

Publishing Agreement

This agreement is made on October 29, 2019, between

Schloss Dagstuhl – Leibniz-Zentrum für Informatik GmbH
Oktavie-Allee
66687 Wadern, Germany
(hereinafter called “the Publisher”)

and

Computational Complexity Foundation Inc.
80 Richmond Dr
Skillman, NJ 08558
USA
(hereinafter called “the Conference”).

Preamble

The Computational Complexity Foundation Inc. and Schloss Dagstuhl – Leibniz Zentrum für Informatik agree to cooperate in publishing in the LIPICs conference proceedings a series of annual proceedings of the *Computational Complexity Conference (CCC)*. This agreement holds for 5 years and is renewable by application to the LIPICs editorial board. Both parties agree on the *Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)* set of ethical rules for publishing. Besides being generally accepted, observing these rules helps getting indexed in services such as Scopus. To offer maximal visibility, the proceedings series is published in the open-access publication model. Articles accepted by the conference’s program committee are published under a Creative Commons CC-BY license. By this the authors retain their copyright. To maintain a strong identity of the series, both parties agree to publish the proceedings annually for the full duration of this agreement.

In consideration of the terms and conditions of this agreement, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, the two parties agree the following.

1 Publication

In cooperation with the Conference, the Publisher will publish the proceedings (hereinafter called “Proceedings”) of the main annual scientific event that is organized by the Conference, in accordance with the terms outlined herein. In the context of this agreement, the terms “publish” and “publication” as applied to the Publisher include publication and dissemination in all forms and media of expression – such as in its print and electronic formats (offline, online) – now known or developed in the future.

2 Subject Matter

The Conference’s activities cover all aspects of computational complexity theory.

3 Open Access

Both parties agree to feeling obliged to implement the goals of the “Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities”¹ that are as follows:

¹<http://openaccess.mpg.de/286432/Berlin-Declaration>

Our mission of disseminating knowledge is only half complete if the information is not made widely and readily available to society. New possibilities of knowledge dissemination not only through the classical form but also and increasingly through the open access paradigm via the Internet have to be supported. We define open access as a comprehensive source of human knowledge and cultural heritage that has been approved by the scientific community.

In order to realize the vision of a global and accessible representation of knowledge, the future Web has to be sustainable, interactive, and transparent. Content and software tools must be openly accessible and compatible.

Open access contributions must satisfy two conditions:

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2. A complete version of the work and all supplemental materials, including a copy of the permission as stated above, in an appropriate standard electronic format is deposited (and thus published) in at least one online repository using suitable technical standards (such as the Open Archive definitions) that is supported and maintained by an academic institution, scholarly society, government agency, or other well established organization that seeks to enable open access, unrestricted distribution, interoperability, and long-term archiving.

4 Ownership / Creative Commons License

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5 Rights

The Publisher has the right of first refusal of a Proceedings of the Conference for publication if the Proceedings appear not to fulfill scientific standards, for example, as stated in the Code of Conduct of the *Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)*².

6 Conference's Responsibilities

- a. For each (annual) event that is organized by the Conference, the Conference shall appoint a program chair or volume editor (hereinafter called "Editor") who shall be the main contact for the Publisher during the publication of those Proceedings. The Editor will be responsible for supplying the Publisher with the refereed and accepted manuscripts, prepared in accordance with the Publisher's guidelines to the authors, in content and form acceptable to the Publisher, including but not limited to all text, illustrations, graphs, and tables, in time to meet the Publisher's deadline. The authors will be responsible for supplying the electronic manuscript files.

²<http://publicationethics.org/resources/code-conduct>

- b. The Editor shall prepare a preliminary table of contents (and optionally an author index) for submission to the Publisher. Front matter pages such as a Preface or organizational pages including, for example, a list of committee members, will be prepared by the Editor.
- c. The Conference shall be responsible that all corresponding authors of the Proceedings sign an author agreement fixing the author's accordance to apply the CC BY 3.0 DE license. The Publisher will provide the author agreement document and the Editor will distribute it to all corresponding authors. The Editor collects all signed author agreements and delivers them in electronic form to the Publisher (and optionally to the Conference) before the Proceedings are published.
- d. The Editor, in consultation with the Conference, shall be the spokesperson for the respective Proceedings, and the Conference's committees (among them the steering committee and further committees that are involved in organizing the annual event of the Conference) and the Conference's office shall be responsible for establishing contacts with the Publisher at least 6 month prior to each annual event.
- e. The Editor, in consultation with the Conference, shall inform the Publisher in a timely fashion of the expected number of articles and pages that will be required in the Proceedings (the minimum number of articles is 10).
- f. The Editor shall have the final decision on any content-related matter with respect to the specific Proceedings.
- g. The terms in Sec. 4 allow the author to provide his/her scholarly article on his/her personal webpage and to submit it to institutional and topical repositories. However, the Conference informs and encourages the author to make use of the Digital Object Identifier of his/her article and to provide a link to the DOI whenever possible.

7 Publisher's Responsibilities

- a. As a platform for the publication of the Proceedings of the Conference, the Publisher shall include the Proceedings in the series *Leibniz International Proceedings in Informatics (LIPIcs)* (hereinafter called "LIPIcs"). This agreement is the result of an application of the Conference for inclusion in the LIPIcs series which was approved by the LIPIcs Editorial Board for the period specified in Sec. 8.
- b. The Publisher shall assign editorial staff (hereinafter called "Editorial Assistant") who will work closely with the Conference on all aspects of the cooperation between the Conference and the Publisher; the Editorial Assistant will be the Conference's premier contact and will coordinate the Publisher's internal processing of all projects to be published under this agreement.
- c. The Publisher shall be responsible for formatting, design and layout of the Proceedings.
- d. The Editor will collect the contributions from the corresponding authors and deliver the contents of the Proceedings to the Publisher at least six to eight weeks in advance of the starting date of the conference. The Publisher will communicate the deadline for the receipt of the Proceedings content to the Editor well in advance. The Publisher will publish the Proceedings in parallel to when the conference takes place. If the Conference decides to publish the Proceedings after the conference, the aforementioned strict schedule does not apply.
- e. The Publisher will be responsible for preparing a final table of contents and a electronic version of the complete Proceedings volume. The Publisher shall submit the front matter pages and all final manuscripts to the Editor for inspection and approval before publication.

8 Term

This agreement shall become effective upon final signature by both parties and remain in force until **December 31, 2024**. This agreement can then be renewed, assuming (1) a positive evaluation of the Conference by the LIPIcs Editorial Board and (2) that the Conference wants to continue its cooperation with the Publisher as part of the LIPIcs series. This agreement can be terminated by either party by supplying to the other party written notice of intent to terminate the agreement nine months in advance of the termination date.

9 Termination

Either party may terminate this agreement if the other party commits a substantial breach of this agreement and fails to remedy the breach within 60 days after receipt of written notice sent by registered mail requesting remedy. For instance, LIPIcs may terminate its cooperation when Proceedings of a Conference are not published in LIPIcs during the period of the agreement.

10 Costs

The Publisher charges an article-processing charge (APC) for each article that is part of the Proceedings. The aggregated sum of APCs for each Proceedings volume is invoiced to the Editor. The current price of the APC is available from the LIPIcs webpage at <http://www.dagstuhl.de/lipics>. The Publisher will inform the Editor 6 months prior to the annual event about the current pricing. Additionally, the Publisher shall inform the Conference 6 months prior to any changes in the pricing scheme.

11 Relationship of Parties

Nothing contained in this agreement shall be deemed or construed by the parties or by any third person to create a relationship other than that of independent contractor between the Publisher and the Conference. Neither party shall have the right or authority, or shall hold itself out to have the right or authority, to bind the other party, nor shall either party be responsible for the acts or omissions of the other.

12 Confidentiality

Each party agrees that it will not disclose to any third party any confidential information about the other party without its written consent, except as required by law.

13 Jurisdiction

Regardless of the place of its physical execution, this agreement is being made under and shall be governed by the laws of Germany.

14 Notices and Addresses

All written notices under this agreement shall be given in writing to the following addresses:

If to Conference:

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If to Publisher:

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Either party may change its address as set forth above by notifying the other party of its new address in writing.

In witness of the foregoing, the parties have caused this agreement to be executed as of the Effective Date.

**Computational Complexity
Foundation Inc. (CCF)**

**Schloss Dagstuhl
Leibniz-Zentrum für Informatik GmbH**

By: 

By: 

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Title: President of CCF

Name: Professor Dr. Raimund SEIDEL
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Date: Nov 10th 2019

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Date: Jan-20, 2020

Date: Nov 20th 2019