



4612 2021 Ranking Committee

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SEAMS requested addition at rank A.

Submission report is good, with ATVA, ICECCS, ISSRE, EASE and ICSSP conferences used as comparators.

This is a niche SE conference about adaptive and self-managing systems.

The number of reported submissions is low (36-49-61), but the acceptance rate is relatively low (22-34%). These are comparable to some other niche SE rank A conferences.

The h-index of Chairs is good (36-45-58), and the Senior PC has very good h-index overall - 26/60 above in A range for SE conferences.

GS h5 22 is low range for SE A conferences but above almost all B rank.

ACM top publishing people at the conference have relatively high indexes, averaging 35.

WPP shows strong engagement of SPC. Some very high h index authors publish regularly at the conference: 126 times by 25 of 29 members in the last 5 years. Furthermore, top people in the area also publish regularly: 154 times by 28 of 39 top experts in the last 5 years.

An h5 index of 22 for a small conference like this one means that the published papers have a relevant impact, especially when contrasted with the comparators.

The committee discussed at some length and decided A rank was justified.

However this should be reviewed next conference ranking round.