



4612 2021 Ranking Committee

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*** NOTE: Maria Spichkova declared a CoI with this conference and was excluded from the discussion about it in the committee. ***

ICGSE requested uprank from C to B.

The quality of the submission report is generally good. PROFES, ENASE and SEKE conferences were chosen as comparators, although the comparison was based on just one single aspect (total number of papers and citations).

The conference has an acceptable GS h5 of 15, and the WPP is OK (the conference was published at 24 times by 9/13 experts in the last 5 years). However, the rest of quality indicators are rather weak.

In particular, the number of submitted papers is low (25-29-42 p.a.), with somehow high acceptance rates (32-31-26). This is not remarkable for a conference with a very wide scope in SE such as ICGSE.

Besides, the h-index of Chairs is rather low. For instance, in the last edition (2019) the h-indexes of the two PC Chairs were 10 and 12 (and that of the GC was 20). The Senior PC h-index is also low: median in the 10-14 range, with only 1 member above 29.

ACM Top people publishing at the conference also have a very low h-index (average = 18.4).

The committee agreed that the rank should remain C.