

2019 0805 committee

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This decision was contentious; although a majority of the working party agreed to rerank as B, a minority argued strongly to keep CCPE as rank A. The Scimago metrics are low (mostly Q3); on the other hand, the Editorial Board is very strong (17 of 34 have $GS \geq 40$, 6 more have $GS \geq 30$). There are plenty of strong researchers who do publish there too. However, from the list of GS top-cited people in parallel and distributed computing subfields, not too many published here in last 5 years. Some members of the working party indicated a sense that the journal has recently become unreasonably diffuse in the topics it publishes, lacking a clear focus.

Prof Jinjun Chen then appealed for reconsideration of the decrease in ranking; but after reconsideration, the working party remained with the same majority recommendation as before.