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Criteria for Selecting Best Paper

Relevance and Appropriateness (25% weighting)

The paper should provide information that is relevant and appropriate to the intended readers. After reading the paper, the reader should have learned something and be able to apply the new knowledge.

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- Does it address the intended topic?
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- Does the paper have enough substance?
- Is the technical approach sound and well – chosen?
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The paper should have a clear and logical presentation, to be readable by the whole interdisciplinary audience and not just by specialists in some sub-field. Any interested reader should be able to learn something from the paper.

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- Are there clear conclusions and recommendations?
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