



#### 2021 4602 Committee

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IJCAR submitted a request to retain A\* ranking. Most of the committee felt that the various indicators clearly indicated that IJCAR should not be ranked A\* (indeed, some questioned whether an "A" ranking was warranted). Chairs varied, with some very strong, some weak for an A\* venue. Acceptance rate was high for A/A\* (~45%), and there was no h5 index (although it was noted that the conference is biennial). It is also a relatively small event. In the end the committee converged on an "A" consensus. It was noted that DBLP mixes the entries for IJCAR and CADE, making the WPP report difficult to use. It was also noted that the comparator reports provided were sloppy: they indicated in places no acceptance data when it was available, and no h5 when one did exist.

Weak COI was noted for one person (had been chair over 10 years ago).