

4607/08 Committee

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Conflicts of Interest

Stefanie Zollmann "Program Committee, social media chair" (did not participate in discussion) Denis Kalkofen "VRST has a collaboration with ISMAR in 2023, where I am Co-General Chair" (did not participate)

Maud Marchal "Published several times in the conference" (moderate, did not participate in discusion or decision)

Decision

Conference to be ranked A

Justification

VRST had a rank of A and requested to keep this rank. Author strength when compared to other 4607 conferences is lower than other A/A* conferences, citations are closer to B conferences in 4607. Google h5 of 26 could be viable for either an A or B conference. The PC has a good percentage of established researchers, but also a number of very junior people (h-index <10). The established people publish in good places, but they do not publish that much in this conference. There is not much repeat publishing over the 5 year period. The area leader list is too strongly filtered to provide reliable information, but even so it does not show strong publishing in VRST by this group. The strength of authors publishing here is at the level of B conferences. The committee established that many of the most frequent authors in VR also publish in VRST, although the stronger people publish more in VR. In the CCF ranking VR is A, but VRST is C.

This seems to be a borderline case for an A rank, leaning mostly towards B. However as there were indications that strong people do publish there and it is apparently well respected within the community, the committee decided to leave it as A for now. It should be reviewed again next round.