AAOU 2020 - Guidelines for Paper Presentations

- Paper presentations should be based on research findings, best practices, innovations or research work in progress.
- Pre-submission of an abstract is a strict requirement for all papers.
- Submission of a full paper is a requirement for publication in the Conference Proceedings, and for consideration for the Awards.
- Abstracts and full papers must be in English.
- All abstracts and full papers should be submitted electronically via the Easy Chair conference management system.
- Abstracts should be limited to a single paragraph, under 300 words. It should provide a clear succinct description of what the paper/poster will address and ensure that adequate information is provided to be able to assess the novelty, relevance and significance of the proposed paper/poster.
- Full papers should be between 3000 and 4000 words (excluding Title, Author details and List of References).
- The paper should be well written, and clearly structured to facilitate readability and free of spelling and grammatical mistakes.
- Please make sure your abstracts and full papers meet the following requirements:
  - The document must be saved in Microsoft Word (doc/docx/rtf)
  - Use the font Times New Roman, 11pt, in single-spaced format, with left and right margins, 2.5cm from the respective edges, and A4 paper size
  - The title must appear at the top of the first page (14pt Bold)
  - The author’s (or authors’) name(s) must not be shown (for the purposes of blind review)
  - Follow 3 levels of headings, where applicable (12pt-Bold; 11pt-Bold; 11pt-Italics-Bold)
  - Your paper must not contain third-party copyrighted content without permission
  - Referencing should be in accordance with the APA style (Version 6)

Abstracts/full papers will be reviewed against the following criteria (where applicable):

1. **Clarity and Coherence** –
   The submission is complete, clear and well-organized; presented with a logical flow; is developed in consistence with the requirement of the call.

2. **Research Methodology** –
   Demonstrates sound research principles; clear presentation of the research problem, research design, sampling, data collection, data analysis, findings and conclusions.

3. **Originality** –
   The submission explores a novel idea, project or issue; discusses existing research with new insights, presents innovative ways of considering existing information.

4. **Relevance** –
   The submission is related to the selected sub-theme; contributes to research and/or effective practices in the field; includes implications to consider for future practices.

5. **Presentation** –
   The submission uses an acceptable standard of English; includes complete and adequate referencing in accordance with the APA style; adheres to the formatting requirements.