



**Submission Data for 2017 CORE conference Re-ranking process  
European Conference on Information Retrieval**

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## Conference Details

### Conference

Title: European Conference on Information Retrieval  
Acronym : ECIR  
Rank: B

### Requested Rank

Requested Rank: A

### Recent Years

#### Most Recent Year

Year: 2017  
URL: <http://www.ecir2017.org/>  
Papers submitted: 135  
Papers published: 36  
Acceptance rate: 27  
Source for acceptance rate: <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-319-56608-5#toc>

### Program Chairs

Name: Prof Joemon Jose Affiliation: University of Glasgow, UK H index: 36 Google Scholar URL: <a href="https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=7t8ha2sAAAAJ">https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=7t8ha2sAAAAJ</a> DBLP URL: <a href="http://dblp.uni-trier.de/pers/hd/j/Jose:Joemon_M=">http://dblp.uni-trier.de/pers/hd/j/Jose:Joemon_M=</a>
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Name: Claudia Hauff Affiliation: Delft University of Technology, NL H index: 20 Google Scholar URL: <a href="https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=gMUKVkkAAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=gMUKVkkAAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a> DBLP URL: <a href="http://dblp.uni-trier.de/pers/hd/h/Hauff:Claudia">http://dblp.uni-trier.de/pers/hd/h/Hauff:Claudia</a>
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### General Chairs

Name: Ayse Goker Affiliation: Robert Gordon University, UK H index: -1 Google Scholar URL: <a href="http://unknown.host/A">http://unknown.host/A</a> DBLP URL: <a href="http://dblp.uni-trier.de/pers/hd/g/G=ouml=ker:Ayse">http://dblp.uni-trier.de/pers/hd/g/G=ouml=ker:Ayse</a>
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### Second Most Recent Year

Year: 2016  
URL: <http://ecir2016.dei.unipd.it/>  
Papers submitted: 201  
Papers published: 42  
Acceptance rate: 21  
Source for acceptance rate: <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-319-30671-1>

## Program Chairs

Name: Fabio Crestani  
Affiliation: University of Lugano, Switzerland  
H index: 34  
Google Scholar URL: <https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=EoGBsiMAAAAJ&hl=en>  
DBLP URL: <http://dblp.uni-trier.de/pers/hd/c/Crestani:Fabio>

Name: Marie-Francine Moens  
Affiliation: KU Leuven, Belgium  
H index: 35  
Google Scholar URL: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=09hYMUUAAAAJ>  
DBLP URL:

## General Chairs

Name: Nicola Ferro  
Affiliation: University of Padua  
H index: 24  
Google Scholar URL: [https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=MP\\_m6wgAAAAJ](https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=MP_m6wgAAAAJ)  
DBLP URL: <http://dblp.uni-trier.de/pers/hd/f/Ferro:Nicola>

## Third Most Recent Year

Year: 2015  
URL: <http://ecir2015.ifs.tuwien.ac.at/wp/>  
Papers submitted: 190  
Papers published: 44  
Acceptance rate: 23  
Source for acceptance rate: <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-319-16354-3>

## Program Chairs

Name: Gabriella Kazai  
Affiliation: Semion Ltd, UK  
H index: 31  
Google Scholar URL: <https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=0U23q0UAAAAJ>  
DBLP URL: <http://dblp.uni-trier.de/pers/hd/k/Kazai:Gabriella>

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Affiliation: Vienna University of Technology, Austria  
H index: 33  
Google Scholar URL: [https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=\\_hR4cSAAAAJ](https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=_hR4cSAAAAJ)  
DBLP URL:

## General Chairs

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H index: 44  
Google Scholar URL: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=p53Ht7UAAAAJ&hl=en>  
DBLP URL: <http://dblp.uni-trier.de/pers/hd/f/Fuhr:Norbert>

Name: Andreas Rauber  
Affiliation: Vienna University of Technology, Austria  
H index: 39  
Google Scholar URL: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=ZF9JHnUAAAAJ&hl=en>  
DBLP URL:

## External Ranks

### Google Scholar Rank

Sub-category URL:  
[https://scholar.google.com.au/citations?view\\_op=top\\_venues&hl=en&vq=eng\\_databasesinformationsystems](https://scholar.google.com.au/citations?view_op=top_venues&hl=en&vq=eng_databasesinformationsystems)  
Position in sub-category: 20+  
h5-index of 20th item in subcategory: 32  
h5-index of this conference: 23  
Next conference above portal link: None  
h5-index of above conference: None  
Next conference below portal link: None  
h5-index of below conference: None

## LiveSHINE rank

Class: A  
H-index: 56  
RankH-index: 142  
Avg citations: 16  
RankAvgCitations: 274  
ClassAvgCitations: B  
Publications: 946  
Citations: 14747

## Microsoft Academic rank

Class: A-  
FiledRating: 54  
RankFieldRating: 232  
ClassFieldRating: A-  
Avg citations: 12  
RankAvgCitations: 306  
ClassAvgCitations: B  
Publications: 1250  
Citations: 15210

## Where others publish

### General Report

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List of people with h-indices:

No.	Name	h index	url
1	Gerard Salton	65	<a href="https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=PmJ2544AAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=PmJ2544AAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a>
2	Susan T. Dumais	91	<a href="https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=x8dED5cAAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=x8dED5cAAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a>
3	Thorsten Joachims	61	<a href="https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=5tk1PV8AAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=5tk1PV8AAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a>
4	Eric Horvitz	106	<a href="https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=V40PEAgAAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=V40PEAgAAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a>
5	W. Bruce Croft	98	<a href="https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=ArV74ZMAAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=ArV74ZMAAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a>
6	Ricardo A. Baeza-Yates	72	<a href="https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=v9xULZwAAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=v9xULZwAAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a>
7	C. Lee Giles	86	<a href="https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=sAkg9T8AAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=sAkg9T8AAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a>
8	Ingemar J. Cox	71	<a href="https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=b88nUpYAAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=b88nUpYAAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a>
9	Peter Willett	78	<a href="https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=eW094IQAAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=eW094IQAAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a>
10	Marti A. Hearst	68	<a href="https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=Yy6xbCYAAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=Yy6xbCYAAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a>
11	Yiming Yang	46	<a href="https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=MlZq4XwAAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=MlZq4XwAAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a>
12	ChengXiang Zhai	72	<a href="https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=YU-baPIAAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=YU-baPIAAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a>
13	John R. Smith	67	<a href="https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=-HejxzYAAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=-HejxzYAAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a>
14	Maarten de Rijke	63	<a href="https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=AVDkgFIAAAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=AVDkgFIAAAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a>
15	Ellen M. Voorhees	53	<a href="https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=Bfs9j20AAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=Bfs9j20AAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a>
16	Wolfgang Nejdl	65	<a href="https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=LC62bdYAAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=LC62bdYAAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a>
17	Karen Spärck Jones	53	<a href="https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=HzDsagYAAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=HzDsagYAAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a>
18	Clement T. Yu	55	<a href="https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=buju2sYAAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=buju2sYAAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a>
19	Xiangji Huang	51	<a href="https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=EBeIY0wAAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=EBeIY0wAAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a>
20	James Allan	63	<a href="https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=-bLGegOAAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=-bLGegOAAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a>

Keyword: information.retrieval

Reference Item:

#### 5. European Conference on IR Research (ECIR)

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This conference was published at 46 times by 9 of 20 experts in the last 10 years.

The experts that publish at this conference are: Susan T. Dumais(4), Chengxiang Zhai(1), Thorsten Joachims(1), W. Bruce Croft(13), C. Lee Giles(5), Ricardo A. Baeza-Yates(4), Xiangji Huang(2), Wolfgang Nejdl(8), Ingemar J. Cox(8)

In 2005, there were 2 publications by 2 experts: Ricardo A. Baeza-Yates, Ingemar J. Cox

In 2006, there were 2 publications by 2 experts: Wolfgang Nejdl, Ingemar J. Cox

In 2007, there were 6 publications by 4 experts: W. Bruce Croft, C. Lee Giles, Susan T. Dumais, Wolfgang Nejdl

In 2008, there were 4 publications by 3 experts: W. Bruce Croft, Susan T. Dumais, Wolfgang Nejdl  
 In 2009, there were 11 publications by 5 experts: W. Bruce Croft, C. Lee Giles, Ricardo A. Baeza-Yates, Wolfgang Nejdl, Ingemar J. Cox  
 In 2010, there were 2 publications by 2 experts: Xiangji Huang, Ingemar J. Cox  
 In 2011, there were 4 publications by 4 experts: W. Bruce Croft, Thorsten Joachims, Ricardo A. Baeza-Yates, Chengxiang Zhai  
 In 2012, there were 4 publications by 4 experts: W. Bruce Croft, C. Lee Giles, Ingemar J. Cox, Ricardo A. Baeza-Yates  
 In 2013, there were 5 publications by 4 experts: Susan T. Dumais, W. Bruce Croft, Wolfgang Nejdl, Ingemar J. Cox  
 In 2014, there were 3 publications by 3 experts: W. Bruce Croft, C. Lee Giles, Xiangji Huang  
 In 2016, there were 3 publications by 2 experts: W. Bruce Croft, Ingemar J. Cox

9 out of the 20 experts published at this conference in 1 or more years  
 7 out of the 20 experts published at this conference in 2 or more years  
 6 out of the 20 experts published at this conference in 3 or more years  
 5 out of the 20 experts published at this conference in 4 or more years  
 3 out of the 20 experts published at this conference in 5 or more years  
 2 out of the 20 experts published at this conference in 7 or more years  
 1 out of the 20 experts published at this conference in 8 or more years

### Specialised Report

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1	Iadh Ounis	45	<a href="https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=rKQMXOEAAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=rKQMXOEAAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a>
2	Stephen E. Robertson	-1	<a href="http://not.present/">http://not.present/</a>
3	Mark Sanderson	45	<a href="https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=HmqvVqkAAAAJ">https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=HmqvVqkAAAAJ</a>
4	Justin Zobel	63	<a href="https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=uEHvqE8AAAAJ">https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=uEHvqE8AAAAJ</a>
5	Alistair Moffat	52	<a href="https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=r3xSME0AAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=r3xSME0AAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a>
6	Norbert Fuhr	44	<a href="https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=p53Ht7UAAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=p53Ht7UAAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a>
7	W. Bruce Croft	98	<a href="https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=ArV74ZMAAAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=ArV74ZMAAAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a> ;
8	Nicholas J. Belkin	50	<a href="https://scholar.google.de/citations?user=OKOG50IAAAAAJ&amp;hl=de">https://scholar.google.de/citations?user=OKOG50IAAAAAJ&amp;hl=de</a>
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13	Ryen W. White	49	<a href="https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=U69fiZMAAAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=U69fiZMAAAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a>
14	Arjen de Vries	42	<a href="https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=iH9TVHQAAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=iH9TVHQAAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a>
15	Mounia Lalmas	43	<a href="https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=wAr9G5sAAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=wAr9G5sAAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a>
16	C. J. van Rijsbergen	44	<a href="https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=NnFpD_sAAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=NnFpD_sAAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a>
17	Alan F. Smeaton	58	<a href="https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=o7xnW2MAAAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=o7xnW2MAAAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a>
18	Nick Craswell	42	<a href="https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=NXNZbEsAAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=NXNZbEsAAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a>
19	Barry Smyth	65	<a href="https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=UxqudeoAAAAJ">https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=UxqudeoAAAAJ</a>
20	Maarten de Rijke	63	<a href="https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=AVDkgFIAAAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=AVDkgFIAAAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a>

Keyword:

Reference Item:

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The experts that publish at this conference are: Nicholas J. Belkin(2), Mark Sanderson(12), Justin Zobel(2), Mounia Lalmas(11), Norbert Fuhr(6), Nick Craswell(6), Barry Smyth(10), Ryen W. White(2), W. Bruce Croft(13), Chengxiang Zhai(1), Alan F. Smeaton(8), Ricardo A. Baeza-Yates(4), Iadh Ounis(28), James Allan(10), Wolfgang Nejdl(8), Alistair Moffat(3)

In 2005, there were 9 publications by 4 experts: Iadh Ounis, Alan F. Smeaton, Ricardo A. Baeza-Yates, Barry Smyth  
 In 2006, there were 10 publications by 6 experts: Mark Sanderson, Mounia Lalmas, Norbert Fuhr, Wolfgang Nejdl, Barry Smyth, Alan F. Smeaton  
 In 2007, there were 20 publications by 9 experts: W. Bruce Croft, Mark Sanderson, Justin Zobel, Iadh Ounis, Mounia Lalmas, Norbert Fuhr, Wolfgang Nejdl, Nick Craswell, Barry Smyth  
 In 2008, there were 8 publications by 5 experts: Nicholas J. Belkin, W. Bruce Croft, Mark Sanderson, Iadh Ounis, Wolfgang Nejdl

In 2009, there were 21 publications by 11 experts: Mark Sanderson, Justin Zobel, Nick Craswell, Ryen W. White, W.

Bruce Croft, Alan F. Smeaton, Ricardo A. Baeza-Yates, Iadh Ounis, James Allan, Wolfgang Nejdl, Alistair Moffat

In 2010, there were 9 publications by 7 experts: Nicholas J. Belkin, Mark Sanderson, Iadh Ounis, Mounia Lalmas, Norbert Fuhr, Barry Smyth, Alan F. Smeaton

In 2011, there were 13 publications by 9 experts: W. Bruce Croft, Chengxiang Zhai, Ricardo A. Baeza-Yates, Iadh Ounis, James Allan, Mounia Lalmas, Nick Craswell, Barry Smyth, Ryen W. White

In 2012, there were 4 publications by 4 experts: Mounia Lalmas, W. Bruce Croft, Mark Sanderson, Ricardo A. Baeza-Yates

In 2013, there were 8 publications by 5 experts: Mounia Lalmas, W. Bruce Croft, Wolfgang Nejdl, Iadh Ounis, Norbert Fuhr

In 2014, there were 7 publications by 3 experts: W. Bruce Croft, Mark Sanderson, Iadh Ounis

In 2015, there were 6 publications by 3 experts: Mark Sanderson, Alistair Moffat, James Allan

In 2016, there were 9 publications by 5 experts: W. Bruce Croft, Mark Sanderson, Iadh Ounis, James Allan, Alistair Moffat

16 out of the 20 experts published at this conference in 1 or more years

15 out of the 20 experts published at this conference in 2 or more years

12 out of the 20 experts published at this conference in 3 or more years

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6 out of the 20 experts published at this conference in 5 or more years

4 out of the 20 experts published at this conference in 6 or more years

3 out of the 20 experts published at this conference in 8 or more years

2 out of the 20 experts published at this conference in 9 or more years

## **Comparator Conferences**

International Symposium on String Processing and Information Retrieval

International Conference on Theory and Practice of Digital Libraries (was ECDL until 2010)

International Conference on Web Information Systems Engineering

## **Other Information**

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### Attachments

N/A

### Summary Argument:

We believe that the European Conference in Information Retrieval (ECIR) should be graded at rank A.

- We have provided detailed evidence that the acceptance rates for ECIR are lower than SPIRE [CORE:B] (which is also a conference accepting information retrieval publications), and also TPD (previously ECDL) [CORE:A], which also sees significantly lower numbers of submissions. ECIR also has higher rankings on LiveShine and Microsoft Academic Rank than these conferences.
- We have provided detailed evidence for WISE [CORE:A]; WISE has variable acceptance rates; the PC chairs also appear to have some overlap from year-to-year of the conference. Not all PC chairs for WISE have Google Scholar listings. Finally, according to Google Scholar, the h-index of ECIR is markedly higher than for WISE.
- The ECIR conference is ranked 5th among the top information retrieval experts identified on Google Scholar with h-index > 45.
- ECIR is 2nd ranked conference among the IR experts with h-index > 40 I have selected (mainly Europeans).
- ECIR has a very long tradition, dating back to 40 years (as long as the premier CORE A\* ACM SIGIR Conference), and has been a key forum of dissemination for European and international researchers for over 3 decades.
- Finally, we note that European conferences in similar fields such as ECIS (European Conference on Information Systems), ECAI (European Conference on Artificial Intelligence) and EACL (European Association of Computational Linguistics) are all CORE:A conferences. Why should Europe's top information retrieval forum not be thus rated too?

### Additional Notes

"WARNING: nothing found for the following experts: Arjen De Vries, C. J. Van Rijsbergen, Maarten De Rijke"

The DBLP tool provided by CORE was unable to match any Dutch names, despite them having DBLP records. This has reduced the number of matches for ECIR.

In particular, Maarten De Rijke (H-index 63) has published 42 papers in ECIR; Arjen De Vries (H-index 42) has published 16.