# **COMCAS2009** Author Instructions for Final Paper Submission

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## In conclusion

We hope that you find the structure and layout of the author submission process easy to use and informative. Looking forward to seeing you in Tel Aviv for COMCAS2009!

Best Regards,

Barry Perlman and Roger Pollard Co-Chairs, COMCAS2009 Technical Program Committee