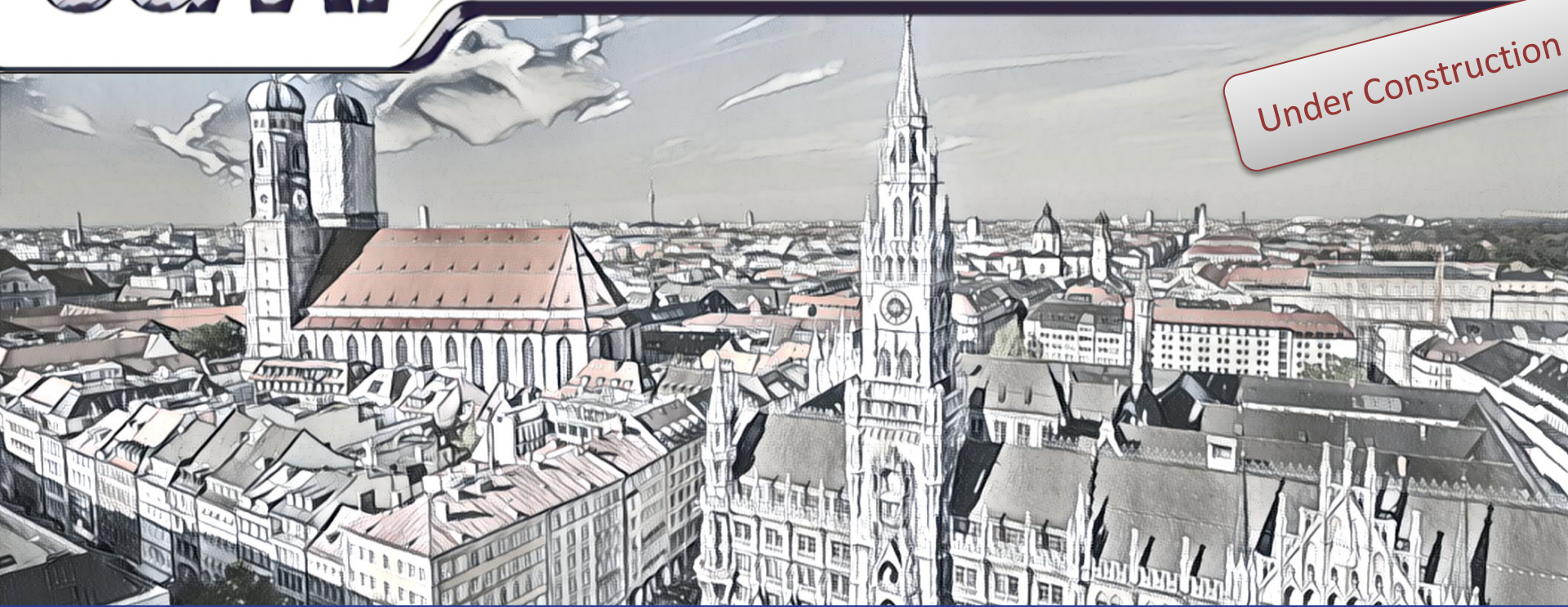# UCAAT PROGRAM COMMITTEE

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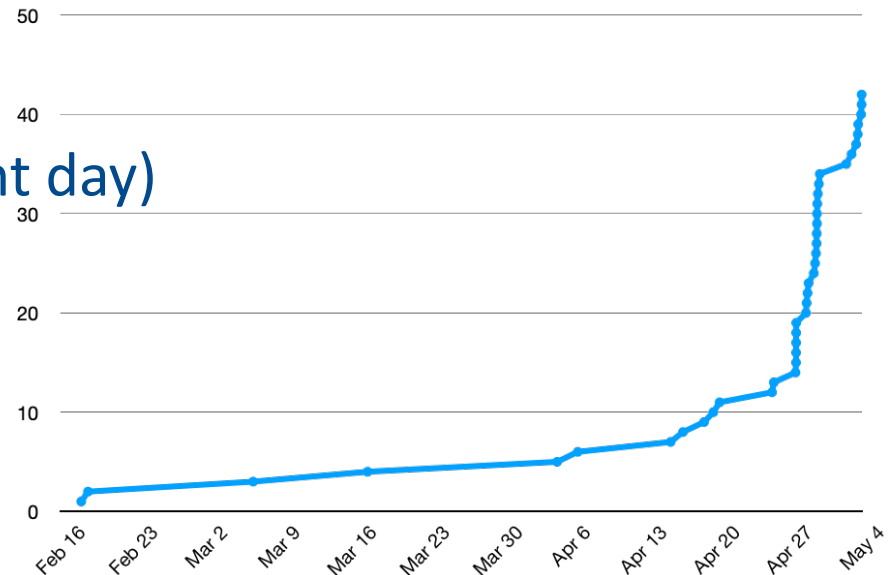- **Finalisation** of Call for Presentations   Jan 29th
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Review and rating of the assigned proposals

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Discussion and review of the final programme

- UCAAT 2021   Oct 19th—21st

- Submissions
  - First Feb 18th (announcement day)
  - Last May 4th (21:39)
- Total: 42
  - PC members: 10 (-1)
  - Incomplete: 1 -> follow up?
- Format: Virtual
  - uncertainty w.r.t. travel/event restrictions for audience/speakers
  - announcement: May 17th (advance notice to PC)
  - speaker/proposal withdrawal by May 31st

- Dates, durations, formats?
  - Keynotes? Tutorials?
  - Formats, durations, timeslots? -> ca. 20 slots
- PC responsibilities beyond review and programme
  - Review guidelines?
- Communications and sponsors (article in L'Embarque)
- Interactions
  - Additional platforms?
  - Live Q&A with actual speakers or just chat?
- Special occasions and other arrangements?

Conference Programme Proposals

- Special occasions
  - 20 years TTCN-3
  - Commemoration

- Loosen up
  - Open Space / World Café?
  - Lightning talks, long form talks?
  - Test automation / Student challenge? / Hackathon?

- Programme discussion after submissions review
  - Goals: participation, attention, personal interaction
  - Format: TBD

- Main Platform: OnAir
  - Example IoT Week:
    https://www.etsi.org/events/past-events/1801-etsi-iot-week-2021
    Overview: https://player.vimeo.com/video/511179810
- Additional proposals
  - Slido
  - Gathertown (https://gather.town – thanks Anne!)
  - Wonder (https://www.wonder.me – thanks Anne!)
  - Others?

- EasyChair Login
  - Check that you can log in and notify if not
- Bidding period
  - Select the papers you would like to review in EasyChair
  - If you do not select, you might get submissions that no one wanted to Review!
- Conflict
  - In case some paper is written by You, or someone in your Company (Client) please indicate your conflicts
  - You will not see the papers and reviews for them ANY MORE!

- Overall evaluation
  - strong reject; reject; weak reject; borderline paper; weak accept; accept; strong accept
- Reviewer's confidence
  - (none); (low); (medium); (high); (expert)
- Review
  - Please provide a detailed review, including justification for your scores. This field is required.

- Please provide a detailed review, including:
  - summary of the proposal and justification for your scores
  - if the proposal is submitted according to the provided template
  - how well the content fits the Call for Proposals theme
  - suggestions for improvements in case the proposal is accepted
  - Please, be polite!
- During the review, any contacts between PC and Authors goes via the PC Chairs!

- Any critical question that can affect the decision?
  - Prepare your question, be very specific, precise.
  - Send your question (with paper ID) to PC Chair until May 25th.
  - PC chair will contact to author to get an answer with a deadline of 2 days.
  - PC chair will send the answer to the PC member immediately.
  - PC member can make any decision.
- Additional guidelines for review can be distributed

- Confidential remarks for the program committee
  - If you wish to add any remarks intended only for PC members please write them below. These remarks will only be seen by the PC members having access to reviews for this submission. They will not be sent to the authors. This field is optional.
- Messages to the PC
  - additional reasoning relevant for the PC

- Remember the template we sent out:
  - What is the problem you are addressing and why is it important?
  - How is your presentation/poster related to industrial application of automated testing?
  - What is the novelty in your presentation/poster?
  - What technologies, tools and practices have you applied?
  - What are the outcomes from your solution and the lessons learnt?
  - How can the approach or method be re-used by other organizations?
  - Key-takeaways?

- Remember UCAAT is NOT an academic conference
  - Main interest is in contributions to testing practice
  - Direct industrial relevance is important
- UCAAT is user conference .. not a trade show
  - Direct (commercial) tool promotions in vendor/sponsor track only
  - Flag in PC comments if you feel any proposal is too tool specific
- Consider for some testers it may be their "first submission"
  - Coach testers in review … judge if there is a real point underneath
  - Point out difficult decisions in rating in PC comments!

- Discussion on review process and evaluation
  - After the review is submitted you will be able to see other reviews
  - Changing your review is to be avoided but still possible
  - In any case, before doing so initiate a discussion on the mailing list with the other reviewers! (especially with large deviations)
- Clear evaluation which – even in case of rejection – can provide a clear feedback to the authors
  - Contact the chairs if you need more information on the submission provided by the authors

- # Bidding and reviews