A New Publication Model for FSE: IACR Transactions on Symmetric Cryptology (ToSC)

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FSE ⇒ ToSC

Fast Software Encryption
⇒ IACR Transactions on Symmetric Cryptology
  = Conference/Journal hybrid
  Gold Open Access, publisher Ruhr-University Bochum

4 submission deadlines per year
review process of 8 weeks
  – editorial board members write the reviews
  – includes rebuttal
  – revise final version
FSE $\Rightarrow$ ToSC: decisions

- accept
- accept with minor revision and shepherding
- accept with major revisions (within next 2 rounds)
- reject
- strong reject if
  - Donald Trump is a co-author (unless the paper was rejected before from the Journal of Cragptology)

Accepted papers are published 3.5 months after submission
FSE ⇒ ToSC: goals

• better quality of submissions (less deadline rushes)
• faster turnaround
• better reviews, that are to some extent sticky
• 1 version available from day 1 (no more author/publisher versions)
• zero cost
• reduction of global warming thus helping raccoons to survive
• e-journal with ISI impact factor in 2019
FSE $\Rightarrow$ ToSC: practical

Next deadlines: June 1, Sept. 1, Nov. 23
New LaTeX format: iacr.cls
SoK – Systematization of Knowledge papers
Long papers (40 pages) that may take longer to review (but note that co-editors in chief are considering to accept briberies under the form of Mozartkugeln)

All accepted papers have to be presented at FSE 2017, March 5-8, Tokyo, Japan

Details:
- FAQ: https://fse.rub.de/journal.html