Peer-Review Statements

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The articles included in this volume comprise contributions presented at the conference IEE2026, held on 5-6 February 2026 in Miskolc, Hungary as well as papers addressing topics within the scope of the conference, whose authors were invited to contribute to the publication. All of the articles were peer reviewed by members of the Scientific and Program Committees, as well as by invited external reviewers, 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 at least 2 reviewers independently.

The conference submission and review process was managed using Open Journal Systems (OJS).

The submitted manuscripts were first screened by the Editorial Committee for overall quality and suitability for the scope and themes of the conference. Following this initial screening, each manuscript was sent for peer review to three independent reviewers. Reviewers were selected by matching their expertise with the topic of the manuscript, while also taking into account any potential competing interests. A manuscript could only be considered for acceptance if it received favourable recommendations from at least two reviewers.

Authors of manuscripts that were not accepted in the first round of review were given the opportunity to revise and resubmit their manuscripts after addressing the reviewers' comments. The decision to accept or reject a revised manuscript was final.

To ensure the quality and impartiality of the peer-review process, reviewers were selected based on their relevant expertise, while potential competing interests were carefully considered. The use of three independent reviewers for each manuscript also

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helped to reduce the influence of individual judgement and potential bias on the final decision.

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;
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. Accuracy and appropriateness of citations and references.

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	20
Number of articles sent for peer review	20
Number of accepted articles	20
Acceptance rate	100%
Number of reviewers	30

4. COMPETING INTERESTS

One of the authors (Szabina Molnár-Zékány) was supervised by the Editor-in-Chief, who has recused herself from handling their submissions and has delegated them to colleagues with no personal interests in them.

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