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Data for ISPA was submitted as a comparator at rank B. Papers are included in the Proceedings of a larger event with which they are co-located. Papers of different co-located events are not distinguished. It has no h-index. It has a large PC of over 100, with 33 of those listed being established researchers. However of these 33 only 2 of these have published there once in the last 5 years. This is a very low level of engagement and must call into question the level of legitimate engagement with the conference. This venue does not appear to warrant a B ranking, given it has no h-index and it is not possible to separate out the papers of this venue from other co-located events in order to obtain any metrics. When obtaining papers from DBLP, the number of papers retrieved is substantially larger than the number accepted at ISPA, suggesting that what is being retrieved (and therefore analysed) is not the ISPA papers, but all the papers of the event at which it is co-located. The committee agreed that it should be ranked at C, subject to later readjustment if more detailed data is provided.