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ESOP was provided as a comparator at rank A and so it was reviewed to assess if that rank is appropriate. The initial data based on the comparator indicated that this was a large conference with 135-150 papers. However the extra data received as a result of the consultation process indicated that this was incorrect and was from the overarching umbrella event of 4 conferences, rather than from this conference. Corrected data indicates that ESOP published 28-36 papers/year with an acceptance rate of 31%-34%. In the context of the revised publications data, the h5 index of 25 is good considering also that it is a theoretical conference, as well as being of limited size. Citation data analysis shows that it is appropriate as an A conference. The original comparator data provided WPP results for the entire PC, rather than for the established researchers as requested, and the additional data did the same (as they did not have the information on which were the requested established researchers). This shows that the PC as a whole is publishing in ESOP, as would be expected, and also in PACMPL, the journal that has recently combined 3 strong programming language conferences. 10 of 23 PC members have also published in POPL, arguably the top PL conference. The extra data also showed that ESOP was published at 12 times by 8 of 20 top researchers in the area, in the last 5 years. It was 4th in the WPP list for the group of 20 top people, behind PACMPL journal, and POPL and PLDI. Considering the extra information provided the committee considers that retaining the rank of A is justified.