particularly in the fields of shipping, maritime transportation, inland waterway transport, ferry transportation, law, economics, and management.
2. **Originality, Novelty, and Timeliness**, The degree to which the research demonstrates original contributions, innovative perspectives, and relevance to current developments and challenges within the field.
3. **Methodological Rigor and Scientific Soundness**, The appropriateness and reliability of the research design, methods, data collection procedures, analysis techniques, and the validity of the results and conclusions.

4. **Research Ethics and Professional Standards**, Compliance with applicable ethical principles, research integrity requirements, and professional standards relevant to the discipline and subject matter.
5. **Quality of Presentation and Communication**, The clarity, coherence, accuracy, and organization of the manuscript, including the effective use of language, figures, tables, and other supporting materials to communicate the research findings.

3. KEY METRICS

<i>Total submissions</i>	42
<i>Number of articles sent for peer review</i>	42
<i>Number of accepted articles</i>	19
<i>Acceptance rate</i>	45.23%
<i>Number of reviewers</i>	6

All submitted manuscripts underwent an initial editorial screening and were subsequently evaluated through a double-blind peer-review process. The acceptance rate reflects the conference's commitment to maintaining high academic and professional standards in the fields of maritime transportation, ferry transportation, shipping, law, economics, and management.

4. COMPETING INTERESTS

Neither the Editor-in-Chief nor any member of the Scientific Committee involved in the editorial process has any competing interest regarding the publication of the papers included in these proceedings.

All reviewers and editors were required to declare any potential conflicts of interest. In cases where a conflict of interest was identified, the reviewer or editor concerned was excluded from the evaluation and decision-making process for the affected manuscript. The peer-review process was conducted in accordance with the principles of transparency, fairness, impartiality, and academic integrity.

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