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Request for higher Ranking A accepted

The submission requested a reranking from B to A.

The conference has been evolving rapidly in particular due to the emergence of blockchain technologies in the recent years. This is reflected by the low acceptance rates (23% in 2017, 25% in 2018 and 17% in 2019) and the conference attracting submissions and publications by a relatively larger number of respected researchers in the field of data security. According to the submission WPP report, the conference was published 31 times by 15 of 20 experts in the last 5 years. FC is ranked 3rd with regards to where top people publish, in comparison to TCC (ranked 24th) or ESORICS (ranked 5th). In addition, this conference has a high h5-index of 46 according to the submission and an h5-median of 74 according to Google scholar. The technical program committee chairs have been mostly established and well cited researchers in the areas of applied cryptography, blockchains and security. The committee noted the relatively low engagement of the program committee members with only 10 of the 54 established researchers in the PC publishing in the conference more than once. The committee acknowledged that this might be explained by the fact that the technical program committee is composed of a relatively high number of experts with an Industry-focused research profile who tend to prioritise patents to academic publications. However, on balance the committee unanimously agrees that the conference should be ranked A.