

4612 2021 Ranking Committee

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MODELS was considered as a comparator - MODELS is currently ranked at A.

The number of submitted papers is quite low at 85, 101 and 89 in the past three years, perhaps reflecting its quite narrow scope, but the acceptance rates are good for an A venue, at 28%, 29% and 20%, respectively.

The Program Chairs have good h-indices for an A-ranked venue, varying from 39 to 46 in the last three years. The average SPC h-index is good, at 19, with 26/44 having an h index that indicates they are established researchers. No information on top people publishing there was included. However this conference was published in 195 times by 21 of 22 SPC members in the last 5 years, spread across that period. SPC repeat publication is common - 17 out of the 22 SPC members published at this conference in 4 or more years. No WPP information was provided for top researchers in the field.

MODELS is not in the list of top 20 software systems venues according to Google Scholar, and it has an h5-index of 21; OK though on the low side for an A-ranked conference. AMiner assigns a CCF of B to MODELS with a ranking of 16th in Software Engineering / System Software / Programming Language, and it ranks 56th in SE and Programming, and 49th in Databases and Info Systems, in the Guide2Research listings. In the h-index centile list it is well-ranked, among or ahead of other A and A* venues (e.g., MSR, POPL, ISSTA).

The committee members discussed this conference and agreed that it should retain its ranking of A.