

Compliance Letter: Southern African Conference on AI Research (SACAIR 2021)

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To whom it may concern:

75% Compliance Letter and Peer Review for SACAIR 2021 Conference

The 2021 Southern African Conference on AI Research (SACAIR: <https://sacair.org.za>) was held from the 6th to 10th December 2021 in Durban, South Africa, as a online event due to the pandemic. The event attracted **contributions from academics and researchers** (many of whom are experts in their fields) and their students.

The Program Committee comprised 88 members, 28 of whom were from outside Southern Africa. Each paper was reviewed by at least three members of the Program Committee in a **rigorous, double-blind** process. Great care was taken to ensure the integrity of the conference including careful attention to avoid conflicts of interest.

Seventy-three submissions were sent to our SACAIR Program Committee members for review. In total, 22 full research papers were selected for publication in Springer's CCIS series (which translates to an **acceptance rate of 31%**) whilst a further 21 papers were accepted for inclusion in this volume, which amounts to an **acceptance rate of 61.1%** for reviewed submissions.

Forty- three (43) papers were accepted for oral presentation at the conference. There were significant contributions from various universities including: University Witswatersrand (WITS), University of Cape Town (UCT), Stellenbosch University (SU), University of KwaZulu-Natal and the University of Pretoria (UP). We confirm that **more than 75% of the publications came from different universities.**

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at agerber@uwc.co.za.

Thanks and regards,



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