

To: IAFSS Executive committee
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Re: Possibility of publishing 11th IAFSS proceedings in Elsevier *Procedia Engineering*

During the last exec committee conference call we decided not to produce a hardcopy of the proceedings from the 11th symposium. I raised the issue of possibly publishing the proceeding in Elsevier *Procedia Engineering* as was done for the 9th AOSFST symposium (<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/18777058/62>). For those of you that may not be aware, *Procedia Engineering* (<http://www.journals.elsevier.com/procedia-engineering>) is an open access conference proceedings that Elsevier publishes on *ScienceDirect*. There was wide spread interest in this possibility and I agreed to make first contact with Elsevier regarding this idea. I recently talked with Joe d'Angelo about the possibility of publishing the proceedings from the 11th IAFSS in *Procedia Engineering* and he was very supportive of the idea. Below are some summary comments from my discussion with Joe d'Angelo.

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- The current review process is sufficiently rigorous to meet the review standards of *Procedia Engineering* and has been approved as a suitably high standard publication to be included in *Procedia Engineering*
- There is a one-time cost for publishing in *Procedia Engineering* that is on the order of \$6,000 for the first 100 papers. There is a fee of \$55 per additional paper over the first 100.
- To publish in *Procedia Engineering*, we would need to reformat the papers into their template. I don't see this as a big issue. We could simply go back to the corresponding authors and tell them that they have the opportunity to have their paper published in *Procedia Engineering* as long as they reformat their paper in the template provided. We simply give them a deadline to do so and chase the stragglers. If an author does not provide a copy of the paper, it will not be included.
- Once the papers are given to Elsevier in the correct format, it only takes about 8 weeks to appear online.
- *Sciencedirect.com* is accessed by over 17 million unique scientists and professionals on a monthly basis, last year more than 800 million articles were accessed, of which 7 million article downloads came from *Procedia* journals (and rapidly growing). This ensures maximum visibility and reach of conference proceedings as well as providing additional exposure for the IAFSS. The papers will be indexed in Scopus and application will be made

for inclusion in Ei Engineering Village and to Thomson Reuter's Conference Proceedings Citation Index.

As a regular contributor to the symposium, I believe this is an excellent way for the association to increase the exposure of the work that we all put so much time into producing. This also solves many of the negative issues highlighted at our last meeting caused by not publishing a hardcopy of the proceedings.

As a way forward, I recommend that we have a special meeting/call to discuss this so that we can keep the process moving. I fear the further out from the symposium we leave this the more difficulty we might have with authors reformatting their papers. I suggest that we invite Joe d'Angelo or a colleague of his to call in and answer questions. I look forward to discussing this with everyone.

Best regards,

Charley