





## Memorandum #1 - All authors whose abstract notification is delayed Update & Apology: Delay in Abstract Review Process for 12th ICAT

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Dear Authors,

Please accept our sincere apologies for the unexpected delay in the peer-review process for your manuscript. We understand the importance of timely feedback and regret any inconvenience this delay has caused.

We are currently experiencing unforeseen challenges in securing specialist reviewers combined with unexpected reviewer unavailability which has impacted our usual turnaround time for manuscript reviews. To address this, we have actively recruited additional expert reviewers and encouraged members of our scientific review committee to carry an extra load. We are prioritizing this matter and are committed to providing you with a decision as soon as possible. We now anticipate providing you with the review results by the end of next week.

In addition, we will extend the final submission date by one week. Instead of January 26, 2026. Authors of delayed notifications will be requested to submit by **February 2, 2026**.

You will use the same link <a href="https://conference-submissions.appropriatetech.net/">https://conference-submissions.appropriatetech.net/</a>. The submission portal will be available to accept submissions from 2 January 2026 onwards.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to ensure a thorough and fair review for your valuable work. Please feel free to contact us if you have any immediate questions.

Sincerely,

12th ICAT Scientific Review Committee (SRC)