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- **Type of peer review:** Single-blind
- **Conference submission management system:**
  
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- **Number of submissions received:** 70

- **Number of submissions sent for review:** 70

- **Number of submissions accepted:** 47

- **Acceptance Rate (Number of Submissions Accepted / Number of Submissions Received X 100):** 67.15%

- **Average number of reviews per paper:** 2

- **Total number of reviewers involved:** 6

- **Any additional info on review process:**

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grounds for the acceptance or rejection of their manuscript, including normally being given access to any referee reports that have been sought.

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The entire process of reviewing needs will be conducted confidentially. The scientific manuscript which enquired to be reviewed will not be disclosed to a third party. The Editorial Board do not share the identity of the reviewer with the Author. We encourage the reviewers, in order to help us protect their identity, to not reveal their names within the text of their review, i.e. into the "Comments to the author" particular space reserved.

The Conference Proceedings peer review process pay attention to the following steps and, as a result, the members of referees staff gives one of four possible states of the scientific manuscript:

- Accept as is;
- Accept if minor revisions are made;
- Reconsider after major revisions are made;
- Meritorious but not appropriate;
- Reject;

within deadline terms.
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- Acts as a filter: Ensures research is correctly verified before being published;
- Improves the quality of the research by a rigorous review by other experts who help hone key points and correct inadvertent errors. One of the peer-review process's primary aims consists of that to evaluate and, inasmuch as possible, certifying the correctness, importance, novelty, and clarity of a scientific manuscript.

Article III. Step 3: (The Reviewer)

The reviewer board will check the manuscript and give the status of the scientific manuscript as follows:

**RECOMMENDATION**

Accept as is

Accept if minor revisions are made

Reconsider after major revisions are made

Meritorious but not appropriate

Reject

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