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Conflict of Interest None

Decision Conference to be ranked/tagged as B.

## Justification

This conference was on the list to be reviewed as to whether B was still justified. The submission applied for A. However citations clearly align with B rather than A ranking, while author strength is also B/C level. The PC has a large number of very junior people - 31 with h-index 0-4 and 40 with 5-9. However there are also a large number of established researchers, including some who are very strong. A reasonable number of the established researchers are also publishing in the conference. ARES has attracted a well-established small circle of researchers in computer security. It clearly deserves to retain its B ranking.