

## **Guidelines for papers to be presented at MADIF-15**

Research papers for the conference can take four different forms:

- an empirical paper,
- a theoretical paper,
- a literature review, or
- a methodological paper.

All papers for publication in the conference proceedings should contain the following:

- a statement of the problem and a discussion of its significance,
- a critical analysis of the research literature as it relates to the topic of the paper, and
- conclusions and implications for mathematics education derived from the study.

All papers must respect ethical guidelines relating to research work. Papers should be not more than the set length of 10 pages and written in the MADIF-15 word template, following the formatting guides therein. In addition, papers must be readable, free of grammatical, spelling and typographical errors.

### **Empirical papers**

When empirical investigations are reported the paper should also include:

- a statement of rationale for methodologies used in collecting and analysing data,
- a critical discussion of data findings in the light of the research literature, and
- in the literature review, prior work in the area should be acknowledged and an explanation of how the work reported in the paper builds on that earlier work should be included.

### **Non-empirical papers**

The material presented must be discussed critically, and alternative points of view relating to themes presented should be appropriately argued.

### **Originality**

Only research papers that are substantially different from work that has been published previously will be considered for the conference.

### **Short communications**

The abstract should be a maximum of 2 pages and begin with "This presentation..." in order to clarify that the content is being presented orally.