Welcome!

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Review Results
Summary
(Kindmond)
Remember: 90% of papers are always below 4.0 ...
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Review Score Histogram
(Redmond Subcommittee)

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Disgusting individuals who write nigh-perfect papers

... Stuff
Cumulative % of Papers
at or above a given score

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Paper score (greater than or equal to)
REMEMBER:

WE ARE ONLY DISCUSSING THE GOOD STUFF.
Cumulative % of Papers at or above a given score

Only 22.5%
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PAPERS ≥ 2.75 ARE IN THE TOP 33%!

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ATTITUDE
This is a journey of discovery.
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There will be surprises along the way.
Contributions come in many flavors.

Try to stay open-minded.
Some will not be to your taste.
At other times the stream of uninspiring papers will seem to go on and on.
Look for the light in the darkness.
Be a paper champion.

Find reasons to like papers. 
Fight for the papers in your stack. 
Be open to a change of heart about a paper.

Our role is to accept papers.
When in doubt, let the literature sort it out.
PROCESS
Ground Rules

• Have an opinion
  • ... but always be respectful of authors, other PC members.

• We will not make decisions based on extra last-second reviews
  • Provide input, ask questions, but 1AC / 2AC / 3AC own decision

• We don’t need 100% agreement
  • If a PC member makes good argument(s) for a paper, we can Accept.

• Nothing is final until the end of the meeting
  • Do not tweet / email paper results to colleagues during the meeting!!!
Possibly Valid but Oft-Squirrely Reasons to Reject

• **Too short / too long**
  • We are not picky about page count. Measure contribution, not concise writing.

• **Incremental, Borderline, Seems relatively obvious ...**
  • Either it makes a contribution or it doesn’t
  • One man’s increment is another man’s insight. And vice versa.
  • Results often *seem* obvious... but only in retrospect.

• **“Shallow Evaluation”** esp. if contrib is more systems-oriented

• **Weigh merits of the paper the authors wrote,** not the paper you wished they wrote.
You can flag any paper
to resurrect or discuss
(for any reason)
before the close of the meeting.

(Send email to Ken or pass sticky note with paper #)
Revise & Resubmit: new option for 2015

• All papers are Conditionally Accepted pending final revisions.
• But, R&R is stronger than “conditional accept”
  • Give clear guidance on what is needed...
  • Reject if they don’t deliver.
  • Similar to “shepherding” but with option to take more risks on papers that seem worth the effort.
• We should use this sparingly, but it’s a tool at our disposal.
Best Paper Nominations

• Be on the lookout for papers to nominate!
• Anyone on PC may nominate a paper
• Best Papers subcommittee (TBA) will choose Top 5% and Top 1% from all nominated papers.
• It’s not a best average score contest
• Reward innovative, ambitious, inspiring papers
• Nominate on review form
  • Or by passing yellow sticky with the paper # and “Nomination”
After the meeting...

• Decisions will go to out to authors on **Weds, 15 April**

• Finalize your 1AC / 2AC / 3AC reviews ASAP:
  • Update based on PC discussion: give authors a sense of what happened to their paper and why. (Jot notes as we go!)
  • Include detailed & specific instructions for revision (A / R&R).

• You must approve final versions of all accepted papers
  • May 22 author’s revision due
  • May 29 1AC approval due
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Questions?

Comments?