4612 2021 Ranking Committee
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ISSRE is currently ranked at A and the committee checked if the A rank is still justified.

The number of submitted papers is OK to good given the narrow scope of this conference, at 109, 96 and 134 in the past three years, and the acceptance rates are OK to a little high for A venues, at 31%, 24% and 31%, respectively.

The Program Chairs are a mix of emerging and established researchers, with h-indices varying from 14 to 36 in the last three years - lower than typical for an A venue, although the selection policy is well-justified particularly in respect of diversity. The average SPC h-index is low for an A-ranked event, at 13, but 32/80 have an h index that indicates they are established researchers.

Some top people in the field do publish there, nine of the top ten have published there more than twice in the last five years. This conference attracts a loyal following - it was published at 140 times by 24 of 32 SPC members in the last 10 years; and in 2019 alone there were 18 publications by 14 SPC members. Ten out of the 32 experts published at this conference in 5 or more years. Quality and dependability experts also publish there reasonably often - this conference was published at 38 times by 4 of 19 experts in the last 10 years, and 3 out of the 19 experts published at this conference in 3 or more years. All of these indicators are accapteble for A venues.

ISSRE is 14th in the list of quality and reliability venues according to Google Scholar, with an h5-index of 21. On AMiner it is ranked 18th in Software Engineering / System Software / Programming Language conferences with a CCF level of B, and it ranks 117th in SE and Programming on Guide2Research.

ISSRE has h-index and citation centile list profiles similar to A- or B-ranked venues (e.g., ESEM, FOSSACS, MODELS).

The committee members discussed this long-standing conference and agreed that it remains a strong venue with a loyal community, and so should retain an A rank.