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# APMAA Global Reputation and Scholarly Standards Framework

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## Preface

The *APMAA Global Reputation and Scholarly Standards Framework* presents, in a unified and internationally recognizable format, the academic standards and institutional practices that define the Asia-Pacific Management Accounting Association (APMAA). As APMAA enters its third decade, the Association continues to strengthen its global presence through transparent governance, rigorous peer-review systems, ethical research practices, and inclusive scholarly engagement.

This document serves as an authoritative reference for international partners, accreditation bodies, ranking agencies, and the global academic community. It reflects APMAA's long-standing commitment to academic excellence and its sustained contribution to the advancement of management accounting research across the Asia-Pacific region and beyond.

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## Introduction

This Framework summarizes the core standards that underpin APMAA's global academic reputation. It presents APMAA's governance structures, peer-review mechanisms, research-integrity principles, and strategic positioning in a clear, internationally aligned format.

Drawing on long-established practices—many in place for more than a decade—it communicates APMAA's strengths to global partners, ranking bodies, accreditation agencies, and the wider academic community.

Through this Framework, APMAA reaffirms its commitment to:

- Transparent and accountable governance
- Rigorous, internationally aligned peer-review processes
- Ethical and responsible research practices
- Inclusive global scholarly engagement
- Strategic positioning within the international academic landscape

Together, these elements form the foundation of APMAA’s reputation as a credible, future-oriented, and globally connected academic association.

Readers are also invited to explore APMAA’s key publications—*APMAA News*, *Conference News*, *Conference Proceedings*, *Conference Book of Abstracts*, and *APMAJ*—available on the APMAA website, [Publication \(APMAA News, Conference News, Conference, APMAJ\)](#).

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# ① APMAA Governance & Review Standards

*(“APMAA publishes its governance information annually... All governance information is permanently archived on the APMAA website.”)*

## 1. Introduction

Since its establishment in 2004, APMAA has operated as an internationally oriented academic association committed to transparency, scholarly rigor, and inclusive global engagement. Its governance and review systems align with recognized international academic standards.

## 2. Governance Structure and Transparency

- Governance information is published annually in the *APMAA News* New Year Edition, including board composition, selection processes, and annual activities (*APMAA News* in [Publication \(APMAA News, Conference News, Conference, APMAJ\)](#)).
- All governance information is permanently archived on the APMAA website to ensure long-term transparency and public accessibility.
- Leadership roles, terms, and responsibilities are clearly defined and communicated each year.

## 3. Peer Review System

- APMAA employs a full-paper, double-blind peer-review system for all academic submissions.
- Papers must be 5,000–10,000 words to ensure a substantive scholarly contribution.
- The review process is managed through Microsoft CMT, which APMAA has used for more than a decade.
- The reviewer pool regularly exceeds 100 qualified scholars from more than 15 countries.
- Submissions may undergo multiple review rounds.
- Acceptance rates are disclosed annually.

## 4. Discussant, Moderator, and Mentor System

- APMAA introduced its Discussant System in 2010, making it one of the earliest adopters in Asia.
- Each accepted paper is assigned a Moderator, Discussant, and—when appropriate—a Mentor.
- These roles are listed in the Conference Program.
- The system enhances academic dialogue, provides developmental feedback, and supports early-career researchers by integrating evaluation and development.

## 5. Documentation and Archival Integrity

- Key documents—including Calls for Papers, Conference Programs, Reviewer Lists, and Governance Announcements—are systematically archived on the APMAA website.
- This practice preserves institutional memory and reinforces organizational accountability.

## 6. Commitment to Research Integrity

- APMAA encourages members to disseminate their work globally through SSRN.
- Ethical research practices, transparency in review processes, and responsible scholarly communication are emphasized.
- APMAA remains committed to continuous improvement in line with global standards.

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# ② APMAA Peer Review & Discussant System Overview

*(“APMAA has established a comprehensive and rigorous academic evaluation system...”)*

## 1. Overview

APMAA’s academic evaluation system integrates peer review, structured scholarly dialogue, and developmental feedback. Refined over more than a decade, it aligns fully with global academic standards.

## 2. Peer Review Process

- **Double-Blind Review:** Ensures impartiality.
- **Full-Paper Requirement:** Submissions must be 5,000–10,000 words, exceeding the abstract-only screening common in many regional conferences.
- **CMT Platform:** Microsoft CMT has been used for over 10 years.

- **Reviewer Pool:** Often exceeds 100 scholars from diverse countries and research areas.

### **Evaluation Criteria**

- Originality
- Theoretical contribution
- Methodological rigor
- Practical relevance
- Clarity of presentation

## **3. Discussant System (Introduced in 2010)**

- Each accepted paper is assigned a Discussant.
- Discussants provide structured feedback during conference sessions.
- All Discussants are listed in the Conference Program.

## **4. Moderator and Mentor Roles**

- Moderators manage session flow and ensure constructive discussion.
- Mentors—particularly for doctoral and early-career tracks—provide developmental guidance.
- All roles are transparently listed in the Conference Program.

## **5. Transparency and Documentation**

- Reviewer lists, session assignments, and evaluation procedures (including Reviewer Guidelines) are updated and published annually.
- All official documents are permanently archived on the APMAA website.

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# **③ APMAA Research Integrity Statement**

*(“APMAA is committed to upholding the highest standards of research integrity...”)*

APMAA upholds the highest standards of research integrity, academic ethics, and responsible scholarly communication. Its principles are grounded in transparency, fairness, and global best practices.

## **1. Ethical Review and Evaluation**

- All submissions undergo double-blind peer review.
- Reviewers are selected based on expertise, academic credentials, and prior performance.

- Conflicts of interest are strictly avoided.

## **2. Transparency and Accountability**

- APMAA publicly discloses its governance structure, review procedures, and reviewer acknowledgments.
- All conference-related documents are archived on the APMAA website.

## **3. Responsible Dissemination**

- Authors are encouraged to upload working papers to SSRN to enhance global visibility and citation potential.
- Authors are responsible for ensuring originality and proper citation.

## **4. Support for Early-Career Researchers**

- APMAA provides structured developmental support through its Doctoral Colloquium, Mentor System, and Discussant System.
- These initiatives promote ethical research behavior and academic professionalism.

## **5. Commitment to Continuous Improvement**

- Policies are regularly reviewed and updated to align with evolving global standards.

## **6. Alignment with Global Academic Standards**

APMAA's practices align with internationally recognized principles, including:

- COPE-consistent ethical review standards
- Encouragement of ORCID identifiers
- Support for originality screening and plagiarism-detection tools
- Responsible data transparency and methodological clarity.

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# **④ APMAA Positioning**

*(“APMAA occupies a unique position in the global academic landscape...”)*

APMAA is a leading international academic association dedicated to advancing management accounting and related fields across the Asia-Pacific region and beyond. Since 2004, it has built a distinctive research ecosystem integrating rigorous peer review, international conferences, a globally indexed journal, and year-round knowledge dissemination.

## Our Unique Position

- **International Reach:** Participation from more than 20 countries annually.
- **Rigorous Review Standards:** Full-paper, double-blind review supported by a reviewer pool exceeding 100 scholars.
- **Innovative Engagement:** A pioneering “phygital” model combining onsite and virtual participation, with webinars attracting over 1,100 registrants.
- **Research Ecosystem:** Integration with *APMAJ*, indexed in ESCI, ABDC, DOAJ, and regional citation indices.
- **Interdisciplinary Leadership:** Engagement in emerging fields such as AI, ESG reporting, healthcare accountability, and digital transformation.
- **Commitment to Researcher Development:** A long-standing Doctoral Colloquium (since 2011) and structured mentorship systems.

## Mission

To foster high-quality research, promote international collaboration, and advance management accounting and related disciplines.

## Vision

To be recognized globally as the premier academic association for management accounting research in the Asia-Pacific region, distinguished by scholarly rigor, innovation, and inclusive global engagement.

## Values

- Academic Excellence
- Transparency
- Inclusiveness
- Integrity
- Innovation
- Global Collaboration

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## Conclusion

The *APMAA Global Reputation and Scholarly Standards Framework* reaffirms the Association’s dedication to maintaining the highest standards of academic governance, peer review, and research integrity. By articulating these principles clearly and transparently, APMAA strengthens its position as a trusted, future-oriented, and globally connected academic association.

APMAA will continue to refine its practices, expand international collaborations, and support scholars at all career stages. Through these efforts, the Association remains committed to advancing management accounting research with integrity, inclusiveness, and scholarly rigor.