Committee: CORE exec, March 2017, Lin Padgham, Alistair Moffat, Gill Dobbie, John Grundy, David Abramson.

All IASTED tagged conferences were removed from the 2017 list due to concerns regarding academic legitimacy. Concerns were based on the document at http://anti-plagiarism-org.blogspot.com.au/2009/01/black-list-of-conferences-and-journals.html, supported by many other comments found when googling for "legitimacy of IASTED conferences".

Amongst other things this site states:

"The anti-plagiarism.org tested the IASTED by sending to them 3 randomly generated talks and — unfortunately they have been accepted in IASTED Conferences. It is also well known that IASTED, Dr. Hamza, is a profit making company."

CORE has not itself investigated these conferences but the executive believe that the widespread concerns expressed on the internet are sufficient reason to remove these conferences from the CORE listing.