

Report of the Society Program Oversight Committee (SPOC)

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Three main activities lately:

1. Discussion on conference proceedings
2. Search for program chairs 2018
3. Evaluation of threads

ad 1.

Two issues:

(i) conference proceedings papers regarded as previous publication by journals → already now it is recommended that authors upload a clearly abbreviated version only;

(ii) potential harm to society's reputation by low-quality papers on proceedings → a solution could be to only link to papers on authors' websites; however, no joint opinion could be formed on this issue

We recommend keeping the current policy (which allows abbreviated or even no papers being uploaded) until the new submission system is in place. Then re-evaluate again.

ad 2.

We started discussing with candidates and are sure to present excellent potential program chairs in the summer PC meeting.

ad 3.

Ongoing, no news.