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The Technical Committee  
*6th Annual conference (SAICAIR 2025)*

**Attestation: 6th Annual Southern African Conference for Artificial Intelligence Research (SACAIR 2025)**

The technical committee of SACAIR 2025 attest as follows: **All conference paper submissions that appear in the online proceedings have been double-blind peer reviewed by an international program committee (PC) prior to acceptance and publication. More than 75% of the articles were authored by researchers from different institutions. The authors represented 96 institutions, with 26,2% of these from outside South Africa**

The 6th Annual Southern African Conference for Artificial Intelligence Research (SACAIR 2025) was hosted by the Department of Computer Science, University of the Western Cape and held in Cape Town, South Africa, from 1 to 5 December, 2025. Submissions were sought in one of five tracks:

- Algorithmic and Data-Driven AI (Computer Science).
- Symbolic AI (Knowledge Representation and Reasoning).
- Socio-technical and human-centred AI (Information Systems).
- Responsible and Ethical AI (Philosophy and Law / Humanities).
- Inter- and trans-disciplinary AI research.

One hundred and forty-nine abstracts were submitted, and after full paper submissions and a first round of evaluation, 104 submissions were sent to the PC for review. Great care was taken to avoid conflicts of interest when assigning reviewers. The review process was double-blind and rigorous, with every paper sent to at least three reviewers and each receiving at least two substantive reviews and most receiving three reviews, with a mean per paper of 2.6%. The program committee comprised 150 members, representing some 95 research institutions from 27 countries across the globe. The following criteria were used to rate submissions and to guide decisions: relevance to SACAIR, significance, technical quality, scholarship, and presentation, which included quality and clarity of writing. The technical committee, comprising the technical chairs and track chairs, managed the review process and supported the authors in revising their papers to the quality required for publication in these proceedings.

Revised, accepted papers were published in two proceedings volumes: Volume 2784 in the conference series [Southern African Conference for Artificial Intelligence Research](#) of the book series [CCIS: Communications in Computer and Information Science](#) and an online proceedings (ISBN: 978-1-0370-5280-4 (e-book)) that included papers that were not accepted into Volume I but were of sufficient quality to be presented at the conference and published in this volume.

The acceptance rate for full research papers for the CCIS volume was 35.9%. The acceptance rates for reviewed papers in the different tracks were: 36.0% in the Information Systems track, 47.2% in the Computer Science track, and 12.5% for the Philosophy and Law track. In addition, and based on reviews, 22 papers were accepted into Volume II of the proceedings. The acceptance rate for Information Systems papers for Volume II of the proceedings was 32.0%, 13.2% for the Computer Science track and 25.0% for the Philosophy and Law track. The overall acceptance rate for the conference (for both volumes) was thus 57.3%. Table 1 gives the final submission and acceptance data for the conference.

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Track	Subs	Review	Springer	Online	Reject	Springer%	Online%	Total%
SACAIR - CS	83	53	25	7	21	47.2%	13.2%	60.4%
SACAIR - ID	1	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
SACAIR - IS	30	25	9	8	8	36.0%	32.0%	68.0%
SACAIR - KRR	2	1	0	1	0	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%
SACAIR - P&L	33	24	3	6	15	12.5%	25.0%	37.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>35.9%</b>	<b>21.4%</b>	<b>57.3%</b>

Table 1: Submission statistics by track with acceptance rates based on reviewed submissions.

Authors of accepted papers were affiliated with various national and international universities. Table 2 below indicates the percentage of authors from the respective institutions for the online proceedings volume. The authors represented 64 national and international institutions. We thus confirm that more than 75% of the papers were authored by researchers from different universities.

Institution	Count	Percentage
University of Pretoria	14	9.3%
University of Cape Town	13	8.7%
University of Johannesburg	10	6.7%
University of South Africa	9	6.0%
North-West University	9	6.0%
University of the Witwatersrand	8	5.3%
Stellenbosch University	6	4.0%
FHNW University of Applied Sciences and Arts No...	6	4.0%
University of KwaZulu-Natal	5	3.3%
University of Edinburgh	4	2.7%
Other	66	44.0%

Table 2: Top 10 institutions in PC composition (all tracks). Total unique institutions is 64.