



4612 2021 Ranking Committee

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SLE was considered as a comparator - SLE is currently ranked at B.

The number of submitted papers is low and dropping at 57, 46 and 42 in the past three years, though it is a niche event associated with SPLASH. This could also explain the high acceptance rates: 42%, 48% and 48%, respectively.

The Program Chairs have h-indices that vary quite markedly, from 16 to 62 in the last three years. The average SPC h-index is good for a B-ranked event, at 16, with 12/35 having an h index that indicates they are established researchers. No information on top people publishing there is provided. This conference was published at 28 times by 7 of 11 SPC members but over the last 15 years - much longer than the 5-year window used typically in these analyses. Repeat publication by SPC members over that same period is low: 4 out of the 11 experts published at this conference in 3 or more years. No WPP data was reported for experts in the field.

SLE is not in the top 20 list of software systems venues according to Google Scholar, and it has an h5-index of 13 - low for a B-ranked conference. SLE is not listed on AMiner or Guide2Research. It sits low on the centile lists among B- and C-ranked venues.

The committee members discussed this conference and the guidance provided re rank retention and agreed that, as a niche event with some good indicators re the SPC, it remains a good conference and so should retain a B rank.