



Author Guidelines for the Preparation of an Extended Abstract

Language

The extended abstract should be written in clear and grammatically correct British English.

Format of the Extended Abstract

The abstract should be typed in **Times New Roman** font with **12 font size** unless otherwise stated. Single line spacing should be used. Paper size should be A4 with 2.5 cm margins (on all sides).

Title of the Extended Abstract

Should be typed in Times New Roman, font size 12 and bold, center aligned. Capitalize the first letter of the title, proper names and first letter of scientific names. Scientific names should be italicized.

Names of the Author(s) and Affiliation(s)

Names of the author(s) and affiliation(s) should be given only after the extended abstract is accepted for the final submission.

Author name(s) and affiliation(s) should be typed in Times New Roman, font size 10, center justified. Names of authors should follow their initials, and if more than one author, separated by a comma and before the last author with an "and" (i.e., K.S.A. Samarasinghe, M.A. Ahmed and K.C. Pandey). Author affiliation/s should be identified using superscript number/s and the corresponding author with a superscript asterisk (*) (i.e., K.S.A. Samarasinghe¹, M.A. Ahmed^{2*} and K.C. Pandey^{1,2}). Author(s) affiliations should be followed by the corresponding superscript number. The corresponding author's email address should follow the superscript asterisk. Author(s) names and affiliations should be separated by a single blank line.

Abstract

Should contain an introduction to the study with problem statement / justification, objective(s) of the study, methodology followed, results and conclusion(s). The maximum length of the abstract should be 300 words organized into a single paragraph.

Keywords

At the end of the abstract, 5-6 keywords should be given in alphabetical order. Each word should begin with a capital letter.

Content of the Extended Abstract

Subheadings should be Abstract, Keywords, Introduction (includes justification, research problem, and objectives), Methodology, Results and Discussion, Conclusions and References. Subheadings should not be numbered but in bold font.

The maximum length of the extended abstract should be 5 pages, including the references. The references should be limited to a maximum of 10. The citations and references should follow the APA style.

If any abbreviation is used, it should be defined at the first usage.

If table(s) and/or figure(s) are used, they should be included within the text, with a Table or Figure number and a caption. The caption of a table should be placed above the table and that of a figure should be given below the figure. The table or figure should be cited in the text. The font size of the caption should be 12.

If there are equations, they should be edited using the equation editor in MS Word and numbered. (i.e., Equation 1)

All units stated in the paper should be in SI units. No space should be given between the value and the unit (i.e., 2m, 20mm, 50L, 10s, 10m/s)

Extended abstract format

The author(s) should prepare the extended abstract using the template given. They should strictly adhere to the format in the template.

Submission of the extended abstract

The author(s) should submit the extended abstract through the Easy Chair Conference Management Tool by following the link given in the conference flyer, brochure, or on the conference website. The authors must submit the author declaration form, complete it and email it to the following address:

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