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ICSA requested addition at rank A

Submission is good with respect to data and explanations. Some data e.g. GS h5 is unclear though (synthesized from multiple data).

Comparators ISSRE, EASE, ICSSP, ECSA, ICECCS are given.

Submissions and acceptance rate both lowish -  $^{22}$ % acceptance rate is low for SE rank A conferences.

GS h5 of 24 is low end of SE rank A conferences, but higher than some. However there is doubt about this as actual GS h5 is 17.

Senior PC is good h indicies - 30 above

WPP reports show good engagement of SPC and experts in the fied - 24/30 members 64 times; 13/20 experts 26 times.

Compared to the comparator conferences, ICSA is roughly: -roughly comparable to EASE and ECSA -better than ICECCS, ICSSP

In the end the committee discused this conference at some length and felt that A rank is justified.