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ECIR has been reviewed as a comparator and is justified to retain the rank of A. The conference has an h5 of 27 and PC chair average H-index of 43. The conference generally receives 150-220 submissions and acceptance rate ranges between 23% and 26% which is solid. The PC member Average H-index (9) is a bit low, with many junior/emerging researchers in the PC and only a few very experienced (up to 40+). This conference was published at 98 times by 24 of 33 experts in the last 5 years, many of them also publishing in flagship IR conference SIGIR. According to data provided senior people regularly publish and attend. For example, In 2020, there were 16 publications by 11 experts. W. Bruce Croft is a world expert with 110 h-index and 56000+ citations, Fabio Crestani has h-index 41 in the area of information retrieval. One committee member (Hauff) identified a conflict with this conference and was not part of the decision.