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1. Introduction

1.1 Scope and Purpose

The product our team has developed, Conference Management System (CMS) supports the automatic management of information related to scientific conferences. This facilitates organizing and participating in scientific conferences.

The user guide will present a number of typical use cases from the perspective of a site administrator, author, program committee member, chair and listener.

It is expected of users to understand the general process behind a scientific conference.

1.2 Process Overview

The software manages the creation and management of conferences, participation in a conference (as listener, speaker, session chair) and the submission & review part of the papers proposed for the conference.

Typical sequence for using the software to manage

- 1. Connect to your CMS account
- 2. Create / manage conferences
- 3. Sign up for a conference (if not site administrator)
- 4. Submit a paper for the conference (if applicable)
- 5. Manage review process/ review paper(if applicable)



2. Connect to your CMS account

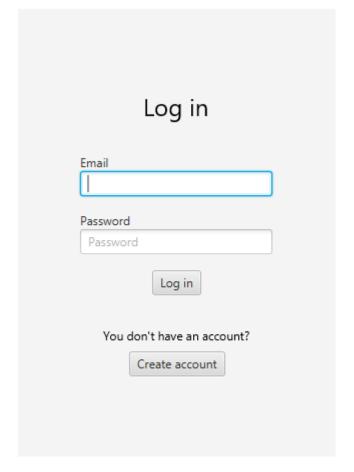
In order to use the application, the user must log into their CMS account using an e-mail and password. If the user does not have an account, they can create one.

2.1 Log in to your account

When starting the application, you will be faced with the login screen. Enter your email and associated password to connect to your account. If you do not have an account, move to 2.1.2.

2.1.1 To log in

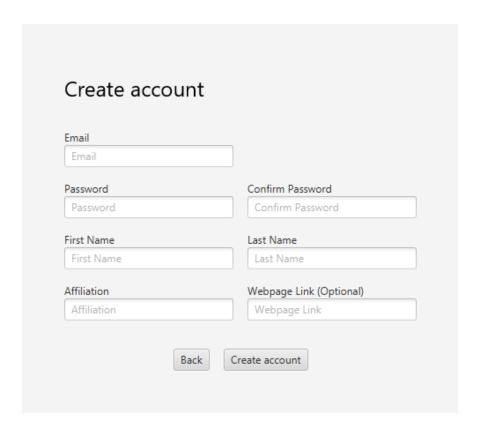
- 1. Enter your email in the field marked as such.
- 2. Enter your password in the field marked as such
- 3. Press enter or the button marked "Log In".





2.1.2 To create account

- 1. Enter your email in the field marked as such.
- 2. Enter your password twice in the fields marked as such.
- 3. Enter your first name in the field marked as such.
- 4. Enter your last name in the field marked as such.
- 5. Enter the organization you are affiliated to in the field marked as such
- 6. Optionally, enter a webpage link
- 7. Press the button labeled "Create account".
- 8. Refer to 2.1.1.



If you have entered this page by mistake, simply press the button labelled "Back".

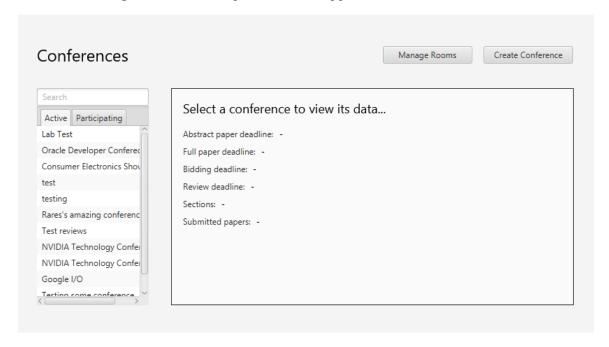


3 Create/Manage Conference

The creation of conferences is handled by a site administrator and they can be managed by both a site administrator and chair member of the respective conference.

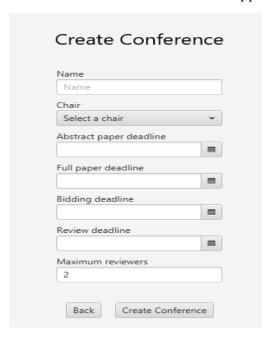
3.1 Manage conferences

When starting the application after logging in as a site administrator, you will be faced with a screen detailing the conferences present in the application, similar to this.



3.1.1 Create conference (as site administrator)

1. Press the button labelled "Create Conference" in the upper right.





- 2. Enter the name of the conference in the field marked as such.
- 3. Select the chair from the list of available chairs.
- 4. Select the abstract paper deadline.
- 5. Select the bidding deadline.
- 6. Select the review deadline.
- 7. Select the maximum number of reviewers.
- 8. Press the button labelled "Create Conference".
- 9. You will be taken to the previous screen, where the newly-created conference will be visible.

3.1.2 Manage Conference Rooms (as site administrator)

Press the button labelled "Manage rooms" in the upper right after selecting a conference on the left.

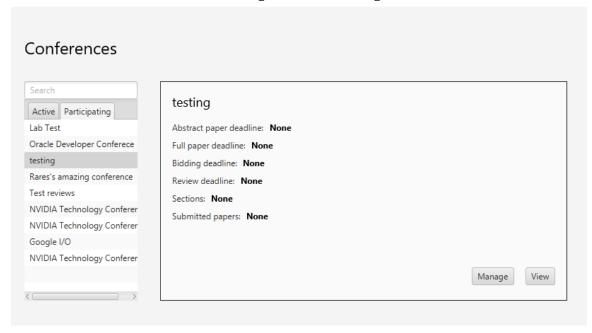


- a) Press "Edit" to change the number of seats available in the respective room.
- b) Press "Delete" to eliminate the room from the conference.
- c) Press "Add Room" to add a new room to the conference.



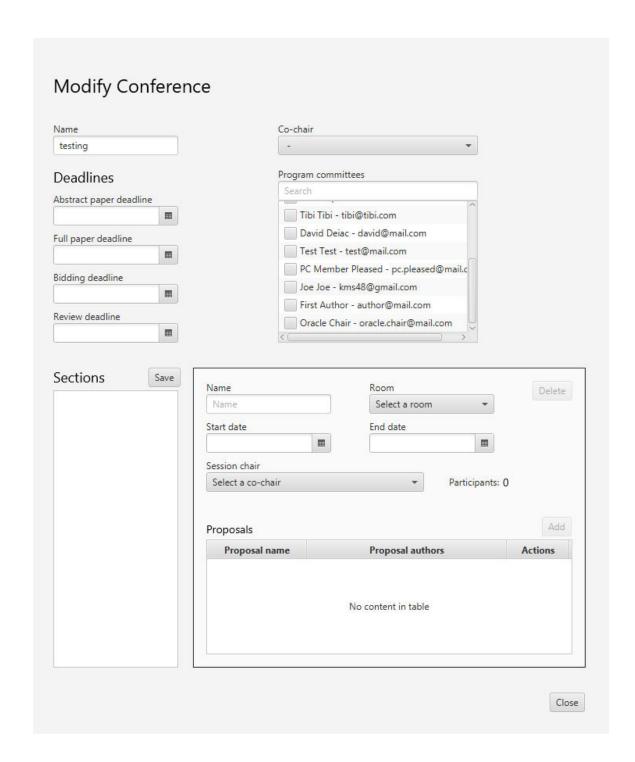
3.1.3 Manage Conference (as Chair)

- 1. View conferences where you will be participating by pressing the button "Participating" on the left.
- 2. Select a conference where you are the Chair.
- 3. Press the button labelled "Manage" on the lower right.



4. In the window that will appear, modify any of the content you want (name, deadlines, co-chair, PC members, Sections, etc.)





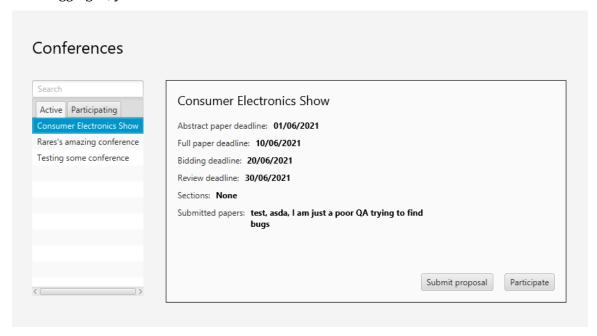


4 Sign up for a conference (if not a site administrator)

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4.1 Sign up for a conference

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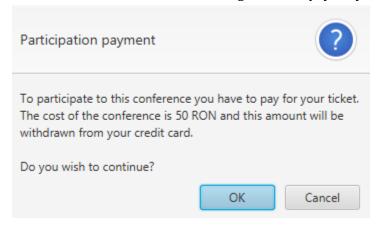
4.1.1 Participate in a conference

- 1. Select a conference you wish to participate in from the left-hand side.
- 2. Press the button labelled "Participate".
- 3. Choose the section in which you want to participate.





- 4. Press continue.
- 5. Press the button labelled "OK" on the following screen to pay for your ticket.



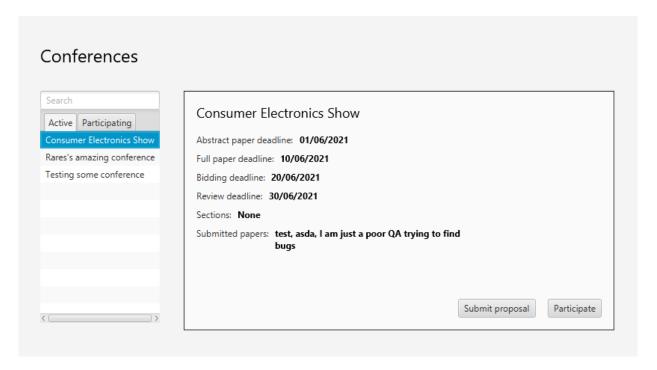


5 Submit proposal for a conference(if not a site administrator)

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5.1 Submit proposal for a conference

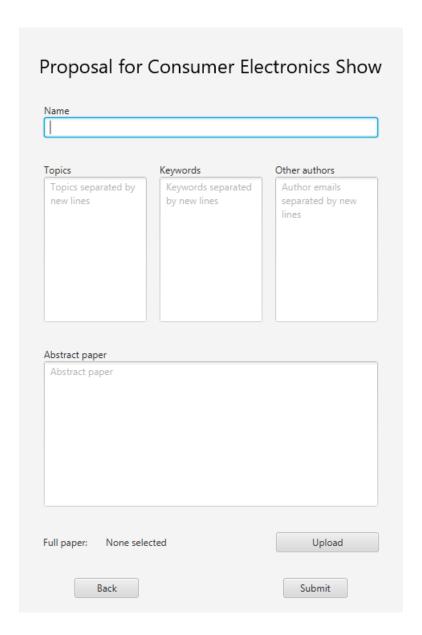
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5.1.1 To submit proposal for a conference

- 1. Select a conference you wish to participate in from the left-hand side.
- 2. Press the button labelled "Submit proposal".



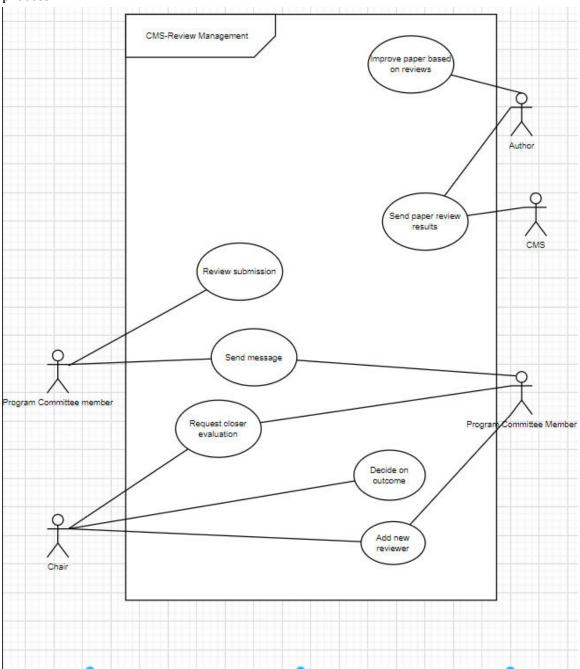


- 3. Enter a name for your proposal in the field marked as such.
- 4. Enter the topics of your proposal, separated by new lines.
- 5. Enter the keywords of your proposal, separated by new lines.
- 6. Enter the emails of the other authors of your proposal, separated by new lines.
- 7. Enter the abstract paper, in the field marked as such.
- 8. Upload the full paper from your PC, after pressing the button labelled "Upload".
- 9. Press the button labelled "Submit" in the lower right-hand side.



6 Manage review process/ add review

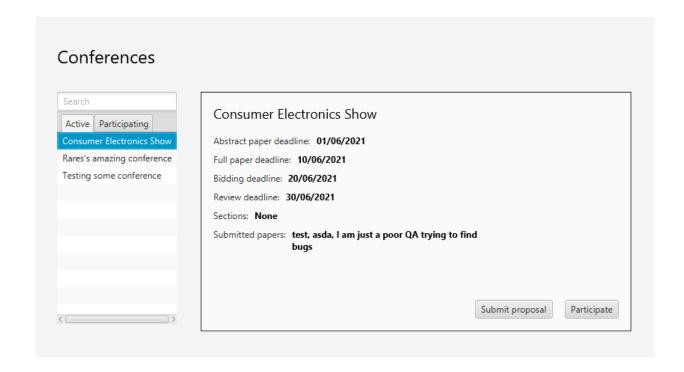
Program committee members can review papers, and the Chair can manage the review process.





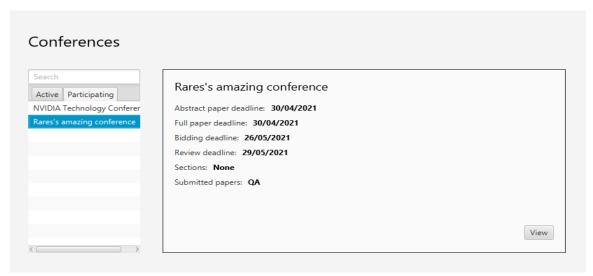
6.1 Bid on submission (as PC Member)

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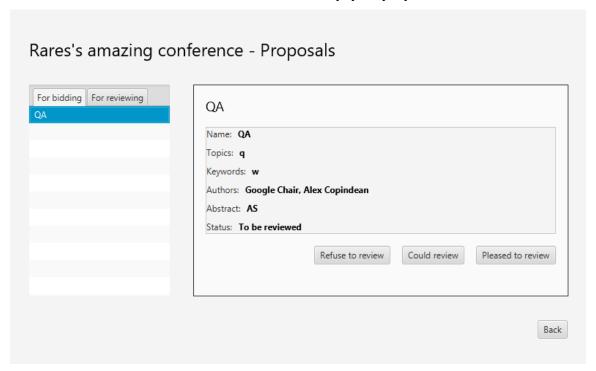
6.1.1 To bid on submission

1. View the conferences you are participating in by clicking on the "Participating" button on the left.



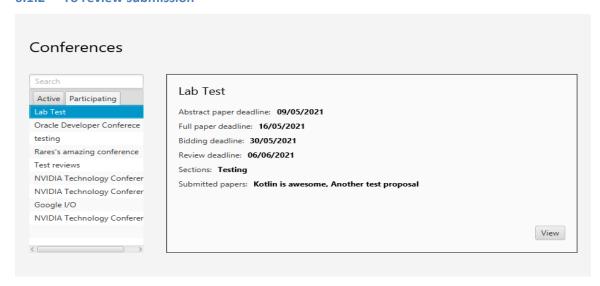


- 2. Select a conference to view details related to it.
- 3. Press the button labelled "View" to view the papers proposed.



- 4. Select a proposal open for bidding on the left.
- 5. Press one of the buttons labelled "Refuse to review", "Could review", "Pleased to review" to inform the Chair of your desire to review the selected proposal.

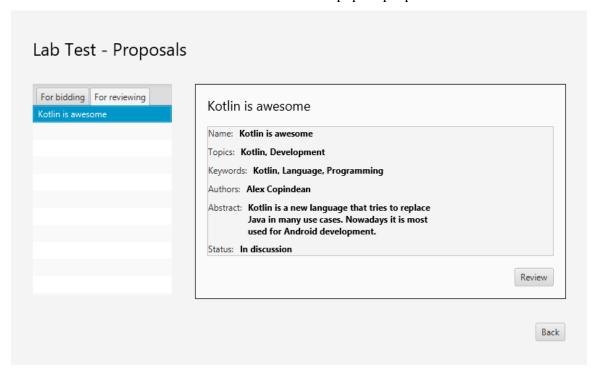
6.1.2 To review submission



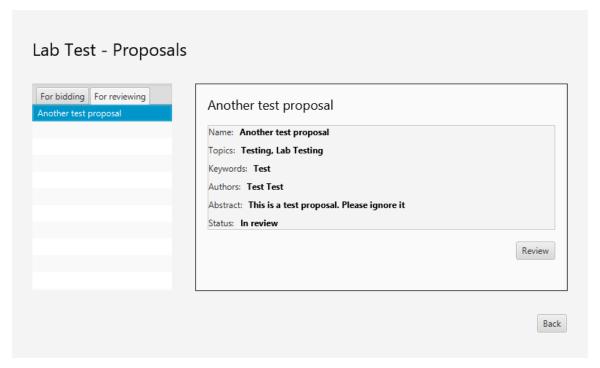
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- 4. Press the button labelled "For reviewing" to see papers open for reviewing.
- 5. Select a paper.
- 6. Press the button labelled "Review" to review it.





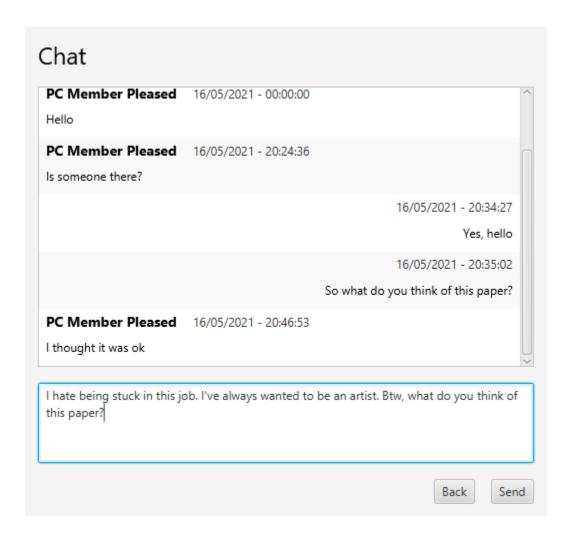
Kotlin is awesome - Review Review statement Name: Kotlin is awesome Strong accept Topics: Kotlin, Development Keywords: Kotlin, Language, Programming Recommendation Authors: Alex Copindean Write a recommendation (Optional) Status: In discussion Abstract paper: Kotlin is a new language that tries to replace Java in many use cases. Nowadays it is most used for Android development. Full paper: Open Close Chat Submit

- 7. Select a review statement for your review(Strong accept, weak accept, borderline paper, reject, etc.)
- 8. Add a recommendation for the author if so desired.
- 9. Press submit.



NOTE: You can chat with other reviewers by pressing the button labelled "Chat" and view the full paper by pressing the button labelled "Open"

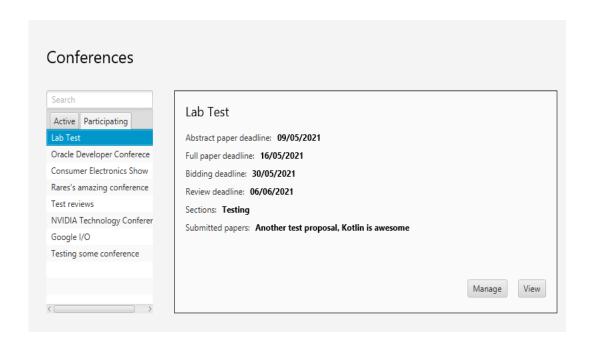




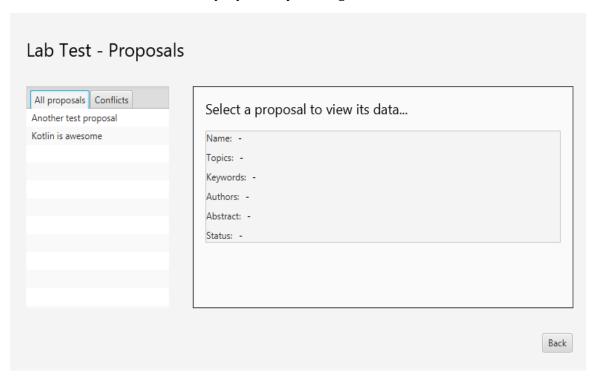
6.1.1 To resolve conflicts (papers with conflicting reviews) as chair

1. View the conferences you are participating in by clicking on the "Participating" button on the left.



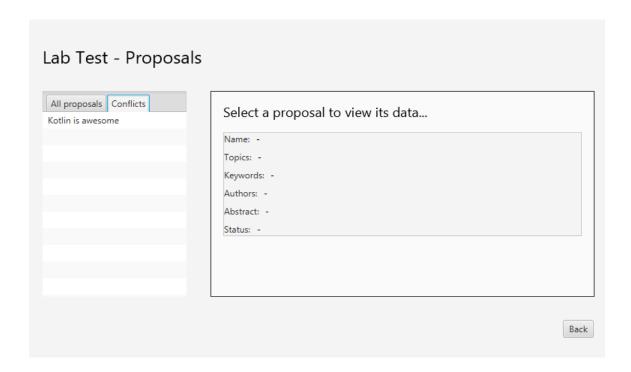


2. View the situation of the proposals by clicking on the button labelled "View".

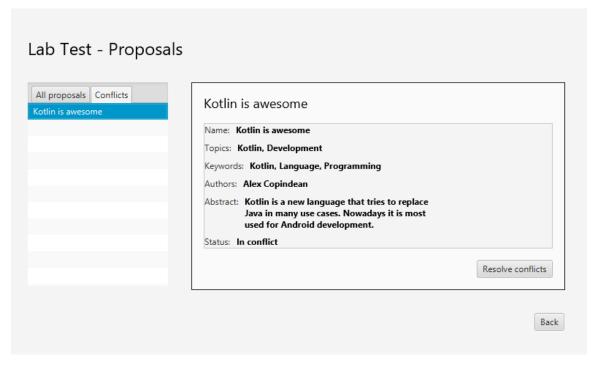


3. Press the button labelled "Conflicts" to see papers with conflicting reviews.





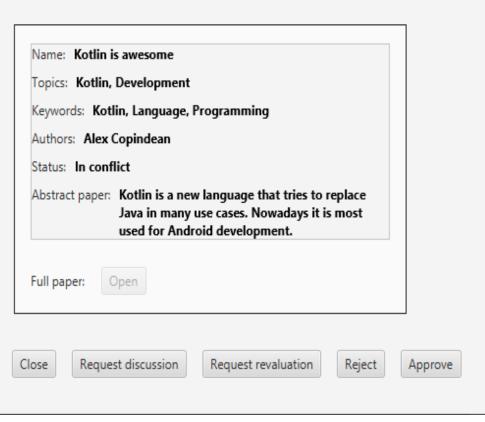
4. Select a paper from the left.



5. Press the button labelled "Resolve conflicts".

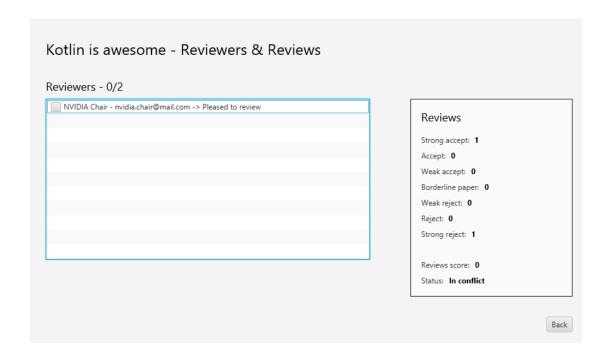


Kotlin is awesome - Resolve conflicts



- 6. Choose one of the following to resolve the situation:
 - Reject or approve the paper yourself
 - 1. Click on the button labelled "Reject" or the one labelled "Approve" to reject or approve the paper, respectively.
 - Request discussion among the reviewers so their reviews are of the same nature
 - 1. Click on the button labelled "Request discussion".
 - Request reevaluation by a new body of reviewers.
 - 1. Press the button "Request revaluation".
 - 2. From the new window, choose a new body of reviewers.







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