

Conference Policies

1. Peer Review & Scientific Evaluation Policy

1.1 Initial Administrative and Technical Screening

Upon submission, each paper undergoes an initial screening to verify:

- Compliance with the conference submission guidelines and template.
- Completeness of the submission and author information.
- Relevance to the scope and tracks of ICAAIIA 2026.
- Basic academic and technical quality.
- Compliance with formatting and submission requirements.
- Potential ethical or integrity concerns.

Papers that are substantially outside the scope of the conference or fail to meet the minimum submission requirements may be rejected before external peer review.

1.2 Scientific Preliminary Assessment

The Scientific Committee conducts a preliminary assessment to determine whether the submitted paper has:

- A clearly defined research problem.
- A meaningful scientific or practical contribution.
- Appropriate objectives.
- A reasonable methodological foundation.
- Relevance to artificial intelligence and/or interdisciplinary applications.
- Sufficient potential to proceed to peer review.

1.3 Plagiarism and Similarity Screening

Submitted papers may be screened using appropriate plagiarism and similarity-detection tools.

Similarity results are not interpreted solely on the basis of a numerical percentage. The committee considers the nature, location, and source of the identified similarities, including legitimate quotations, references, technical terminology, and commonly used expressions.

Suspected plagiarism or other forms of academic misconduct may result in rejection or further investigation.

1.4 Peer Review

Each paper that passes the preliminary screening is normally evaluated by **at least two reviewers** with appropriate expertise in the subject area.

Reviewers are selected based on:

- Academic and research expertise.
- Relevance of their expertise to the submitted paper.
- Research experience.
- Absence of conflicts of interest.

The conference seeks, where practicable, to apply a **double-blind peer-review process**, in which the identities of authors and reviewers are not disclosed to each other during the review process.

1.5 Review Decision

Reviewers may recommend one of the following outcomes:

- **Accept**
- **Accept with Minor Revisions**
- **Major Revision and Re-review**
- **Reject**

The final decision is made by the Scientific Committee based on the reviewers' reports, the scientific quality of the paper, and the authors' responses to requested revisions.

1.6 Conflicting Reviews

If reviewers provide substantially conflicting recommendations, the Scientific Committee may:

- Request an additional independent review; or
- Review the reports and make a final academic decision based on the overall evidence.

1.7 Confidentiality

All submitted manuscripts and peer-review reports are treated as confidential.

Reviewers must not:

- Share submitted manuscripts.
- Use unpublished information from a manuscript for personal or research purposes.
- Disclose the contents of a manuscript to third parties.

2. Publication & Indexing Policy

ICAAIIA 2026 aims to provide authors with appropriate scholarly publication opportunities for accepted papers through recognized academic publication channels.

2.1 Publication of Accepted Papers

Acceptance for presentation at ICAAIIA 2026 does not automatically guarantee publication in a journal.

Papers considered for publication must satisfy:

- The conference's peer-review requirements.
- The final manuscript requirements.
- The publication partner's formatting and editorial requirements.
- Copyright and licensing requirements.
- Any additional quality-control requirements imposed by the publisher.

The final decision regarding publication rests with the relevant publishing entity according to its own editorial policies.

2.2 Publication Partner

ICAAIIA 2026 may cooperate with an appropriate academic publishing partner for the publication of selected accepted papers.

Where applicable, the conference will clearly identify:

- The name of the journal or publication venue.
- The publisher.
- The publication mechanism.
- The applicable publication requirements.
- The databases and indexing services officially reported by the publisher.

2.3 Indexing and Abstracting

ICAAIIA 2026 does **not guarantee automatic indexing** of conference papers in any external database.

Indexing is determined by the relevant indexing service and the publication venue according to their respective policies and eligibility requirements.

The conference will only advertise indexing claims that can be supported by official and verifiable information from the relevant publisher or indexing service.

In particular, ICAAIIA 2026 will not claim that its papers are indexed in **Scopus** or **Web of Science** unless official documentation confirms such coverage for the relevant publication.

2.4 DOI

Where DOI registration is provided by the selected publication venue, the DOI will be assigned and managed according to the policies of the publisher and the relevant DOI registration agency.

2.5 Author Responsibility

Authors are responsible for:

- Ensuring the accuracy and originality of their submissions.
- Following publication requirements.
- Completing required copyright or licensing forms.
- Responding to editorial queries.
- Ensuring that the final manuscript accurately reflects the accepted research.

2.6 Transparency

The conference will provide clear and verifiable information regarding publication arrangements, indexing claims, publication partners, and any limitations associated with publication or indexing.

3. Research Ethics & Malpractice Policy

ICAAIIA 2026 is committed to maintaining high standards of research integrity, academic honesty, transparency, fairness, and responsible scholarly communication. This policy applies to authors, reviewers, Scientific Committee members, Editorial Committee members, and other individuals involved in the conference's scientific and publication processes.

3.1 Authors' Responsibilities

Authors must ensure that:

- The submitted work is original.
- All sources are appropriately acknowledged.
- The manuscript does not contain plagiarism.
- Data and results are reported honestly.
- Fabrication and falsification are not permitted.
- All listed authors have made legitimate contributions.
- All relevant conflicts of interest are disclosed.
- The manuscript complies with applicable ethical requirements.

3.2 Research Misconduct

Research misconduct includes, but is not limited to:

- Fabrication of data or results.
- Falsification or manipulation of data.
- Plagiarism.
- Misrepresentation of authorship.
- Manipulation of citations.
- Duplicate or inappropriate publication.
- Deliberate concealment of relevant conflicts of interest.
- Any other serious violation of accepted standards of academic integrity.

3.3 Conflicts of Interest

Authors, reviewers, and committee members must disclose any relationship or interest that could compromise the impartiality of the scientific process.

Reviewers should decline an assignment when they have a significant conflict of interest, including close personal, professional, or recent research relationships with the authors.

3.4 Reviewer Responsibilities

Reviewers are expected to:

- Provide objective and constructive evaluations.
- Maintain confidentiality.
- Identify significant methodological or scientific concerns.
- Avoid personal or offensive comments.
- Declare conflicts of interest.
- Avoid using unpublished information from submitted manuscripts.

3.5 Complaints

Authors may submit formal complaints concerning:

- The review process.
- Procedural irregularities.
- Publication procedures.
- Ethical concerns.
- Alleged conflicts of interest.
- Possible academic misconduct.

Complaints must be submitted through the official conference communication channels and should include sufficient information to allow investigation.

3.6 Appeals

An author may request reconsideration of a decision when there is a clear procedural issue, significant misunderstanding, or relevant information that was not considered during the original evaluation.

Disagreement with a scientific decision alone does not necessarily constitute grounds for an appeal.

3.7 Withdrawal and Retraction

A paper may be withdrawn before publication in accordance with conference procedures.

After publication, correction, withdrawal, or retraction will be handled according to the policies of the relevant publication venue.

4. Plagiarism Policy

ICAAIIA 2026 considers plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty to be serious violations of research integrity.

4.1 Definition of Plagiarism

Plagiarism includes presenting another person's ideas, text, data, figures, results, or other intellectual contributions as one's own without appropriate acknowledgment.

Examples include:

- Copying text without proper citation.
- Presenting another researcher's ideas without attribution.
- Using figures, tables, or datasets without appropriate acknowledgment.
- Submitting another person's work under one's own name.
- Reusing substantial portions of previously published work without appropriate disclosure.
- Manipulating references or citations to conceal the origin of material.

4.2 Similarity Screening

Submitted papers may undergo similarity screening before or during the review process.

A similarity percentage is **not, by itself, considered proof of plagiarism**. The Scientific Committee evaluates the context and nature of detected similarities.

For example, legitimate similarities may occur in:

- References.
- Standard technical terminology.
- Mathematical expressions.
- Methodological descriptions.
- Properly quoted material.

4.3 Suspected Plagiarism

If significant concerns are identified, the conference may:

1. Request an explanation from the authors.
2. Request revision or clarification.
3. Conduct additional investigation.
4. Suspend the review or publication process.
5. Reject the paper.
6. Withdraw an acceptance decision.
7. Remove the paper from the conference program where appropriate.
8. Notify the relevant institution or publication partner when necessary.

4.4 Post-Publication Concerns

If plagiarism or serious academic misconduct is identified after publication, the conference may coordinate with the relevant publisher to determine the appropriate corrective action.

Such action may include correction, withdrawal, or retraction in accordance with the publisher's policies.

4.5 Author Responsibility

Authors remain fully responsible for ensuring that their submissions are original and appropriately referenced.

5. Paper Review Criteria

Each submitted paper is evaluated according to the following scientific criteria.

Criterion	Description
1. Originality and Innovation	Degree to which the research presents an original idea, method, application, finding, or contribution.
2. Research Problem	Clarity, relevance, and significance of the research problem or question.
3. Objectives	Clarity, consistency, and appropriateness of the research objectives.
4. Literature Review	Relevance, adequacy, currency, and critical use of previous research.
5. Methodology	Appropriateness, rigor, clarity, and reproducibility of the research methodology.
6. Analysis and Results	Correctness and adequacy of analysis, experiments, statistical procedures, or computational evaluation.
7. Discussion	Quality of interpretation and relationship between findings and previous research.
8. Scientific/Practical Contribution	Significance and potential value of the research to science, technology, industry, society, or interdisciplinary applications.
9. Relevance to Conference Tracks	Alignment of the paper with ICAAIIA 2026 themes and tracks.
10. Presentation and Organization	Structure, clarity, coherence, figures, tables, and overall academic presentation.
11. References and Citation	Quality, relevance, adequacy, and correctness of references and citations.
12. Ethical Compliance	Compliance with research integrity, authorship, data, plagiarism, and ethical requirements where applicable.

Recommended Review Decision Structure

The reviewer should provide:

- Overall recommendation.
- Strengths of the paper.
- Major weaknesses.
- Required revisions.
- Confidential comments to the Scientific Committee, where necessary.

6. Editorial / Scientific Committee

The scientific quality of ICAAIIA 2026 is overseen by the Conference Scientific Committee, supported by qualified reviewers and, where applicable, an Editorial Committee responsible for publication-related activities.

6.1 Scientific Committee

The Scientific Committee is responsible for:

- Establishing and maintaining scientific standards.
- Approving the conference review procedures.
- Supervising the peer-review process.
- Selecting qualified reviewers.
- Evaluating review outcomes.
- Resolving conflicting reviewer recommendations.
- Making final scientific decisions concerning acceptance.
- Ensuring alignment between accepted papers and conference tracks.
- Monitoring research integrity and ethical compliance.

6.2 Editorial Committee

Where an Editorial Committee is established, its responsibilities include:

- Coordinating the preparation of accepted papers for publication.
- Ensuring compliance with publication requirements.
- Coordinating with the designated publisher or journal.
- Supporting the final editorial review.
- Maintaining publication records.

- Ensuring that publication information presented on the conference website is accurate and verifiable.

6.3 Reviewers

Reviewers are selected according to their:

- Academic qualifications.
- Research expertise.
- Relevant publications and experience.
- Subject-area specialization.
- Independence from the authors.

The conference aims to maintain a sufficiently diverse reviewer pool covering the different scientific tracks.

6.4 Conflict of Interest

Committee members and reviewers must disclose any conflict of interest that could affect their impartiality.

A person with a significant conflict of interest should not participate in the evaluation or decision-making process concerning the relevant paper.

6.5 Scientific Independence

Scientific decisions are based on the academic quality and relevance of submissions and should not be influenced by:

- Author nationality.
- Institutional affiliation.
- Academic rank.
- Personal relationships.
- Commercial interests.
- Sponsorship considerations.

6.6 Committee Transparency

The conference website should provide the names, affiliations, countries, and roles of the Scientific and Editorial Committee members, where appropriate and with their consent.

Committee membership should accurately reflect the individuals who actually participate in the scientific and editorial processes.