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Zhifeng Bao and Wenjie Zhang had a moderate CoI which was managed by moderation during discussion and exclusion from final decision

Conference to be ranked as A*

ICDE is a flagship and unique venue that covers the full pipeline of data processing, from dataset discovery, data preparation (cleaning and integration), to (analytical) query processing, data mining and front-end analysis result presentation/visualization. Its uniqueness, as compared to traditional data management and traditional data mining venues, is significant in producing practical (end-to-end) data engineering solutions in the broad field of data science. Google h5 index is 55, which is ranked 7th among all the conferences in the area of databases and information systems. All higher ranked conferences are A* such as WWW, SIGIR, VLDB and SIGMOD. The conference is ranked A (highest) by CCF. PC chairs also have strong track record (e.g., h-index of PC chairs ranges from 41 to 76), and median h-index of PC members is 34. The proportion of PC established researchers is 17%, which is another strong indicator, and ICDE is the Top 3 venues where PC established researchers publish. Top 3 venues where PC established researchers publish: SIGMOD (A*), ICDE (A*), EDBT (A). The top ten strong regular participants are all IEEE fellows working in the areas relevant to ICDE, with an h-index of at least 67; moreover, they publish at least 3 papers per year in the last three years. Top 20 area leaders in the field of databases regularly publish at ICDE, with an h index of at least 52. The conference generally receives around 600 submissions and the acceptance rate is around 25%.