

Panel meeting (2) 19.5.2026

Place: House of Sciences and Letters, Kirkkokatu 6, Helsinki (Room Borg)

Present: Pauli Miettinen (chair), Pekka Abrahamsson, Oğuz Buruk, Muhammad Faheem, Filip Ginter, Tomi Janhunen, Veli Mäkinen, Harri Oinas-Kukkonen, Maria Paasivaara

Absent: Henri Pirkkalainen, Ben Cowley

Secretariat: Anna-Kaarina Linna, Leena Wahlfors

1. Opening

The Chair opened the meeting at 13.00.

2. Announcements

The Chair noted that panel members may submit their assessments for the complementary evaluation until Friday, 22 May. The deadline for the Chair's evaluations is 25 May 2026. The Chair thanked the panel for its good work thus far.

3. The Evaluation of level 2 Publication Channels

The Panel identified the needs for revising the level classifications and prepared a preliminary proposal for the new Level 2 classification.

The JUFO Steering Group decided in its meeting on 27 November 2025 that conferences classified under an established name (those with ISSN information available and those without, channel type "conference") will be removed from the quota calculation of journals/series in the 2026 re-evaluation.

Regarding conference quotas, the steering group specified that the panel will prepare a moderate representation of conferences that meet the criteria for level 2 which means that the panel can classify the same number of conferences as currently in level 2 + 3 combined. Currently, there are a total of 66 [conferences](#) classified under established names in Panel 2 at levels 2 and 3.

In the meeting at 8.11.2023 the panel decided to discuss the proposals for level 2 and 3 upgrades during the next level 2 and 3 re-evaluation.

The following table summarizes **the level change proposals submitted to conferences classified under the established name starting in 2023.**

Jufold	Name	Current level	Suggested level	Grounds	Decision
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81040	International conference on learning representations	1	2	This conference is at the same level with other top-level machine learning venues like NeurIPS and ICML. Many very influential papers in the field have been published here.	2
81040	International conference on learning representations	1	2	ICLR (International Conference on Learning Representations) merits JUFO level 2 ("leading level") based on its exceptional standing in the field. Along with NeurIPS and ICML (JUFO levels 3), ICLR is widely recognized as one of the three primary conferences of highest impact and reputation in machine learning and artificial intelligence research, with a highly selective acceptance rate (25-30%). According to Google Scholar Metrics, ICLR has an h5-index of 362, second only to NeurIPS (371) and well above ICML (272) among AI venues, placing it among the most cited publication channels in all of computer science: https://scholar.google.es/citations?view_op=top_venues&hl=en&vq=eng_artificialintelligence The CORE 2021 conference ranking placed ICLR in the top 7% of all academic conferences worldwide, awarding it the highest possible A* rating: https://portal.core.edu.au/conf-ranks/?search=ICLR&by=all&source=CORE2021&sort=atitle&page=1 Besides metrics, the conference has exceptional standing in the machine learning community. It was founded in 2012 by Turing Award laureates Yann LeCun and Yoshua Bengio and has pioneered transparent open peer review via OpenReview. Given that Jufo level 2 is reserved for publication channels considered to be of the highest level and impact by expert panels, ICLR's citation impact, selectivity, international prestige, and parity with NeurIPS and ICML -- which are themselves leading-level venues (both already recognized at JUFO level 3) -- make a strong case for its classification at level 2.	2
81040	International conference on learning representations	1	2	ICLR is as prestigious as NeurIPS and ICML for machine learning, so it should be at least the same level	2
81040	International conference on learning representations	1	2	Laajasti tunnustettu yhdeksi kolmesta koneoppimisan kärkikonferenssista NeurIPS:in ja ICML:n rinnalla. Australian CORE-luokituksessa korkeimmalla A*-tasolla. Google Scholar "Top publication" -listassa #8 yli kaikkien tieteenalojen (https://scholar.google.com/citations?view_op=top_venues), heti NeurIPSin perässä. Yksi kolmesta kovimmasta koneoppimiskonferenssista csrankings.org -vertailussa.	2
81040	International conference on learning representations	1	2	Koneoppimispiireissä kolmena suurimpana ja vaikuttavimpana konferenssina pidetään NeurIPS:iä, ICML:ää ja ICLR:ää. Jokaiseen näistä on vaikea saada papereita sisään (n. 25-30% acceptance rate), ja yleisesti ottaen näitä kolmea konferenssia pidetään saman tasoisina. Tämän vuoksi näiden jokaisen aikataulut ovat järjestetty peräjälkeen (ei päällekkäin), eli jos omaa julkaisua ei saa yhteen näistä, niin seuraavaksi voi koittaa toista alle kuukauden sisään. Lisäksi jokaisessa konferenssipaperin pituus on n. 10 sivua, mikä tekee julkaisusta lähemmäs journaliartikkelin veroisen. Pidän yllättävänä, että NeurIPS:illä ja ICML:illä on JUFO-taso 3, mutta ICLR:illä on ainoastaan taso 1. Esimerkiksi koneoppimispiireissä tunnetaan laajasti, että konferenssit AAAI ja AISTATS ovat ns. "sekunda-tason" konferensseja joihin pyritään lähettämään paperi jos sitä ei saa julkaistua konferensseissa NeurIPS/ICML/ICLR, ja näillä molemmilla on JUFO-taso 2. Se, että ICLR:illä on ainoastaan JUFO-taso 1 on valtavassa ristiriidassa sen kanssa, miten akateemisessa maailmassa ja suurissa yrityksissä arvostetaan ICLR-julkaisuja.	2

81040	International conference on learning representations	1	3	ICLR (https://iclr.cc/ ; acronym not in JUFO but should be) is in the same league as NeurIPS, ICML, AISTATS, and UAI - which all should be ranked 3; rank of 1 is a huge injustice and an embarrassing error. It is the premier conference in representation/deep learning which importance has grown exponentially in every field of science.	2
58030	International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics	2	3	AISTATS is in the league as ICML, NeurIPS, International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR; unbelievably ranked 1, a huge injustice and embarrassing), and Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (UAI) - which all should be 3. It seems similar issue has been noticed in Australia (https://portal.core.edu.au/conf-ranks/913/).	2
72027	IEEE international conference on pervasive computing and communications workshops	1	1	The main conference is Jufo level 2, and the workshops fulfill all criteria to be level 1. Peer reviewed with quality and international reviews (more than 2 reviews per paper), selectivity of the process with over 50% of papers rejected, papers published in the proceedings of IEEE and IEEE xplore. Some of the workshops have been running for several years (5+). As an alternative solution the whole Jufo ID could be removed, and assimilated into the regular IEEE Jufo ID 5475 (IEEE, Jufo 1). There is no reason for keeping this workshops separated and in level 0.	Already upgraded to level 1 in 2024.
50070	ACM conference on Computer-Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing	2	3	Acceptance rate on samalla tasolla kuin JUFO3 arvioitu CHI konferenssi. CSCW on tietyllä enemmän yhteisöllisesti ja yhteiskunnallisesti suunnitellulle tietotekniikalle parhaita mahdollisia julkaisualustoja.	2
57505	Annual symposium on foundations of computer science	3	3	Joitain konferensseja on nostettu Jufo luokittelussa tasolle 3. Yksi näistä on STOC, Symposium on Theory of Computing. Teoreettisen tietojenkäsittelytieteen yhteisö pitää FOCS ja STOC konferensseja täsmälleen samantasoisina (ne ovat yhdessä kaksi alan parasta konferenssia, jotka järjestetään noin puolen vuoden välein toisistaan, ja niissä julkaistaan yhtä paljon papereita), joten on outoa jos FOCS on tasolla 2 mutta STOC tasolla 3.	2
55638	European conference on computer vision	2	3	Tämä on CSRanking.org konferenssi. Nämä pitäisi ehdottomasti saada tasolle 3 JUFO:ssa. Nämä ovat maailmanlaajuisesti kaikkein arvostetuimpia tietojenkäsittelytieteen julkaisukanavia.	2
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51944	Annual meeting of the association for computational linguistics	3	3	Tämä on CSRanking.org konferenssi. Nämä pitäisi ehdottomasti saada tasolle 3 JUFO:ssa. Nämä ovat maailmanlaajuisesti kaikkein arvostetuimpia tietojenkäsittelytieteen julkaisukanavia.	2
50126	ACM Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology	2	3	Tämä on CSRanking.org konferenssi. Nämä pitäisi ehdottomasti saada tasolle 3 JUFO:ssa. Nämä ovat maailmanlaajuisesti kaikkein arvostetuimpia tietojenkäsittelytieteen julkaisukanavia.	2
51288	International ACM SIGIR Conference on Research and Development in Information Retrieval	2	3	Tämä on CSRanking.org julkaisukanava. Nämä ovat kansainvälisesti kaikkein arvostetuimpia konferensseja ja ne pitäisi saada tasolle 3. Nyt JUFO:ssa on merkittäviä puutteita näiden osalta.	2
57381	IEEE Computer society conference on computer vision and pattern recognition	2	3	CVPR on kaikkein vaikuttavin ja korkeatasoinen tietojenkäsittelytieteen julkaisukanava. Esim. Google Scholar listaa sen neljänneksi korkeatasoisimmaksi julkaisukanavaksi mukaan lukien esim. Nature ja Science. Ylipäätään CSRanking.org	2

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Discussion:

The panel discussed the proposed level changes and the rationale behind them.

Decision:

The panel approved the new classification of the channels as listed above.

4. Complementary evaluation: the level “other identified publication channels”

In complementary evaluation, upgrades in level classification take effect immediately once the panel chair has confirmed the evaluation (“other identified evaluation channels” -> 1).

By contrast, downgrades from level 1 (or level 2) to the category “other identified evaluation channels” are decided at the spring panel meetings on the basis of the evaluations made in the JUFO portal by the chair and the panel members. Channels whose level the panel has decided to lower at its meeting are confirmed after the meeting by the secretariat. This is because the lowered level will only take effect at the beginning of the following year (2027).

The panel decides on proposals to lower the levels of publication channels. List of channels under consideration:

Jufo_ID	Level	Name	Grounds	Decision
54280	1	Cryptologia	The publication channel has been removed from Scopus database in 2017.	other identified publication channel
75019	1	Advances in intelligent systems and computing	The publication channel has been removed from Scopus database in 2021.	1: to watch list
58926	1	International journal on semantic web and information systems	The publication channel has been removed from WOS database in 2025, reason editorial de-listing.	other identified publication channel
60733	1	Journal of interconnection networks	The publication channel has been removed from Scopus database in 2023.	other identified publication channel
57952	1	Intelligent automation and soft computing	The publication channel has been removed from Scopus database in 2024.	other identified publication channel

89733	1	Traitement du signal	The publication channel has been removed from Scopus database in 2023.	other identified publication channel
53927	1	Computer fraud and security	The publication channel has been removed from Scopus database in 2024, reason journal change policy (transferred to Mark Allen Group as of 2022).	other identified publication channel
53940	1	Computer science and information systems	The publication channel has been removed from DOAJ in 2025 (journal not adhering to best practice), Scopus coverage ends 2024.	other identified publication channel
53949	1	Computer systems science and engineering	The publication channel has been removed from Scopus database in 2024.	other identified publication channel
53971	2	Computers in biology and medicine	The publication channel has been removed from WOS database in 2025, reason editorial de-listing.	1
57338	1	ICGA journal	The publication channel has been removed from Scopus database in 2017.	other identified publication channel

Key indicators that a journal is not adhering to DOAJ best practices include:

- Weak Peer Review: Signs of poor or non-existent peer review processes.
- Transparency Issues: Opaque or unclear information regarding the editorial board, article processing charges (APCs), or copyright/licensing terms.
- Editorial Misconduct: Suspected misconduct, such as plagiarism, citation manipulation, or data falsification.
- Operational Failure: Lack of a clear digital archiving policy or failure to comply with DOAJ guidelines during reapplications.
- Misleading Information: Claiming to be in DOAJ or using its logo when they are not, or for journals that have been removed.

Scopus re-evaluation criteria are identical to the Scopus content selection criteria for newly suggested titles. Titles can be flagged for re-evaluation in different ways: concerns about the journal's publication standards or the journal shows outlier or unexpected publishing performance. Journal change policy include, but are not limited to, changes to the title name, ISSN, ownership, or editorial oversight of the journal.

Scopus content selection criteria

- Journal policy: Convincing editorial policy, type of peer review, broad geographical distribution of editors, broad geographical distribution of authors
- Content: Academic contribution to the field; clarity of abstracts, quality of and conformity to the stated aims and scope of the journal, readability of articles
- Journal standing: citedness of journal articles in Scopus, editor standing
- Publishing regularity: no delays or interruptions in the publication schedule
- Online availability: full journal content available online, english language journal home page available, quality of journal home page

Discussion:

The panel discussed the proposed level changes and the rationale behind them.

Decision:

The panel approved the new classification of the channels as listed above.

Decision:**5. Proposals to classify conference by its established name**

The principles for processing conferences changed in 2016, which means that conferences are no longer added to the Publication forum under their established name. More information can be found in this news article <https://julkaisufoorumi.fi/fi/ajankohtaista/konferenssien-luokittelusta-vakiintuneella-nimella-luovutaan>, <https://julkaisufoorumi.fi/en/news/publication-forum-ceases-classify-conferences-under-established-name-event>. However, the scientific community has the opportunity to propose for classification scientific conferences whose level should differ from the level of the primary publication channel (for this, the ISSN/ISBN identifier of the series or publisher is required in the proposal).

The following table summarizes **the proposals from the scientific community for classifying conferences according to their established names since the end of 2022**.

Only those conferences should be classified by their established name where the level of the conference differs from the level of the current publication channel. If the level of a conference is considered the same as its current publication channel, no separate classification is needed. The current publication channel is available at the table below.

Conference name	Proposed level	Grounds	Link	Current publication channel	Decision
International Conference on Research in Computational Molecular Biology	2	<p>I recommend JUFO level 2, same as top CS conferences such as STOC, FOCS, SODA, ESA, ICALP.</p> <p>RECOMB is the most important conference in Algorithmic Bioinformatics, with acceptance rates usually around, or below, 20% (note that SODA, ESA, ICALP sometimes have rates around 30%).</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RECOMB 2022 had 188 submissions, with 40 accepted papers: https://link.springer.com/content/pdf/10.1007/978-3-031-04749-7.pdf - RECOMB 2020 had 206 submissions, with 37 selected papers: https://link.springer.com/content/pdf/10.1007/978-3-030-45257-5.pdf <p>RECOMB proceedings are published in the Springer LNCS series. Some papers are invited to top biology journals publishing bioinformatics methods, such as Cell Systems and Genome Research, underlining the importance of RECOMB in the field.</p> <p>The only other Algorithmic Bioinformatics conference at the high level of RECOMB is the CONFERENCE ON INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS FOR MOLECULAR BIOLOGY (ISMB), whose proceedings are directly published in the journal Bioinformatics, the 1st ranked journal</p>	<p>https://recomb.org</p> <p>https://link.springer.com/conference/recomb</p>	Jufoid 84305: Lecture notes in bioinformatics, level 1	2

		<p>in the Bioinformatics field (JUFO 3). ISMB does not accept theory-only works.</p> <p>RECOMB has the unique angle that it also accepts (and encourages) works with a string algorithmic / theoretical flavor, and it even accepts some papers without experimental results, which cannot go to a top bioinformatics journal such as Bioinformatics, Genome Research, Genome Biology, etc. There are some journals of JUFO 2 ranking where papers with the same scope as RECOMB can go, even theory ones, for example IEEE-ACM Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics (TCBB). However, all my colleagues, including international ones, do not recognize TCBB as a top journal, but just as a fallback option for theory works that didn't get into RECOMB.</p>			
International Computing Education Research Conference	3	<p>Esitys koskee konferenssin tasomuutosta. Koska kohteena oleva konferenssi ei ole JUFO-listalla erikseen vaan se on vain mukana ACM:n kaikkien konferenssien yleisluokituksessa, pystyn tekemään ehdotuksen vain tätä kautta.</p> <p>Muutosesitys: Esitämme, että ACM Conference on International Computing Education Research (ICER) nostetaan JUFO 3 -tasolle.</p> <p>Perustelut: Computing Education Research on tietotekniikan osa-alue, joka on viimeisen 10 vuoden aikana kasvanut huomattavasti. Tähän on ennen kaikkea vaikuttanut globaali trendi, jossa tietotekniikka ja ohjelmointi on laajalti otettu mukaan osaksi kouluopetusta, mihin tähän liittyvän tutkimuksen määrä on kasvanut valtavasti. Tämä on täydentänyt aiemmin jo vilkasta korkeakoulutukseen liittyvää alan tutkimusta.</p> <p>Alalla on useita kansainvälisiä konferensseja. Tutkimuksen kannalta alan ehdottomaksi huippukonferenssiksi on muodostunut ICER, joka perustettiin 2005. ICERIin hyväksytään vain tutkimuspapereita, joilla on hyvin perusteelliset vertaisarviointikriteerit. Näistä enemmän oheisella verkkosivulla.</p> <p>https://icer2022.acm.org/track/icer-2022-papers#Author-Guidelines Vertaisarviointi on monivaiheinen. Ohjelmatoimikuntaan (Program committee) kutsutaan vain alan tunnettuja väitelleitä tutkijoita. Sitä täydentää pienempi, kutsuttu senioritoimikunta (Senior program committee), jonka jäsenet ovat alan senioritutkijoita. Jokaisesta paperista pyydetään vähintään kolme vertaisarviota ohjelmatoimikunnan jäseniltä. Tämän jälkeen yksi senioritoimikunnan jäsenistä ohjaa keskustelua vertaisarvioijien kesken, jotta lausuntojen laatua saadaan parannettua ja mahdollisia väärinkäsityksiä tai epäselvyyksiä voidaan oikaista. Senioritoimikunnan jäsen kirjoittaa oman meta-review-lausuntonsa ja antaa oman suosituksensa paperin hyväksymistä, ehdollisesta hyväksymisestä tai hylkäämisestä sekä siitä, pitäisikö paperista keskustella yhdessä. Ohjelmatoimikunnan puheenjohtajat ja senioritoimikunnan jäsenet pitävät tämän jälkeen yhteisen kokouksen, jossa keskusteluun pyydetty paperit käydään kaikki läpi. Tällöin myös joku toinen senioritoimikunnan jäsen on perehtynyt paperiin ja antaa siitä omat kommenttinsa. Yhteisen keskustelun jälkeen annetaan puheenjohtajille suositus ja he tekevät lopullisen päätöksen paperin hyväksymisestä tai hylkäämisestä. Paperi voidaan hyväksyä ehdollisesti, jolloin vastaava senioritoimikunnan jäsen valvoo, että vaaditut muutokset on tehty ja antaa uuden suosituksen puheenjohtajille.</p> <p>Konferenssi on kasvanut voimakkaasti viimeisen 10 vuoden aikana ja sen julkaisujen hyväksymisprosentti on painunut jo alle kahdenkymmenen. Tuoreimmat luvut ovat alla: 2022: Submissions: 151, Accepted 25, Acceptance rate 17% 2021: Submissions: 158, Accepted 30, Acceptance rate 19% 2020: Submissions: 119, Accepted 27, Acceptance rate 23% 2019: Submissions: 137, Accepted 27, Acceptance rate 20% 2018: Submissions: 125, Accepted 28, Acceptance rate 22%</p> <p>Konferenssin taustaorganisaatio on ACM SIGCSE. Konferenssi järjestettiin Aalto-yliopistossa 2018. Sen kaikki julkaisukokoelmat ovat ACM Digital Libraryssä.</p> <p>Huolimatta hyväksytyjen paperien pienestä määrästä, konferenssin</p>	<p>https://icer2022.acm.org/series/icer https://dl.acm.org/conference/icer/proceedings</p>	JufoID 5098: ACM, level 1	1: to watch list

		osallistujamäärä on viime vuosina ollut 150:n ja 200:n välillä, pandemian aikana online-konferenssissa vielä enemmän. Computing Education Research on oma itsenäinen tutkimusalueensa ja JUFO-periaatteiden mukaan sen huippujulkaisufoorumien pitäisi olla JUFO 3 -tasolla. Alalla on kaksi JUFO 2 -tasoista lehteä, Computer Science Education ja ACM Transactions on Computing Education. ICER on vaatimustasoltaan vähintään niiden tasolla.			
Empirical methods in natural language processing	3	Tämä on CSRanking.org konferenssi. Nämä pitäisi ehdottomasti saada tasolle 3 JUFO:ssa. Nämä ovat maailmanlaajuisesti kaikkein arvostetuimpia tietojenkäsittelytieteen julkaisukanavia.	https://2023.emnlp.org/ https://aclanthology.org/venues/emnlp/	JufoID 5097: Association for Computational Linguistics, level 1	2
The North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics	3	Tämä on CSRanking.org konferenssi. Nämä pitäisi ehdottomasti saada tasolle 3 JUFO:ssa. Nämä ovat maailmanlaajuisesti kaikkein arvostetuimpia tietojenkäsittelytieteen julkaisukanavia.	https://naacl.org/ https://aclanthology.org/venues/naacl/	JufoID 5097: Association for Computational Linguistics, level 1	1
ACM Conference on Designing Interactive Systems	2	Tämä on yksi kolmesta tärkeästä HCI (human-computer interaction) -konferenssista. Listalla ovat jo CHI (JUFO 3) ja IUI (JUFO 2), joten miksi DIS puuttuu? DISin pitäisi olla tasolla JUFO 2. Vastaa laadultaan ja vaikuttavuudeltaan IUI-konferenssia (Intelligent User Interfaces). Tasoehdotus: JUFO 2	https://dl.acm.org/conference/diis/proceedings	JufoID 5098 ACM, level 1	2
ACM Conference on Learning at Scale	2	Koulutusteknologian alalla tunnettu konferenssi. Kerää osallistujia etenkin amerikkalaisista huippuyliopistoista. Kilpailtu, julkaiseminen ei helppoa. Ei syytä miksi tämä ei olisi JUFO-listalla. Ehdottaisin tasoa JUFO 2. Tasoehdotus: JUFO 2	https://dl.acm.org/conference/lat-s/proceedings	JufoID 5098 ACM, level 1	1
Symposium on Computational Fabrication	2	The ACM Symposium on Computational Fabrication (SCF) merits a different JUFO level from its main publication channel because it operates as a selective, field-defining venue rather than a generic proceedings stream. SCF uses a rigorous double-blind peer-review process: submissions are fully anonymized, each paper is evaluated by a program committee of domain experts and multiple external reviewers, and only papers that pass this process are accepted as archival contributions with oral presentations. Review criteria emphasize technical soundness, originality, and relevance to computational fabrication, and the acceptance rate has remained clearly selective rather than inclusive. This places SCF closer to a focused, high-quality symposium series than to lower-threshold or broad-scope conference outlets within the same publisher. SCF is also an established and stable publication channel. It has been held regularly for years as a recurring ACM symposium with a consistent identity, its own ISBN-bearing proceedings volumes, and indexing in major bibliographic databases. The community around SCF is coherent and international, bringing together researchers from computer graphics, HCI, digital fabrication, engineering, materials science, architecture, and robotics. Within this interdisciplinary space, SCF is recognized as one of the primary venues for first publication of new computational fabrication methods, tools, and workflows. The symposium typically features invited talks from leading researchers, a focused technical paper track, and curated demonstrations, which together ensure high visibility and impact for accepted work. Because of this combination of strict peer review, continuity as a dedicated series, and its central role for a specialized research community, SCF should be evaluated independently of the overall level assigned to ACM proceedings as a whole. Its selectivity, maturity, and disciplinary importance justify classification at a higher JUFO level than that implied by the publisher's generic channel	https://scf.acm.org/2025/ https://dl.acm.org/doi/proceedings/10.1145/3639473	JufoID 5098 ACM, level 1	1
International Conference on	2	MICCAI (Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention) is the most important international conference in the field	https://link.springer.com/conference/miccai	JufoID 62555, Lecture notes in computer	1

Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention		of medical image computing and AI for healthcare. It is highly competitive, with a typical acceptance rate of about 25–30%, comparable to top-tier computer science conferences. The conference covers key areas such as medical image analysis, machine learning for healthcare, computer vision, surgical navigation, and clinical AI applications. Because of its scientific impact, rigorous peer review, and central role in this research community, MICCAI should be included in JUFO and classified at least as Level 2.		science, level 1	
International Conference on Information Processing in Medical Imaging	2	IPMI (Information Processing in Medical Imaging) is one of the most prestigious and historically significant conferences in medical image analysis. Despite its small size and biennial format, it is highly selective, with a typical acceptance rate of around 20–25%, making it one of the most competitive venues in the field. IPMI focuses on fundamental and methodologically innovative research, including statistical image analysis, computational modeling, machine learning for medical imaging, and quantitative biomedical image understanding. Given its long-standing scientific impact, selectivity, and its central role in shaping core methodologies in the field, IPMI should be included in JUFO and classified at least as Level 2	https://link.springer.com/conference/ipmi	JufoID 62555, Lecture notes in computer science, level 1	1
European Conference on Artificial Intelligence	2	Kansainvälinen erittäin tunnettu johtava tekoälykonferenssi, jota on järjestetty 1970-luvulta saakka. Onkohan pudonnut JuFosta pois jonkun teknisen virheen takia? Pitäisi olla 2-tasolla.	eurai.org	JufoID 5548, IOS Press, level 1	1
International Symposium on Mixed and Augmented Reality	2	ISMAR is one of the most highly regarded conferences in VR research. It is listed as A* in international core rankings and is internationally recognised. There are not many VR conferences with high rankings in JUFO, and with the amount of VR research done at TAU and Finland widely, it is harmful for those wishing to focus on VR as anything other than a research tool. There is also a close collaboration with IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics, a JUFO 3 journal in which the top papers from ISMAR are invited to be a part of.	https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/xpl/conhome/1000465/all-proceedings	JufoID 59185, Proceedings series: International Symposium on Mixed and Augmented Reality level 1, this means that the series can be upgraded but then it affects the quota.	2

Discussion:

The panel discussed the proposed level changes and the rationale behind them.

Decision:

The panel approved the new classification of the channels as listed above.

6. Reform of the JUFO evaluation process

On 13 February 2026, the secretariat proposed to the JUFO Steering Group for consideration that, beginning in 2027, some of the panels' complementary evaluation tasks should be transferred to the secretariat, following the Norwegian JUFO model. The criteria for level 1 are very clear, which would make it possible for the secretariat as well to carry out high-quality evaluation work.

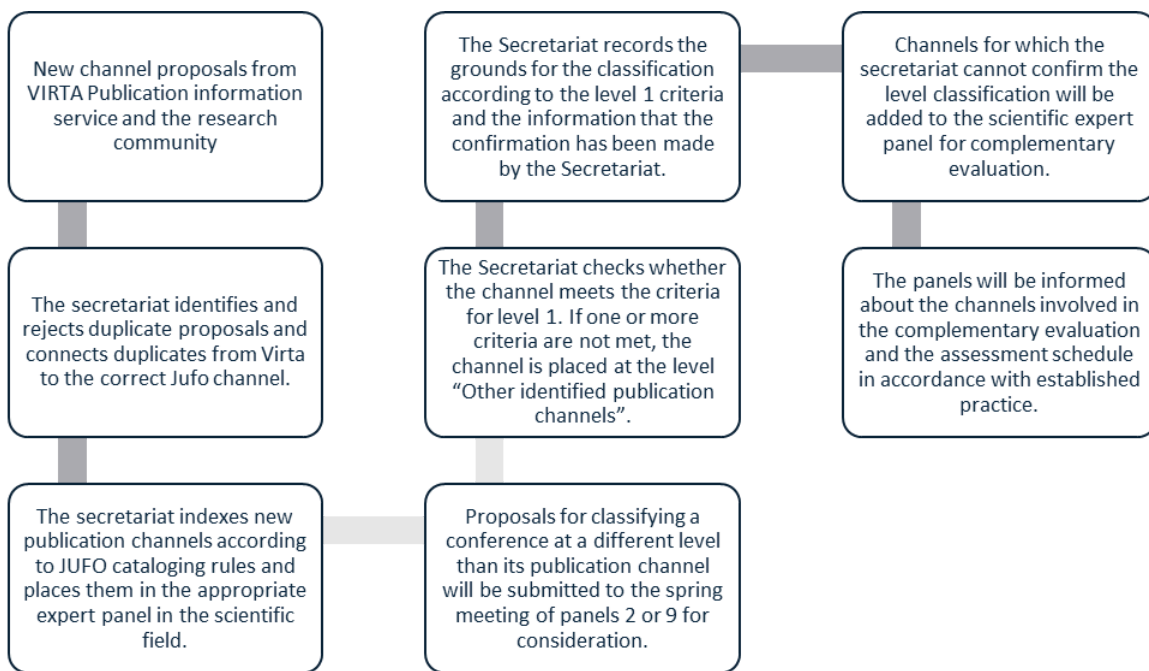
The panels would continue to be responsible for:

- channels that are already indexed and for which the scholarly community proposes a change in level, either upward or downward; and
- cases which, in the secretariat's view, require in-depth knowledge of a specific field of science and its publishing practices (including update evaluations every four years).

Each year, Publication Forum carries out four supplementary evaluations in which the panels assess channels to be added to level 1 or lowered from level 1 to the category "other identified publication channels." In 2025, the panels evaluated a total of 658 publication channels that had not previously been classified in JUFO. Of these, 312 journals/series and four book publishers were accepted at level 1. In addition, the panels considered 145 justified proposals for level changes submitted by the scholarly community through the JUFO portal (proposals to raise channels from the category "other identified publication channels" to level 1, or proposals to lower channels from level 1 to the category "other identified publication channels").

Transferring routine and technical tasks to the secretariat would save a significant amount of panel working time. The panels could then focus on identifying the highest-level publication channels and devote more attention to other tasks requiring particular scholarly expertise. As a result of the change, from 2027 onward panel meetings would be held only once a year instead of twice. This would reduce the workload of panel members. Correspondingly, secretariat time would be freed up from one annual round of panel meetings. This time could instead be used for evaluating level 1 channels and channels in the category "other identified publication channels," for developing the new JUFO evaluation portal that is to be introduced, for identifying so-called grey-zone journals, and for the further development of the JUFO classification. In addition, it would make it possible to implement separate development projects, including measures to develop the assessment of the societal impact of publishing activities and to support the publishing activities of learned societies.

Proposed new evaluation process:



The secretariat requests the panel's view on the following proposal:

From the beginning of 2027, the secretariat will assume responsibility for checking whether new publication channels received from the VIRTAs publication information service and proposed by the scholarly community for inclusion meet the criteria for level 1, and will confirm them either at level 1 or place them in the group "other identified publication channels." The panels will continue to be responsible for channels that are already indexed and for which the scholarly community proposes a change in level, either upward or downward, as well as cases which, in the secretariat's view, require in-depth knowledge of a specific field of science and its publishing practices (including update evaluations every four years).

The matter will be brought to the Steering Group meeting of 7 September 2026 for decision. Feedback received from the panels will be taken into account in the decision-making.

Discussion: The item was not discussed at the meeting due to limited time.

7. Other

8. Closing

The Chair closed the meeting at 16.28