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To whom it may concern

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LIPICs: Fee adjustments in the coming years

Dear colleague,

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of an upcoming adjustment to our Article Processing Charge (APC). Effective from January 1, 2026, the APC will increase from 60 € (net) to 80 € (net) per article or per 20 pages. This is the first price revision since 2019, a decision we have approached with careful consideration. Over the past several years, especially the rising costs of wages and energy have significantly impacted our operational expenses, making this adjustment necessary to continue providing the high-quality service you have come to expect from us.

Between 2016 and 2023, the wage costs at Schloss Dagstuhl – Leibniz Center for Informatics have already increased by approx. 15 % in average. Now, wages just increased by 4.76 % in 2024 and will increase again by 5.50 % in 2025.¹ At the same time, energy costs have risen significantly over the same period.

Unfortunately, despite a significantly more efficient workflow, the revenues of 60 € (net) generated by the previous APC are no longer sufficient to cover the growing operating costs. Nevertheless, Schloss Dagstuhl continues to strive to cover as much of the costs as possible through the fees, thereby demonstrating our ongoing commitment to proving that open access publishing can be affordable without compromising on quality.

¹See development of collective wages in the public sector in Germany: <https://www.destatis.de/DE/Themen/Arbeit/Verdienste/Tarifverdienste-Tarifbindung/Tabellen/entwicklung-tarifverdienste-im-oeffentlichen-dienst-ab-2005.html>

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It is important to note that the upcoming price increase to 80 € (net) does not alter our fundamental cost calculation model. As before, the base price applies per paper if the average length of articles in the volume is 20 pages or fewer. For articles exceeding 20 pages, the charge is calculated per 20-page block. Rest assured, title page(s) containing author information, abstract, keywords, and additional metadata, as well as the bibliography are excluded from this page count, ensuring authors are not penalized for essential publication content.

While costs have undoubtedly risen between 2016 and 2023, it is worth highlighting that Dagstuhl Publishing has also made significant strides in enhancing both the scope and quality of the publication services we offer. Alongside improvements in service, the burden on authors and editors has been notably reduced. Our expanded publication processes are now strongly supported by the DSUB submission system², developed in-house to streamline workflows. Furthermore, with the launch of our new Publication Server DROPS 2.0³ last year, the user experience has greatly improved, offering extended metadata and enhanced usability. These advancements allow us to continue delivering high-quality, cutting-edge publications while making the submission and editorial processes more efficient and user-friendly.

We appreciate your understanding and ongoing support as we strive to maintain our standards in an evolving research and economic landscape.

We would appreciate when you could inform your colleagues in the steering committee of your conference.

We hope for your understanding and continued cooperation.

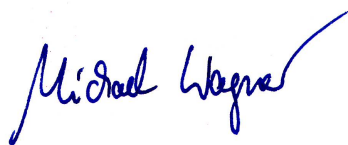
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²See <https://submission.dagstuhl.de/>

³See <https://drops.dagstuhl.de/>