



The conference applied to raise its rank from A to A\*. After careful consideration, the committee unanimously decided to retain the conference's current A rank. DISC has grown considerably from its origins as WDAG and in recent years it has significantly narrowed its gap in quality (if not external perception) as its more storied sister conference, PODC. Alternating with PODC, DISC has the honor of presenting the Dijkstra Prize in Distributed Computing. The committee understands that the long-term trend of the theoretical distributed community may be to eventually eliminate the distinction between PODC and DISC, but, considering that DISC's h index is appreciably lower than PODC's (23 vs 28) and the relatively small size of the community that both conferences serve, it finds appropriate to retain the conferences' current rankings, respectively A\* and A.