

Procedural Notes about the Conference Proceedings

1) Selecting Abstracts and Papers for the Conference

The basis of the acceptance decisions for the conference is the evaluation of the abstracts submitted to us before the abstract submission deadline. Upon an initial evaluation in terms of general quality and thematic fit, each abstract is sent to a reviewer who possesses competence in the field from which the abstract originates.

The reviewers return their comments to the Lupcon Center for Business Research about the quality and relevance of the abstracts. The opinion of at least one peer reviewer per abstract is solicited. In some cases, the opinion of additional reviewers is necessary to make an adequate decision. If the peer reviewers disagree about an abstract, a final decision can be facilitated through an evaluation of the full paper, if it is already available at the time of the submission. If the reviewers determine that their comments are useful for the author to improve the quality of the paper, LCBR may forward the comments to the author. However, the review process remains completely anonymous at any given time. The reviewers will not be informed about the names or affiliations of the authors and vice versa. The pool of reviewers may include the LCBR Academic Advisory Board but also the larger pool of ad hoc reviewers because of a better match of appropriate reviewers. The pool of ad hoc reviewers includes mostly former conference presenters, with whom LCBR has had prior personal contact, essentially helping establish a pool of reviewers whose professionalism and trustworthiness has been ascertained by LCBR.

2) Submission Procedure to the Conference Proceedings

Authors who present their work at the conference are invited to submit their full papers to the conference proceedings for publication. Alternatively, authors may choose to submit only an abstract. This is especially the case when their work has already been accepted or is under consideration for acceptance with scholarly journals which discourage prior publications because of commercial copyright concerns.