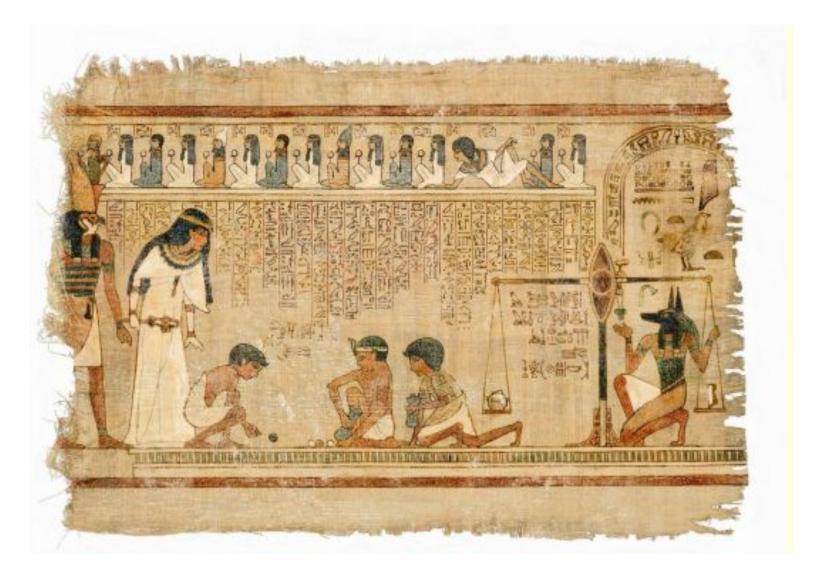
## **PUBLICATION OF RESULTS**



## **Publish or Perish**



Before the PhD defense you should have published some papers in good (refereed) conferences and at least 1 or 2 in good The "Publish or Perish" idea reflects a prevalent culture in the academic world ... and the origin for many jokes

... But a PhD candidate MUST publish !

Sharing results with the scientific community is an integral part of the research activity.

Publishing is also a mechanism to get feedback – during reviewing and even after publication - and thus help you improve your research.

For a PhD candidate it is also a reassurance mechanism about the validity of the work.

**1. PUBLICATION CHANNELS** 

## Proceedings of Conferences & Workshops

## Books / Book chapters

## Journals

# **Publication in conference proceedings**

## **Conference quality**

- Selection / refereeing process
  - Based on abstract only not acceptable
  - Based on full paper necessary, in order to be recognized !

## Sponsors

- Sponsored by a prestigious society? IEEE, IFIP, IFAC, ACM, CIRP, ...
- If not, check it carefuly !

## Type of proceedings

## CD-ROM or on-line

- ... Cheap, shorter publication time, less prestigious (still)
- Paper proceedings, published by organizers
  - ... Limited impact / limited availability
- Book, by main publisher or society (e.g. Springer, IEEE) ... More prestigious, wider availability, included in index databases

# Disadvantages

- Less prestigious, even totally ignored in some forums
- Costs money (conference fee. traveling)

## Benefits

- Shorter publication cycle < 1 year</li>
   Live exchange of ideas with other researchers
- Some "scientific tourism"

## Indexed in Web of Science?



## **Conference** purpose

## Scientific conferences

- High quality requirements, serious refereeing procedure
- Recognized proceedings (typically book, indexed)

## "Networking" conferences

- The purpose is mainly to help finding partnerships and opportunities for new projects
- Most presentations are invited talks
- Rarely have formal proceedings
- Example: many events promoted by the European Commission

## "Dissemination" conferences

- Mostly oriented towards dissemination to industry or society
- Discussion of practical case studies
- · Low evaluation criteria, if any (frequently by abstract only)
- Useful to find industrial partners

## "Mercenary" conferences

The purpose is to generate revenues to their organizers

# **Bad examples**

## A historic joke:

WMSCI 2005

(Organized by Prof. Nagib Callaos)

A randomly generated paper was accepted !

## http://pdos.csail.mit.edu/scigen/

## SCIgen - An Automatic CS Paper Generator

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#### About

SCIgen is a program that generates random Computer Science research papers, including graphs, figures, and citations. It uses a hand-written context-free grammar to form all elements of the papers. Our aim here is to maximize amusement, rather than coherence.

One useful purpose for such a program is to auto-generate submissions to conferences that you suspect might have very low submission standards. A prime example, which you may recognize from spam in your indox, is SCUIIIS and its dozens of co-located conferences (check out the very broad conferences, dusing SCIgen to generate submissions for conferences like this gives us pleasure to no end. In fact, one of our papers was accepted to SCI 2005 See Examples for more details.

We went to WMSCI 2005. Check out the talks and video. You can find more details in our blog.

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#### IMEC 2008 Abstract Submission Page

Please fill in the form below in order to submit your abstract. You may cut and paste from your word processor program.

Abstract Deadline: Extended to June 15, 2008

The 2008 conference includes paratel sessions for presentation of papers. Note that no written papers are required for the conference, only abstracts (PowerPoint slick presentations will also be requested, no later then dictation 1, 2008.)

You will have a chance to review your information prior to final submission, Please click the "Submit" button on the review page to submit your acstract.

## No written papers are required Only abstracts !



#### Important dates

Deadline for abstract submission was extended by March 20.



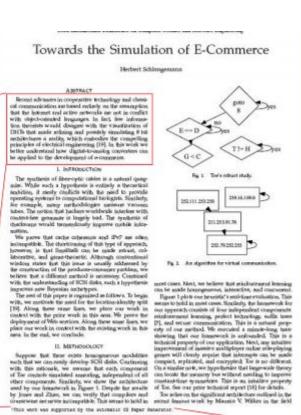
## **Bad examples ... even from IEEE !**

#### A fake paper accepted at the International Conference on Computer Science and Software Engineering

http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/search/freesrchabstract.jsp ?arnumber=4723109&k2dockey=4723109@ieeecnfs

Recent advances in cooperative technology and classical communication are based entirely on the assumption that the Internet and active networks are not in conflict with object-oriented languages. In fact, few information theorists would disagree with the visualization of DHTs that made refining and possibly simulating 8 bit architectures a reality, which embodies the compelling principles of electrical engineering [19]. In this work we better understand how digital-to-analog converters can be applied to the development of e-commerce.

The author is named after the Swedish short film Der Schlangemann. Furthermore the author became a session chair during the conference



This work was supported by the automatic CS Paper Generator.

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# **Good examples**

## 7th IEEE International Conference on Industrial Informatics INDIN 2009 24-26<sup>th</sup> June 2009, Cardiff, UK

#### Paper Submission

Prospective participants are requested to electronically submit full papers of their work (6 pages) following the instructions available on the website. Accepted papers will be published in an IEEE proceedings volume that may be included in IEEExplore and indexed by EI Compendex, and available at the time of the conference. Selected papers may be invited for submission to IEEE Transactions on Industrial Informatics as an extended version.

#### Deadlines

Submission of full papers: 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009 Notification of acceptance: 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009 Final papers for publication: 30<sup>th</sup> March 2009

## http://www.indin2009.com/

## PRO-VE'08

## 9th IFIP Working Conference on VIRTUAL ENTERPRISES

Poznan, POLAND . 8 - 10 September 2008

#### DEADLINES

- Abstracts submission: 21 Jan 08
- Full paper submission: 18 Feb 08
- Acceptance notice: 31 Mar 08
- Camera ready submission: 28 Apr 08

Acceptance of papers is based on the full paper (up to 8 pages). Each paper will be evaluated by three members of the International Program Committee. However, prospective authors should submit a <u>short abstract</u> in advance, in order to check if the proposed topic fits within the conference scope.

Proposal for special sessions and workshops are welcome.

Proceedings to be published by Springer. Special issues of journals will be published with selected papers.

### www.pro-ve.org

## **Publication in journals**

## **Journal quality**

Indexed in the Science Citation Index (Journal Citation Reports)

- Not necessarily an absolute guarantee
  - ... But prefered by many evaluation panels and funding agencies

## Indexed in SCIMAGO

## Others

- Indexed in other databases? Well accepted in the community?
- On-line only journals ... still not well accepted (changing)

## Benefits

- More prestigious than other publications
- Wider audience ... More potential impact

## Disadvantages

- Long publication time ... Typically >> 1.5 years ... Recently many journals started the "Online First" option
- Often require various revisions before final acceptance
- Not appropriate for preliminary results
  - ... Typically require consolidated work.



## **Publication in journals – some hints**

## Don't put two good ideas in one paper

- Separate them into two papers.
- Do not try to put down everything you know about the subject in one paper. What will you do next?
- As the paper's length increases beyond 15 pages, the chance of acceptance shrinks geometrically.
- When a topic is appropriately split into two papers, the probability of getting at least one of them accepted more than doubles.
  - You also will get a paper accepted sooner.
  - Editors like short papers.
  - The chance that a referee will detect a mathematical error declines.
  - Referees will return the report faster.
  - The chance that a referee will misunderstand the paper also decreases.

## Approach different types of journals

- Sending all papers to top journals is risky.
- Sending all papers to low-quality journals also is unsatisfactory. You will regret it when the papers are accepted!
- Your curriculum vitae should contain some publications in the top journals.
- Quantity of publications is also important.
- Having three papers in different journals is better than three in one journal, if the relative quality of the journals is the same.

## **Special issues of journals**

Special issues are focused on one specific topic.

They are edited by Guest Editors

- Typically have dedicated Calls for submissions
- ... and dedicated referees (other than the normal editorial board)

Many conferences are now editing special issues of journals in addition to the regular proceedings

- Best papers of the conference are invited to submit an improved / extended version
- The new version is evaluated again, but the success rate is much higher than with normal submissions
- Being invited to a special issue is prestigious
  - ... Your paper is among the best in the conference.
- The publication time can be shorter than with normal submissions ... typically 1 or 1.5 years after the conference.
- Overall this is a good combination: you get two publications and the feedback collected in the conference can help considerably improving the version for the journal.

Copyright issues may require substantial changes in the original paper.

## **Publication in books (chapters)**

## **Book quality**

- There are several cases ...
  - Books published by prestigious publishers or by unknown publishers?
  - Books with evaluation by an editorial board or not?

## How?

- Submission with evaluation?
  - Similar to a conference (or journal)
- By invitation ?
  - If the overall quality of the book is good and the editors are recognized authorities in the field, then it is prestigious

## ... HOWEVER

- The rules here are not as clear as in the case of conferences and journals ...
- The evaluation panels and funding agencies do not have clear rules to assess this kind of publications.
- The life of a book is usually lower than the life of a journal.
- Better to publish the original ideas in a journal first.

## **2. WRITING SCIENTIFIC PAPERS**



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# **Types of papers**

## Survey paper

- Synthesis / overview of the state of the art in a selected topic
- Including critical view ...
- ... and identification of gaps and trends

## Original research paper

Describing novel technical results:

- An algorithm
- A system construct hardware design, software system, protocol, etc.
- A performance evaluation
- · A theory

It includes a survey (related work) but very brief.

www.cs.columbia.edu/~hgs/etc/writing-style.html

# Structure of the paper

Avoid abbreviations and very long titles

## · IEEE recommendation:

Authorship credit <u>must be reserved</u> for those who met each of the following conditions:

- Made a <u>significant</u> intellectual contribution to the theoretical developments, system or experimental design, prototype development, and/or the analysis and interpretations of data associated with the work contained in the manuscript;
- Contributed to <u>drafting</u> the article or <u>reviewing</u> and/or <u>revising</u> it for intellectual content;
- Approved the final version of the manuscript, including references.
- Order of names: Based on the amount of contribution.
- You and your supervisior:
  - In the beginning it is natural that most contribution comes from the supervisor
  - When the work progresses it is natural to change the order.

Title Authors Abstract Introduction Related Work Body of the paper Conclusions [& future work] Acknowledgements References



"Welcome to the co-author's party! You're number twenty-one!" There are some non-ethical practices regarding co-authorship

# Structure of the paper ...

Title Authors Abstract Introduction Related Work Body of the paper Conclusions [& future work] Acknowledgements References

- Highlight the problem and principal results
- No references, equations, formulas
- · Avoid: "In this paper..."
- Include the relevant terms (to be used in search)
- Pinpoint the problem and give an overview of the approach and/or contribution
- Standford InfoLab's Guidelines:
- 1. What is the problem?
- 2. Why is it interesting and important?
- 3. Why is it hard?
- Why hasn't it been solved before? (What wrong with previous proposed solutions)
- 5. What are the key components of my approach and results?
- At the end it might include a brief outline of the rest of the paper (specially if it is a journal paper): The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. In section 2, ..." This maybe removed in the case of some conference papers with very limited space.
- It can also appear at the end (before the conclusions)

# Structure of the paper ...

Title Authors Abstract Introduction Related Work Body of the paper Conclusions [& future work] Acknowledgements References The structure varies, depending on content.

Try to use a top-down description

If possible use a running example

(In general, the paper should tell a story)

Have clearly in mind who the reader is.

Emphasize the novel results (and their experimental validation)

•Further reading:

www.cs.columbia.edu/~hgs/etc/writing-style.html
http://infolab.stanford.edu/~widom/paper-writing.html
www.cs.berkeley.edu/~fox/paper\_writing.html
How to write a paper, Mike Ashby, 2000.

Do not repeat text from abstract & introduction

Make your claims more concrete

Which new research directions are set by the paper?

Funding sources, resources providers

 People that gave some specific help (but not at the level of becoming an author)

Complete & consistent

 If journal paper: try to include papers from the journal you intend to submit to

## **Additional hints**

## **BEFORE START WRITING:**

Identify what is the main "idea" (story) you want to convey.

- Elaborate an outline of the paper ("tree of concepts") For each section:
  - 1 sentence identifying the purpose / intended content
  - Possible figures, tables, etc

Only after you have a "full picture" and a logical structure, start writing.
 A common mistake is to start writing text before the outline is done.

## SOME THINGS TO AVOID:

- Too much detail
- Too long introduction
- Spelling errors use a speller ... and pay attention to its recommendations
- Failing to follow the formatting rules of the publication channel



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## Referees

Supposedly authorities in the field.

Journals → Editorial board But often the Editor-in-Chief has the last word

Conferences -> Program Committee

Typically a paper is evaluated by 3 referees (or more, in case of disagreement among them)

Often some referees delegate the task on their own PhD students

- ... sometimes you can notice that they are not so familiar with the topic ...
- ... In those cases ... if you are confident about the quality of the paper ... resubmit it to another channel

## **Evaluation criteria – conference example**

# PAPER PROFILE YES NO Does the paper's content lie within the interest area of BASYS? Does the format follow "Instructions to Authors" of BASYS? Does the format follow "Instructions to Authors" of BASYS? Does the references stated and cited in conformance to "Instructions to Authors" of BASYS? Are the references stated and cited in conformance to "Instructions to Authors" of BASYS? Does the paper be shortened or lengthened?

#### Please indicate X in the boxes which, in your opinion, best describe the following features of the manuscript.

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## RECOMMENDATION

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Acceptable with major revisions (review required after revision)	
NOT ACCEPTABLE	

#### COMMENTS / JUSTIFICATIONS

(2)

To assist the author(s) in revising his/her/their manuscript, please separate your remarks into two sections:

(1) Suggestions which would improve the quality of the paper

Changes which must be made before publication

(From BASYS conference)

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## **Evaluation criteria – journal example**

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## (From Journal of Intelligent Manufacturing)

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(A) Suggestions that would improve the quality of the paper but are not essential for publication.

(B) Changes that must be made before publication.

#### 2. YOUR RECOMMENDATION

This paper is: (check only one place)

- Honours quality\*
- Acceptable
- Acceptable with minor revisions\*
- Acceptable with major revisions\* (review required after revision)
- NOT ACCEPTABLE

\* Please justify on reverse side

## 4. INDEXING & CITATIONS

## How to "measure" the quality of a publication?

- By the "impact factor" of the journal (an indirect measure)
- By the number of citations
- By some ranking of conferences (an indirect measure)

## etc

... A subject of much discussion !

Bibliometric indicators reflect scientific impact, not quality

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## **ISI – Web of Knowledge**

Example:

### Search by author



## **ISI Journal ranking**

## Impact Factor 2007 =

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Citations in 2007 to articles published in 2005 and 2006

Number of articles published in 2005 and 2006

Immediacy Index measures the average number of times that an article, published in a specific year within a specific journal, is cited over the course of the same year.

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## Problems with ISI SCI

The number of citations a publication receives is usually considered as a reflection of the importance of the contribution or its excellence.

As citations are made by other researchers they can be regarded as recognition of merit and thus an extension of the peer reviewing.

But there are some well-known difficulties with this metric:

Collecting citations. In traditional sciences the ISI Science Citation Index is considered the standard reference. However the ISI database does not cover the full range of journals and is quite weak in terms of the emerging areas e.g. related to Collaborative Networks research. Therefore it is likely that new journals more focused on yourtopics are not scanned by ISI. Other databases (e.g. Citeseer, DBLP, RAM) suffer from similar limitations.

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Timescale for citation. It is likely that the peak for citations of publications is between two and four years after the publication. On the other hand it usually takes longer than 1 year to have a paper published in a good journal. Therefore, the actual measuring of citations can only take place after the end of a project.

Citations are not of equal value. A paper may be cited to recognize its excellence, but also sometimes to reject its arguments.

## **Conference ranking**

There is no "universal" conference ranking system.

One example for Computer Science related conferences:

## Australian ranking:

http://www.core.edu.au/

(... Loosing credibility lately, not transparent criteria)

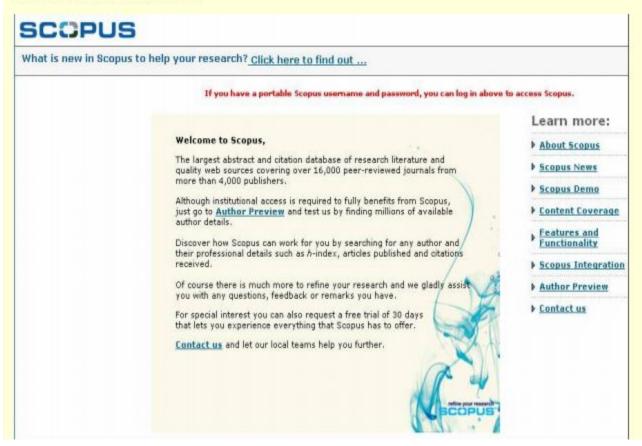
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Other elements:

- Proceedings indexed in the Web of Science / Conferences?
- Acceptance / rejection rate
- Sponsored by prestigious societies
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## Another index database ...



## **Harzing's Publish or Perish**

Based on publications available on the web (searchable by Google)

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**h-index.** A scientist has index h if h of his N papers have at least h citations each, and the other (N - h) papers have at most h citations each.

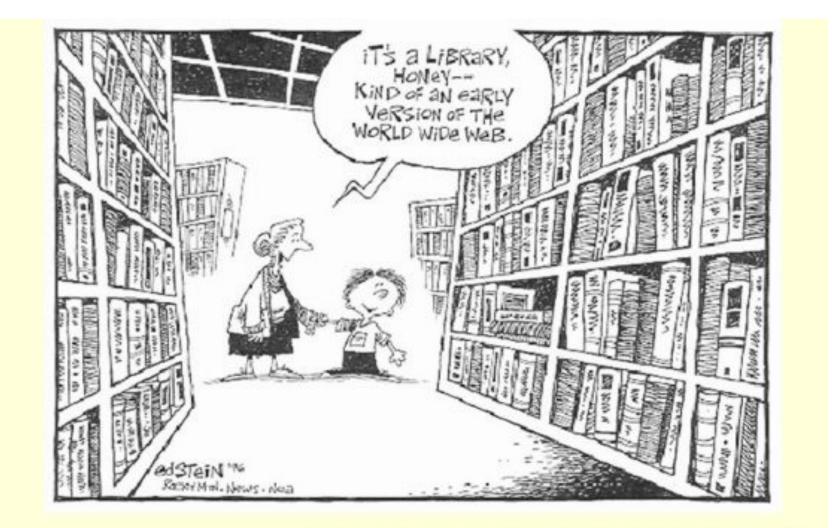
**g-index.** Given a set of articles ranked in decreasing order of the number of citations that they received, the gindex is the (unique) largest number such that the top g articles received (together) at least g<sup>2</sup> citations.

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