



4602 Committee

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Conflicts of Interest

Eneko Aguirre has a moderate conflict (publishing 3+ full papers there in the last 5 years). He participated in discussion but not the final decision-making (i.e. managed by moderation)

Reza Haffari has a strong COI (one of the submitters) - managed by exclusion from all processes on this submission

Decision

Conference to be ranked as A*

Justification

EMNLP is clearly the leading conference in its area, and all the indicators were strong: involvement of strong people in the PC, very strong citations.

The analysis of area leaders provided was problematic since the submitters manually "removed those from mainly other fields (e.g., physics, computer vision, speech processing, data mining)", making it impossible to repeat the analysis, or to be sure that this removal was not done in such a way that it made EMNLP look stronger.

The analysis was therefore rerun. The result showed that EMNLP was the #1 venue of choice for the area leaders:

1. Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)
This venue was published at 108 times by 10 of 13 individuals in the last 5+ years.
2. Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)
This venue was published at 84 times by 10 of 13 individuals in the last 5+ years.
3. North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL)
This venue was published at 36 times by 10 of 13 individuals in the last 5+ years.

The committee was unanimous in recommending an A* ranking.