



4602 Committee

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Conflicts of Interest

Christian has a weak conflict (see below) - he will participate in discussion but not the decision-making

"Several of my colleagues at the institute have published at COINE in recent years or submitted a paper this year"

Michael has a weak conflict (see below) - he will participate in discussion, but not the decision-making.

"Have published there in 2008, 2011 and 2015. Submitters are former colleagues (I was at Otago in the same department 2009-2019) and collaborators. I continue to collaborate with Stephen Cranefield."

Decision

Conference to be ranked as C

Justification

COINE was on the "needs to be reviewed" list. They applied to retain their "B" rank.

Unfortunately, the evidence was simply not consistent with a B rank: it's a small event with a high acceptance rate, and while the PC does have a reasonable proportion of stronger people, most of them have not published at COINE recently (although this might be somewhat reduced by COINE not being held in 2018-2019 - which was not explained). The involvement of strong people was noted, but was not considered to be sufficient evidence to counteract the factors already noted.