

Communication in Computer Science

# **The aftermath of your paper**

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# Plan

- Questions
- Requests
- Citations (from yourself and from others)
- Followup work
- Corrigenda (ahem)
- Side effects

# Someone asks you a question

You are accountable for your paper:

- send an immediate acknowledgment
- prepare an answer
- run your answer by your co-authors
- send the answer after all co-authors agree

# Someone sends you a request

It depends which kind of request:

check it out with your PhD advisor.

# Someone cites your work

## Congratulations!

# Someone uses your work

There is no bigger scientific compliment.

# Someone plagiarizes your work

Plagiarism is the sincerest form of flattery,  
but still: talk with your PhD advisor.

# Someone finds a bug in your work

- send an immediate acknowledgment and say that you are double-checking
- double check
- talk to your PhD advisor



# If the bug isn't one

- draft a polite reply and run it by your co-authors
- send the reply and see what happens

## If the bug is a genuine one

- prepare a corrigendum and run it by your co-authors (aren't you happy to have co-authors?)
- send the corrigendum and see what happens
- once the dust has settled, put the corrigendum in your web page

# Side effect of publishing

Your message precedes you.

(And you will graduate Real Soon Now.)

# More side effects of publishing

Your messages precede you.

(And you have graduated. Yay!)

# Even more side effects

Your reputation precedes you.

(But it is a while since you graduated.)