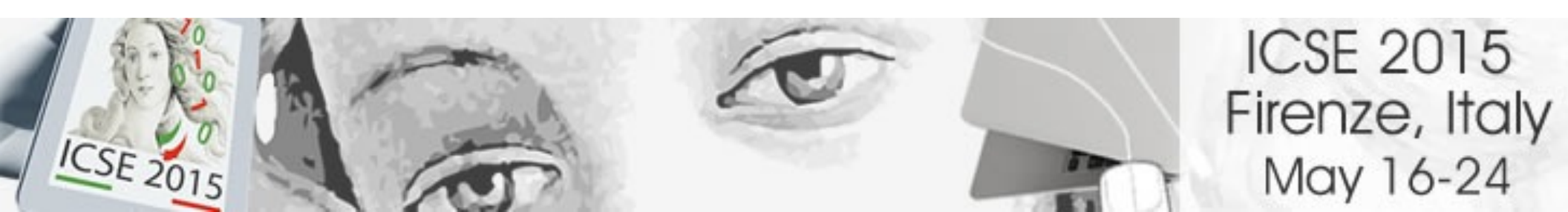


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Program Chairs, PC members, and RC members are volunteers and receive no compensation of any kind.

That being said, being a chair or member of the ICSE PC or RC committees is an honor in our community. It recognizes a high level of research expertise and a high level of trust in their ability to assess submissions.

Reason 1: Thank you

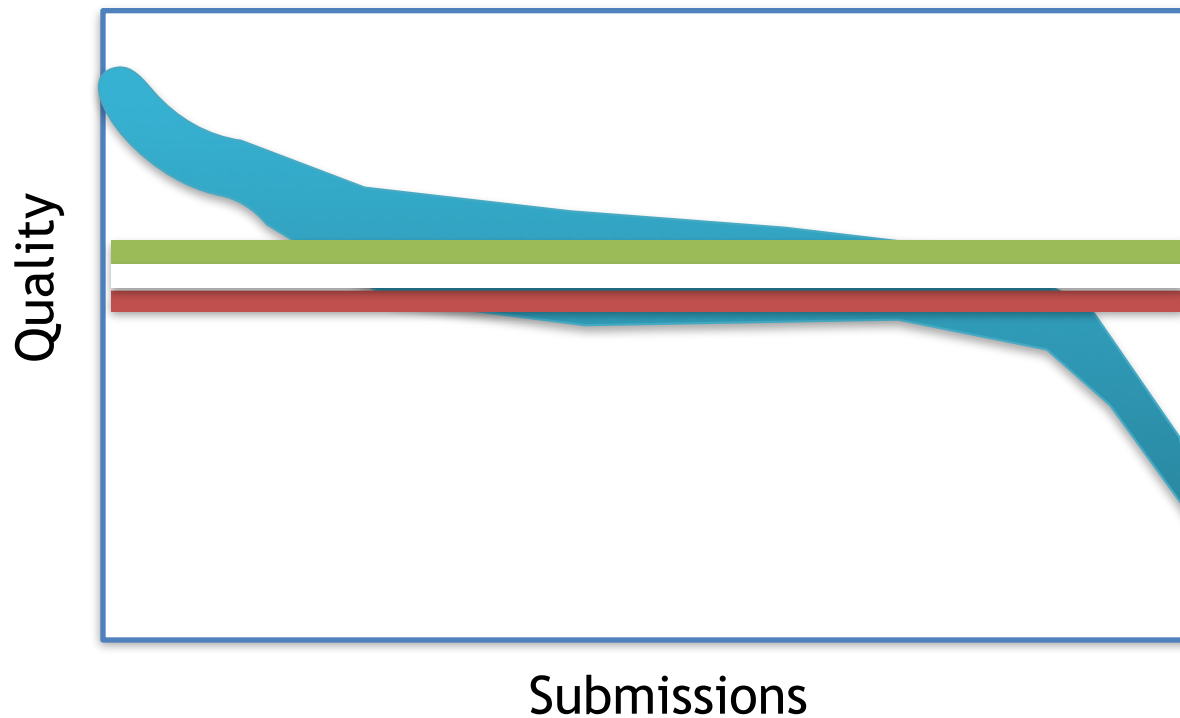
Reason 2: Get in Sync

Team

- 2 Co-Chairs, GC
- 51 Program Committee Members
- 27 Review Committee Members (new)
- Student Assistants
- CyberChair

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- Provide authors with constructive feedback

Fulfilling Responsibilities

	PC	RC
Write reviews that serve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Committee to make decisions</i> <i>Authors to improve their work</i> 	~20 submissions	~10 submissions
Participate in online discussions to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Clarify reviewer's positions</i> <i>Summarize concerns and support</i> 	12 days Lead and summarize	12 days
Attend PC Meeting in PISA Dec 12-13	2 full Days	-

Meet the deadlines!

Writing Reviews

- **Content**
 - Clearly explain reasons for rejection / acceptance
 - Constructive, complete, specific, well supported
- **Attitude**
 - Find reasons to accept good papers
 - Details can be fixed for camera-ready version
 - Use *Categories* to position intended contribution
- **Structure and Grading**
 - Summary, Points in Favor, Points Against, Details
 - Use “ABCD” grading scale, make consistent with review

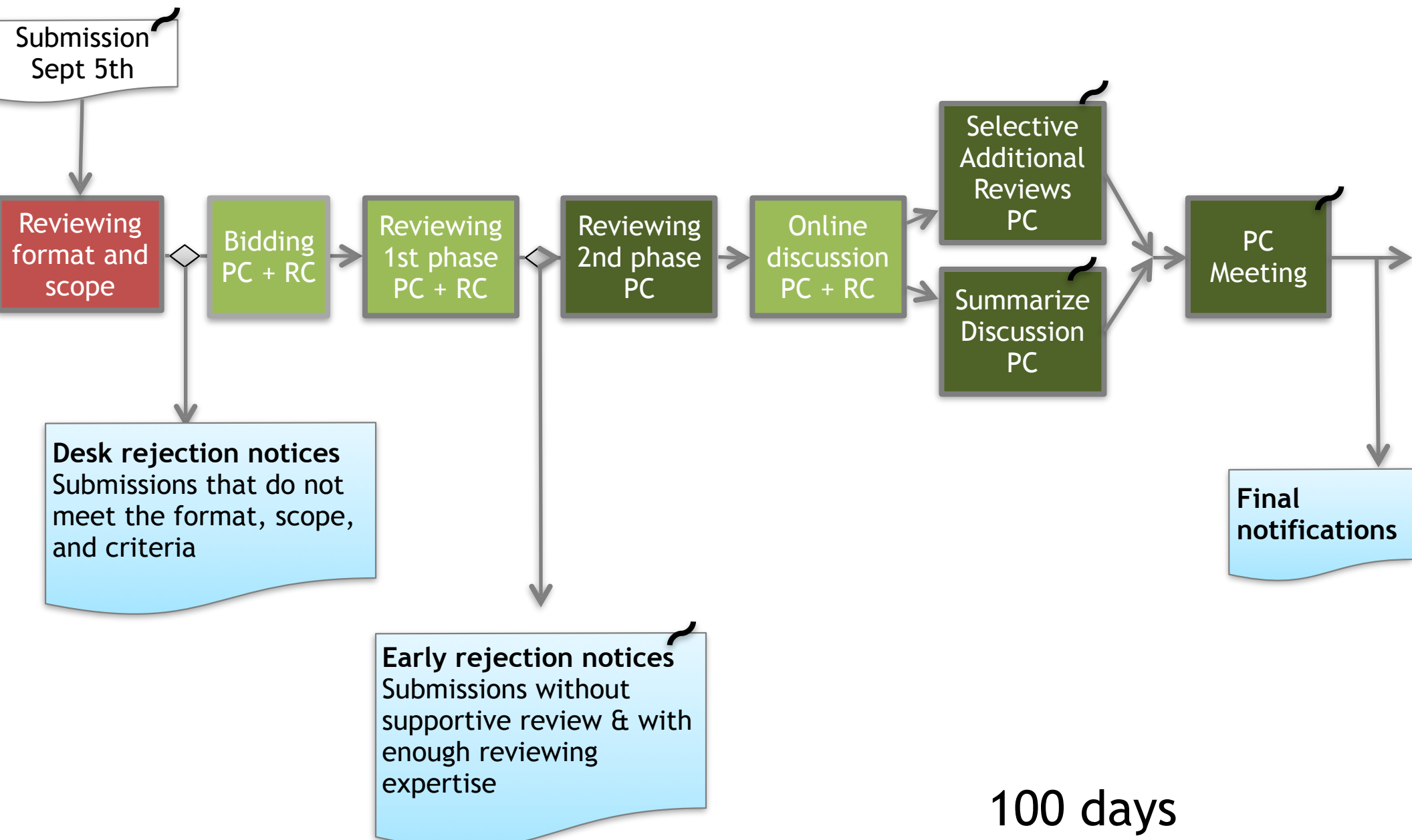
You will get checks
and feedback

Meet the deadlines!

Online Discussions

- Ask clarifying questions
- Understand different positions
- *RC*: make sure your “voice” is heard
- *PC Lead*: launch and summarize

Meet the deadlines!



PC + RC

PC

Wrinkles

- Submissions have Topics and **Categories**
- Committees members submissions treated as any other, but won't receive early notification
- May add a **4th reviewer** after online discussion
- Submissions with enough support after online discussion will be **accepted without discussion @PC**
- **Summary** will drive discussion @PC meeting
- No shepherding / no rebuttal

Timeline

Date	Activities	PC	RC
Sept 5	Submission Deadline		
Sept 8 - 11	Bidding for papers	X	X
Sept 12	Desk rejection notification		
Sept 16 - Oct 25	First round of reviews	X	X
Oct 30 - Nov 16	Second round of reviews	X	
Nov 12	Early rejection notification		
Nov 18 - 30	Online discussion	X	X
Dec 5 -	Summarize discussion	X	
Dec 2 - 8	Selective additional reviews	X	
Dec 12 - 13	PC meeting	X	
Dec 20	Final notification		
Jan - Feb	Survey, Distinguished Paper Selection	X	

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PC meeting

- Scuola Superiore S. Anna, Pisa
- December 12 - 13
- Details forthcoming

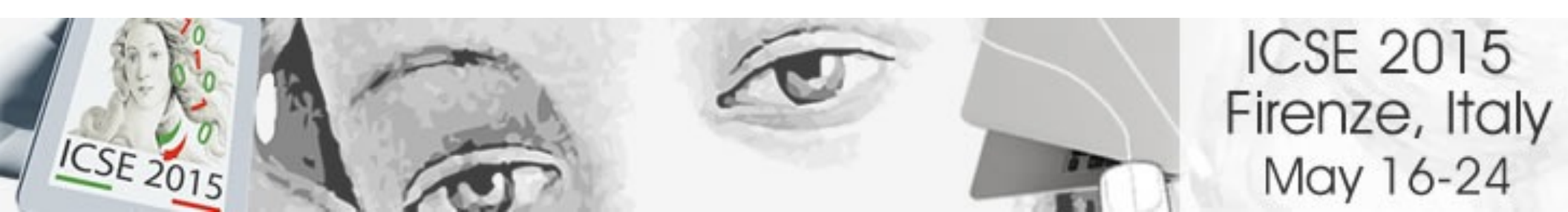


In Sync

- Got questions, suggestions, are stuck? Ask/tell
- Regular emails for next 6 months
- Perform tasks by deadlines
- *FAQ* in ICSE submission site
- Authors/committees evaluation

TODO

- Schedule time in your calendars for bidding, reviewing, and discussing
- Let us know if you got questions
- Promote conference (link to CFP?)
- Prepare your submissions



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Program and Review Committees Meeting

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