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Objet: AISTATS 2017: Reviewing starts
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Dear Romain Tavenard,

Paper reviewing has started.

- 1. Please go over reviewer instructions at http://www.aistats.org/reviewer.html
- 2. Please log into the CMT website at: https://cmt.research.microsoft.com/AISTATS2017/ to review your assigned papers.

Reviews are due by: Wednesday Nov 23 5pm Pacific Time. This deadline is strict, as we cannot delay an already tight schedule. Please let us know *immediately* if there is any reason you cannot review the assigned papers.

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Finally, we would like to signal to newcomers to AISTATS (and to machine-learning conferences generally) that the review process is envisioned in exactly the same spirit as in a top quality journal. Accepted contributions are published in proceedings, and acceptance is competitive, so authors can rightly include these contributions in their publication list, on par with papers published in top quality journals. Meanwhile, AISTATS is a highly competitive conference with limited presentation space, thus not every paper, sometimes even good ones, can be accepted. In recent years, the acceptance rate of AISTATS has been around 30%.

Best, Aarti and Jerry AISTATS 2017 Chairs