

ACADEMIC REVIEW PROCESS and REFEREES

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For the academic track of the 2008 *Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial (FOSS4G) Conference, incorporating the GISSA 2008 Conference*, which was held in Cape Town, South Africa, 29 September - 3 October 2008, authors had to submit an extended abstract of 500 to 600 words in length. In total, 75 abstracts were received for the academic track. Abstracts were reviewed on the basis of significance, relevance, correctness, originality, and clarity. Each abstract was blind peer-reviewed by at least two independent reviewers. Based on the reviews, an abstract was either accepted without changes (26), accepted with revisions required (35), rejected for the academic track but recommended for the general track (9), or rejected outright for the conference (5). Authors of accepted abstracts were invited to submit a full paper. The full papers were reviewed by the program committee and where necessary, full papers were returned to the authors for further improvements, based on the reviewers' comments. Some authors were also asked to provide a report on how reviewers' comments and recommendations were incorporated into the full paper. Ultimately, of the 75 originally submitted abstracts, only 50 full papers were found to be suitable for inclusion in the proceedings of the academic track of the conference. A CD of these proceedings will be handed to each presenting author at the conference, as well as published online at <http://www.foss4g2008.org>.

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