

## Rationale:

Based on the data supplied for this conference, and in particular, its acceptance rate of over 25% over several years as well as its standing in the community compared to other crypto conferences.

Furthermore, regarding comparator conferences mentioned, the relevant conference is FC whereas Securecomm as it is not comparable in terms of scope and topic areas. However not sufficient data on FC provided for comparison.

We are prepared to reconsider if more relevant data is supplied to support the case for higher ranking but we thought that it was unlikely.