PETS Town Hall

18th Privacy Enhancing Technologies Symposium

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Logistics

• Hike
  • Please confirm
  • Bring filled form on Saturday (in your conference bag)

• Tickets red/green/yellow (if you lost it, ask for a new one!!)

• Being recorded – please ask questions on mic
PETS governance
run by the community

PoPETS

Paper selection

Program Chairs

General Chair

PET Board

Invites

Join

Proposals for hosting + GC

PETS

Logistics

https://petsymposium.org/advisory-board.php
3 years of the continuous model

4 deadlines (May, Aug, Nov, Feb)

Decisions: Accept, Shepherd, Major, Resubmit, Reject

# of submissions per issue slowly levels up

Why a dip in acceptance ???

AR per issue seems stable
Decisions & Acceptance Rate

Acceptance Rate

- 17% overall
- 10% first shot
- 63% MR
- 26% RR (26% receive MR)

Fast resubmits have lower AR
Optional Scores

**Significance**
- \( \hat{y} = 2.52 \) (74.64%)

**Originality**
- \( \hat{y} = 1.69 \) (73.19%)

**Far from Ready**
- \( \hat{y} = 3.53 \) (63.04%)

**Likelihood Discussion**
- \( \hat{y} = 3.60 \) (62.32%)

**Rejected**
- \( \hat{y} = 2.01 \) (77.53%)

**Overall Merit**
- \( \hat{y} = 1.47 \) (72.33%)

- \( \hat{y} = 2.18 \) (71.34%)

- \( \hat{y} = 2.97 \) (73.11%)
External reviewers – sign up!

https://petsymposium.org/reviews.php

Are decisions semantics clear?

Acceptance rate important to choose PETS as venue?
Are revisions worth the effort from authors and reviewers? (is the process tougher??)

What do you think about rebuttals? Are they useful? A waste of time?

Monday event very successful. Positive? negative? what kind of event is nice?

We have broadened a lot: should we keep broadening? Too broad?

What works and doesn’t? What can be done better? (authors / reviewers / attendees / …)

PETS Experiment (https://petsymposium.org/experiment.php)