

IPEC 2018 Business Meeting

Steering Committee

- Henning Fernau
- Jiong Guo*
- Danny Hermelin*
- Stefan Kratsch* (chair)
- Daniel Lokshtanov
- Naomi Nishimura
- Christophe Paul
- Michał Pilipczuk
- Magnus Wahlström

New members (2018 – 2021):

- Bart Jansen
- Jan Arne Telle
- Saket Saurabh

Organization of the steering committee

Membership:

- for three years, rotates in September after IPEC
- the two PC chairs of IPEC $x+1$ join SC after IPEC x
- one additional member is elected by SC each year
- thus SC consists of nine members

How to join:

- might not hurt to express interest in being an IPEC PC chair or SC member
- ultimately the SC decides by nomination plus vote
- soft tradition of being PC chair only once, so afterwards can only join the SC through vote

Regular tasks of the steering committee

Program committee of future IPECs:

- PC chairs for IPEC $x+2$ are nominated and chosen after IPEC x
- SC does not influence the choice of other PC members

EATCS-IPEC Nerode Prize:

- SC elects new award committee member each year (membership: 3 years)
- SC does not influence the choice of awarded paper

Yes, that is all. :o)

Irregular tasks of the steering committee

Discussing current IPEC matters e.g.

- call for papers, submission guidelines, deadlines
- IPEC proceedings and special issue
- bids for hosting IPEC (usually co-located with ESA/ALGO)
- interaction with PACE

Discussing plans and ideas to improve future IPECs e.g.

- how to attract more and better submissions
- how to make attending IPEC more attractive

You are welcome to share ideas/concerns with the SC, anytime!

Agenda

1. Report by the IPEC 2018 PC chairs
2. Discussion about earlier deadline of IPEC 2018
3. Information about IPEC 2019
4. Information about IPEC 2020
5. Your ideas and concerns?
6. Report by IPEC publicity chair
7. IPEC 2018 Awards

Report by IPEC 2018 Chairs

Discussion about earlier deadlines at IPEC 2018

What do you think about the early deadlines?

Some thoughts

- Seems clear that the changed deadlines led to fewer submissions
- Not clear what the exact cause is (all could apply):
 - authors noticed earlier deadline too late
 - want to try ESA first and resubmit elsewhere if needed
 - too many competing conferences at earlier deadline
- Overlap with ESA seems unavoidable when ALGO is in August
- After ESA notification get resubmissions and possibly submissions from authors that will already attend ESA
- Should try to avoid varying deadlines (as much as possible)

Some TCS conference deadlines in 2018

- IPEC: May 14/17 – July 1 (2017: June 25/28 – July 25)
- FOCS: April 6 – July 1
- ESA: April 22 – June 18
- MFCS: April 24 – June 12
- WAOA: June 24 – July 23
- ISAAC: June 29 – August 31

Your thoughts

- How has the earlier deadline affected you?
 - time for writing the paper (related to other constraints)
 - time for planning travel to ALGO (visa? flight? hotel?)
 - decision to submit to IPEC vs. another conference
- How do you weigh the benefits/detriments of deadline choices?
 - value of resubmitted ESA rejects
 - feasibility of travel planning
 - competition by other conferences
- **What deadlines would be best for you?**
- **What deadlines do you think are best for IPEC?**

IPEC 2019

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- September 11 to 13, 2019 in Munich, Germany
- Co-located with ESA and other ALGO conferences
- PC chairs: Bart Jansen (TU Eindhoven), Jan Arne Telle (Bergen U)
- Submission deadline: TBA
- Notification: TBA

- PC members except chairs may submit, as usual

IPEC 2019 – Program committee

- Amir Abboud
- Edouard Bonnet
- Jianer Chen
- Petr Golovach
- Bart Jansen (chair)
- Sudeshna Kolay
- Lukasz Kowalik
- O-joung Kwon
- Daniel Marx
- Kitty Meeks
- Yota Otachi
- Felix Reidl
- Christian Schulz
- Manuel Sorge
- Jan Arne Telle (chair)

IPEC 2020

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- **December 2020 in Hong Kong**
- **Co-located with ISAAC 2020**
- Local organizer: Yixin Cao
- PC chairs: will be determined by the new SC after this IPEC
- Submission deadline:
 - later deadline than usual would be possible
 - likely not too much later than ESA notification

Your ideas and concerns?

a.k.a. homework for the steering committee?

Your ideas and concerns?

Possible topics:

- attracting more and better submissions
- submission of more applied works to IPEC (accepted 0 of 4)
- making attending IPEC more attractive
 - more special sessions? (tutorial, invited talk, open problems)
 - adjacent summer school or workshop?
 - accept more papers?!
- writing quality of IPEC submissions

Again, very welcome to share this during ALGO or via email.

Report by IPEC publicity chair

IPEC 2018 Awards