4606 Committee
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Conflict of Interest
Abusayeed Saifullah, PC member several years, published paper, close association with several
persons with strong COI. CoI managed by moderation in discussion.

Conference to be ranked as A*

Justification
SenSys has never had a full review and so was on the review list. They applied to retain the rank
of A*.

SenSys is 1 of 4 SIGMobile conferences, of which 2 are rank A, and 2 are A*. In terms of
citations and author strength Mobicom is the highest performer, and SenSys the weakest. It is
also similar in scope to IPSN which is also A* and has slightly stronger citations and author
strength.

The citations of SenSys at the 25th centile are a little above B, but quite far from A. Google h5
is 36, which although quite strong is well outside the top 20, where the 20th venue is 64.

The PC is very strong with a median h-index of 22 and 55 of 64 members being established
researchers. The established researchers are publishing primarily in A* venues, especially IPSN
and Mobicom, with SenSys as their first choice,

The submission identifies 10 very strong people who are regularly involved and attend often to
always.
The area leaders list is not reproducible and it is not clear to what extent it contains the
leaders in the area, as opposed to good people in the area. Of this list, there is not much
publishing in SenSys, with only 2 publishing there in more than 1 year, and a further 3
publishing there in 1 year only. Author strength measured at the 25th centile is closer to B than
to A.

The area committee was split between A and A*, so it was reviewed further by both some Chairs
from other areas, and by the Advisory Committee. There was initially a clear majority of this
group recommending A. However after lengthy discussion it was decided that all the system
conferences at A and A* should be reviewed together, otherwise there was a danger of
inconsistencies. Consequently it was decided to leave SenSys at A* for now, but to require that
it and other A/A* system conferences all be reviewed next round.