**Guidelines for the publication of similar research in conference papers and journal articles**

The publishing of, often preliminary, data in conference proceedings and then re-publishing these data subsequently as part of a more substantial paper, usually in a journal, is an established and acceptable practice across the physical sciences.

It is clearly important to ensure quality and consistency of any publication that appears in the public domain under Departmental/University authorship, whether the paper is to be submitted to a conference or a journal. It is the formal responsibility of the University’s Office of Scholarly Communication to ensure that standards of publication are maintained.

The following guidelines have been formulated by the Department of Engineering Ethics Committee to ensure that any duplication in published results and data conform to the required standards;

(a) It should be clear how the subsequent work follows on from and extends the previously published work and that the subsequent work should be properly referenced to include the original paper;

(b) The verbatim duplication of blocks of text or diagrams (for example, 'copy-and-pasted') should be avoided for both quality and copyright issues, unless this would compromise the quality of the paper (key figures, for example should not be re-drawn unnecessarily, and introductory material can reasonably be re-stated verbatim);

(c) The new material in the subsequent publication should be placed clearly into context relative to the original publication.

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