



Peer-Review Statements

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All of the articles in this proceedings volume have been presented at the **ICETTACS 2026** during *9th – 10th July 2026 in BIT, Mesra - Lalpur Unit, Ranchi*. These articles have been peer reviewed by the members of the *Review 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 manuscripts submitted to the **ICETTACS 2026** were managed through the *Microsoft Conference Management Toolkit (Microsoft CMT) Portal* and underwent a rigorous double-blind peer-review process. Following an initial editorial screening for relevance to the conference themes, originality, formatting compliance, and overall quality, each eligible manuscript was assigned to *three to four* independent reviewers with expertise in the relevant subject area. The identities of both the authors and the reviewers were kept confidential throughout the review process to ensure fairness, impartiality, and academic integrity.

The reviewers evaluated each submission based on originality, technical quality, significance, methodological soundness, relevance to the conference scope, and clarity of presentation. Authors of papers requiring revisions were invited to address the reviewers' comments and submit revised manuscripts for further evaluation. Final acceptance decisions were made by the Technical Program Committee based on the reviewers' recommendations. Out of approximately *88 submissions*, only *15 papers* were accepted for presentation and publication in these proceedings, reflecting the conference's commitment to maintaining high academic standards and research excellence.

2. QUALITY CRITERIA

Reviewers evaluated each submission solely on its academic merit using the following criteria:

- Relevance to the scope and technical tracks of ICETTACS 2026.
- Originality, novelty, and significance of the research.
- Technical quality, methodological soundness, and validity of the results.
- Practical relevance and potential contribution to Computer Science and its applications.

- Clarity, organization, quality of presentation, and adherence to ethical research practices.

All submitted manuscripts were also screened for plagiarism using standard similarity detection software before the final acceptance decision. Authors were required to address any identified concerns, and only manuscripts meeting the conference's standards for originality, quality, and academic integrity were accepted for publication.

3. KEY METRICS

ICETTACS 2026 received 88 manuscript submissions from researchers across academia and industry. Following an initial editorial screening, 10 manuscripts were desk-rejected due to non-compliance with the conference scope or submission requirements, while the remaining 78 papers underwent a rigorous double-blind peer-review process through the Microsoft Conference Management Toolkit (Microsoft CMT). Each manuscript was evaluated by three to four expert reviewers, and based on their recommendations, 15 high-quality papers were accepted for presentation and publication, resulting in an overall acceptance rate of 17%. These statistics reflect the conference's commitment to maintaining high standards of academic quality, originality, and research excellence.

Total submissions received	88
Number of desk/initial rejects	10
Number of articles sent for peer review	78
Review process	Double-blind peer review
Number of reviewers per article	3–4
Number of accepted articles	15
Acceptance rate	17%
Number of reviewers	48
Conference management system	Microsoft Conference Management Toolkit (Microsoft CMT)

4. COMPETING INTERESTS

The Editor, Organizing Committee, Technical Program Committee (TPC), and reviewers declare that they have no competing interests that could have influenced the editorial decisions or the peer-review process for the papers published in these proceedings.

To ensure fairness, transparency, and academic integrity, all manuscripts were evaluated through a double-blind peer-review process, and reviewers were assigned based on their subject expertise while avoiding any known conflicts of interest. Members of the editorial and review committees did not participate in the review or decision-making process for any manuscript with which they had a direct professional, collaborative, or institutional conflict of interest. Editorial decisions were made solely on the basis of the reviewers' recommendations and the academic merit of the submitted work.

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