



4602 Committee

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Conflicts of Interest

Eneko has a moderate COI (Moderate: publishing 3+ full papers there in the last 5 years) - he will contribute to discussion but not decision-making

Reza Haffari has a strong COI (one of the submitters) - managed by exclusion from all processes on this submission

Decision

Conference to be ranked as B

Justification

LREC applied to change its ranking from "C" to "A".

The evidence was clearly not supportive of an "A" ranking. However, it was mixed as to whether it supported a "C" or "B" ranking.

Negative indicators:

The acceptance rate was somewhat high (although this was discussed in the submission(*)), and the general chair seems to be the same every year (but is clearly strong). There are lots of programme chairs, with limited change from year to year. Author strength centiles are below the typical C-ranked venue.

Positive indicators:

The programme committee is reasonably strong, and, furthermore, the stronger members of the PC almost all publish in LREC. Citation centiles are above the typical B. Although the area leader analysis does not show LREC as a venue of choice, it is notable that it is #5 on the list, behind A/A* ranked venues (EMNLP, NAACL, ACL, AAAI), and h5=49 puts it at #8 in the category (although h5 is affected by size, and LREC is quite large)

(*) "For this reason, LREC is less selective than other conferences such as ACL and EMNLP in order to offer the opportunity for researchers working on other languages than English to be published."