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ICCS was used as a comparator conference. The committee decided to rerank it from A to B. This is a very broad conference with an average number of papers per year in the 60's and an acceptance rate consistently below 30. Nevertheless, the committee determined that the quality is not consistent with other A-ranked conferences in FOR 4613.

The 4613 committee, after reading the new supporting materials, retained its recommendation of B for the ranking. Many of the researchers cited as evidence have very high impact (h-index, publications, etc.), but in fields often at best adjacent to theory of computation: numerical methods, computer architecture, molecular modeling, computational astrophysics, etc.

The 4613 (Theory) committee did not feel that the conference was a good fit in this FoR code. Possibly it is best described by 4601 Applied Computing, but this area is not yet sufficiently represented and developed in the CORE DB to be able to benchmark.
Consequently the citation rates and the author h-index data was benchmarked against several different areas – AI, Data Science, Distributed Systems and Theory. In all contexts it was slightly below or slightly above all papers in the category, but in no context did it reach the level of A/A* papers. The new submission did provide evidence of leading researchers with strong involvement with the conference, as well as a WPP report that showed a number of strong people publishing there. Unfortunately the method of selection for the WPP report did not follow guidelines and did not collect objectively identified top leaders in the area. Nevertheless it did show some publishing by strong people.

The conference was then considered by the group of Chairs of all the committees.

As it is primarily a venue that applies computing theories/techniques to application areas, and because there is evidence of the involvement of strong researchers, it was decided to retain it at rank A at this time, with the intention to review it again in a later round when the Applied Computing area is more well defined.