



#### 4613 Committee

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#### Conflicts of Interest

None

#### Decision

Conference to be decided as a MULTICONFERENCE

#### Justification

ICCS is on the list to be reviewed as to whether to retain rank A. It requested rank A.

In the initial individual evaluations views ranged from A to C. After discussion the decision was tending towards B until a committee member noted that it fits CORE's definition of multiconference as it has different tracks with their own chairs and committees, These may be of varying quality. In the proceedings there is no way to access only papers in the main track, or evaluate the main track separately from the other tracks. For these reasons it was determined to label it as a multiconference, in line with other venues of a similar structure.

In terms of impact the citations are at a level for C conferences, and there is no google h5 although it is unclear why.

The Program Committee has a low median h-index of 8.5 and a very junior PC with only 35 of the 102 members recognised as established researchers (Scopus h-index 12+). These 35 established researchers are mostly publishing in B and C ranked conferences, rather than A/A\*. ICCS is the most popular venue.

Some of the top people picked publish actively or regularly at ICCS, but some other top people picked rarely publish in ICCS in the last 5 years. The academic honors of these top people picked are impressive. However none of them publish there every year and only 50% of them attend often. Despite the fact that there are some very strong people publishing here, the strength of authors in general is only at the level of C conferences.

The area leaders picked are not really reliable, as they are simply editors of selected journals with h-index > 45 and not all the journals are Q1. It would have been preferable if the list had been made up of ACM or IEEE fellows with a few editors of very high ranking journals. Nevertheless it is clear that some very high profile people do publish there.