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CAiSE is generally considered as the flagship Information Systems Engineering conference with a 33 year history of contributions and a continued strong presence in the IS engineering community. The application requested to retain A rank which is considered justified. The H5-index is 21 and AMiner h5-index is 27 (which is decent given that the conference accepted 37-40 papers each year in the last 3 years). CCF ranking is B, comparable with other A*-conferences (PODS, ICDM, ISWC, IJCAR, KR). The conference has a well-established steering committee with a dedicated policy on ethics and diversity. Average H-index of The PC chairs is high (52), higher than many A-conferences. Average H-index of The PC members ranges around 19, with a good mix of emerging and experienced (up to 40+) researchers. PC members frequently attend and publish in the conference (out of 54 PC members, 44 published at least once, 36 published in at least two years, and 21 in at least three years). For senior PC members, according to the number of publised papers, CAiSE is their most popular conference but they also publish in other A-ranked conferences, including BPM and ER. The number of submssions are 206, 179, 179 in the last three years, with a small increase in 2019. The acceptance rate has been 20-21 % which indicates that this a selective conference that monitors quality of papers. Selected top 10 researchers (with an H-index from 45 to 155) often publish and attend the conference, if not always. According to the centile h-index data, 7.89%, 36.84% and 60.53% of the papers in CAiSE are in top 10%, 25% and 50% of A/A* respectively. One committee member (Sadiq) identified a conflict with this conference and was not part of the decision. This discussion was chaird by committee member Gill Dobbie.