



2021 4606 Committee

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The submission was provided as a comparator at rank of A, and was reviewed to ascertain if that rank is justified.

This is a medium conference (43-58 papers/year with high acceptance rates around 36-46% from 2017 to 2019). Its h5 index is 23 (from CCF), the median PC index is 13, with 19/63 established researchers, which is below the threshold of A\*/A conferences. Its h-index25 data indicates it is comparable with other A\*/A conferences, and most established researchers in the PC actively publish their work in the venue: 40 times by 14 of 19 established PC researchers. However, the citation rate of the conference is below the average A\*/A conference requirement, and roughly equals the average citation rate of all 4606 conferences, and its CCF ranking is B, which indicates that it is inappropriate to retain this conference at A. Having considered the data provided, particularly its high acceptance rate and low citation rate, the committee agreed to downgrade PACT to rank B.