



2021 4611 Committee

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AISTAT was provided as a comparator conference by EANN and hence also reviewed. The conference Chairs were notified of the review and offered the opportunity to submit further supporting evidence. The committee's assessment was based on the data provided together with data obtained from the proceedings, Google Scholar and Scopus.

Factors indicating high quality and prestige include

- \* the Google Scholar h5-index of 57;
- \* the proportion (45%) of established researchers in the program committee;
- \* the WPP reports for NeurIPS, ICML and AISTats all suggest that the senior researchers rank AISTats third of the three.

Factors less supportive include

- \* the acceptance rate of ~35% (averaged over the last 3 years of data) is high for a top ranked conference;
- \* chairs are not as senior as ICML/NeurIPs;
- \* the distribution of h-indexes for the senior PC showed the majority below 20 and only 10% above 30, indicating a less established senior PC than the top conferences.

The committee decided to maintain the current rank of Excellent (A) by majority vote (3 vs 2 voting Exceptional (A\*)) reflecting a conference at the upper end of A).