



Peer-Review Statements

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All of the articles in this proceedings volume have been presented at the *International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning for Agro-Ecosystems (ICAIML-AE 2026)* on 2 July 2026 at Vishwakarma University, Pune, Maharashtra, India. 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

The reviews were *double-blind*. Each submission was examined by *two* reviewers independently.

The conference submission and review process was managed through the Meteor conference management platform.

A total of 172 manuscript submissions were received and sent for peer review. Papers were evaluated by members of the Review Committee. Reviewer assignments were made according to the subject area of each submission and the reviewers' expertise. Reviewers provided recommendations and detailed comments on the academic and technical quality of the manuscripts.

Where revisions were required, the reviewers' comments were communicated to the authors, who were asked to submit revised manuscripts addressing the observations. Revised submissions were checked before the final editorial decision. Following peer review, revision, final editorial checks, registration, and presentation requirements, 40 articles were finally accepted for inclusion in the proceedings.

As part of the final editorial checks, authors were required to comply with the conference formatting, ethical, and publication requirements. Manuscripts were checked for similarity and AI-generated content, with the official limits set at 10% for each. Manuscripts not meeting these requirements were returned to the authors for correction before final consideration.

2. QUALITY CRITERIA

Reviewers were instructed to assess the quality of submissions solely based on the academic and technical merit of their content, with particular attention to the following criteria:

1. Pertinence of the article's content to the scope and themes of the conference;
2. Clear demonstration of originality, novelty, significance, and timeliness of the research contribution;
3. Soundness of the methodology, analyses, experimentation, and results;
4. Adequacy of the literature review, citations, references, and adherence to relevant ethical standards;
5. Clarity, cohesion, and accuracy of the presentation, including figures and tables.

In addition, manuscripts were checked for textual similarity as part of the conference's editorial screening. Authors were required to comply with the prescribed manuscript format and ethical publication requirements, and final manuscripts were also checked against the conference's stated limits for similarity and AI-generated content.

3. KEY METRICS

<i>Total submissions</i>	172
<i>Number of articles sent for peer review</i>	172
<i>Number of accepted articles</i>	40
<i>Acceptance rate</i>	23.3%
<i>Number of reviewers</i>	87

The acceptance rate is calculated as the number of accepted articles divided by the total number of submissions ($40 \div 172 \times 100 = 23.26\% \approx 23.3\%$).

4. COMPETING INTERESTS

Neither the Editor-in-Chief nor any member of the Review Committee declares any competing interest.

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