**FORMAT FOR PROCEEDINGS ARTICLE SUBMISSION FOR QUIS 19**

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ABSTRACT

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* either use bullet points like this, with no lines in between, or,
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REFERENCES

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