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Program Committee model without conference

• On-line archives with reviewing/rating

Conclusion

Computer Science conferences play the role of journals in other communities instead of their critical role of bringing research communities together.

Most agree we have a problem.

Few agree on a solution.

Further Reading

CACM Article "Time for CS to Grow Up"

http://bit.ly/cacm-growup http://futureofstoc.blogspot.com