

INFOCOM 2016 TPC Informational Meeting

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Objectives

- ▶ Continue the success of the previous years
- ▶ High-quality, constructive reviews
- ▶ Efficient, effective, and fair selection process

Major Changes

- ▶ More TPC members and ATPCs → less load
- ▶ **Fully** automatic review assignment
- ▶ Updated double-blind review process
- ▶ Updated review rating system

TPC Growth

	2015	2016
ATPCs	46	50
Regular TPC members	374	~550
advisory TPC members	37	~40

Estimated Lighter Load

	2015	2016
ATPC	40	~35
TPC member	~ 15	~10

Fully Automated Review Assignment

- ▶ Continue the success of the previous year
 - ▶ Efficient, effective, fair
- ▶ Automated assignment of papers to ATPCs
- ▶ Automated assignment of 3 reviewers per paper
 - ▶ ATPCs may add additional reviewers when necessary
- ▶ TPC members can NOT decline the assignment, but could delegate up to 3 papers

TPC Publications Management

- ▶ <http://iqua.ece.toronto.edu/tpcpapers/index.php>
- ▶ **~30** representative papers (published at any time)
 - ▶ Accessible to other TPC members
- ▶ Key step to increase the quality of the overall process
 - ▶ Full commitment expected by TPC members to meet the deadline for paper upload
 - ▶ Part of the overall quality evaluation
- ▶ Detailed instruction will be emailed to you

The Double Blind Policy

- ▶ Author names are blind to the TPC members, including ATPCs
- ▶ Reviewer names are blind to the peer reviewers and ATPCs
- ▶ Details on the policy will be uploaded to the website

Phases & Important Dates (Expected)

- ▶ TPC members and ATPCs upload representative papers: May 31 (Sun)
- ▶ Paper submission deadline: Jul. 31 (Fri)
- ▶ **Phase 1:** Assign papers to ATPCs, by Aug. 7 (Fri)
- ▶ **Phase 2:** Early rejections by ATPCs, by Aug. 14 (Fri)
- ▶ **Phase 3:** Assign papers to TPC members, by Aug. 17 (Mon)
- ▶ Reviews due: Sep. 25 (Fri)

Phases & Important Dates (Expected)

- ▶ **Phase 4:** Online discussions, Sep. 25 –
 - ▶ Recommendations by the TPC lead: Oct. 16 (Fri)
- ▶ **Phase 5:** Recommendations by ATPCs, Oct. 21 (Wed)
- ▶ **Phase 6:** Paper assignment to groups, Oct. 28 (Wed)
- ▶ **Phase 7:** TPC meeting, Nov. 7 (Sat) (Atlanta, GA)
- ▶ Notification of acceptance: Nov. 20

Area TPC Chairs

- ▶ Nomination of TPC members (done!)
- ▶ Oversight of about **35** papers
- ▶ “Early reject” of papers
 - ▶ clearly out of scope
 - ▶ violating the double-blind policy

Area TPC Chairs

- ▶ Identify reviews lack of substance, and request the reviewers to revise and substantiate their reviews.
- ▶ Supervise the discussions and intervene if the TPC-Lead is not effective
- ▶ Add additional reviewers when necessary
- ▶ Make sure the TPC-Lead summary is consistent with TPC reviews and online discussions

Area TPC Chairs

- ▶ Provide recommendation to the TPC co-chairs
 - ▶ accept, reject, discuss at the TPC meeting
- ▶ Participate in the TPC meeting and lead group discussions
- ▶ Rate the reviews

TPC Members

- ▶ Review about 10 papers
 - ▶ **NO** decline, may delegate up to 3 papers
- ▶ Serve as the TPC-lead for ~4 papers
- ▶ Actively participate in the online discussions
- ▶ Attend the TPC meeting, if not impossible
- ▶ Rate peer reviews

High-Quality Reviews

- ▶ Critically important for the success of INFOCOM
 - ▶ Review with the quality that you would like to receive for your own papers
 - ▶ Fair and open minded approach, favoring selection of breakthrough papers which can open new areas and new research directions

High-Quality Reviews

- ▶ Critically important for the success of INFOCOM
- ▶ Delegation to qualified reviewers via EDAS is permitted under the following conditions —
 - ▶ Delegation done within two weeks from when you are assigned the papers
 - ▶ Personally ensure that delegated reviews are done timely and with high quality
 - ▶ The TPC member must anyway present her/his opinion on the papers discussed at the TPC meeting.

Rating of Reviews

- ▶ By peer TPC members and overseeing ATPC
- ▶ Only the completion status, but not the score, is visible
- ▶ Recognition of distinguished TPC members based on
 - ▶ Own reviews
 - ▶ Delegated reviews

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