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Distinguished PC and SPC members were selected following this procedure:

- Senior Program Committee (SPC) members were invited to judge reviews (and related discussions) by program committee (PC) members on individual papers.
- Area Chairs (AC) were invited to judge reviews (and related discussions) by SPC and PC members on individual papers.
- There were 2700 judgments, which means that slightly less than 20% of all reviews have received an evaluation.
- A reviewer normally becomes distinguished as soon as one of the following conditions is satisfied: one evaluation 9, or two evaluations ≥ 8 , or three evaluations ≥ 7 , after a quick check my side. In case there was a negative evaluation (> 4), or in case the condition was nearly satisfied (typically : three evaluations 8-7-6), I checked more carefully the reviews and discussed borderline cases, the number of reviews written also played a role: more reviews was of course a positive sign (of course, delegated reviews do not count!). In the SPC case, discussion leadership played an important role.
- A distinguished reviewer normally becomes level-2 distinguished as soon as one of the following conditions is satisfied: two evaluations 9 by two different evaluators, or three evaluations 9 by at least two different evaluators, or four evaluations ≥ 7 and at least two ≥ 8 , by at least three different evaluators, or three evaluations 9, or four evaluations ≥ 8 and two 9. In all cases I checked all reviews and discussions. A evaluation < 5 is normally a veto to the level-2 distinguished status. Again, in borderline cases, the number of reviews and the activity in discussion played a role.
- Two level-2 distinguished PC members had four evaluations 9, or three 9 and two 8, by at least four different evaluators. They got the level-3 distinguished status. No SPC got a level-3 distinguished status.
- There are inevitable biases:
 - Because more than 80% of the reviews received no evaluation, there certainly are outstanding PC and SPC members who were unfortunate enough so that almost none of their reviews was evaluated, and therefore do not figure on the list below. This bias is stronger in some areas. If you don't find your name on the list, it may just mean that you did not receive enough evaluations, possibly no evaluation at all. That's life.
 - The criteria I used imply that PC and SPC members with more papers assigned have more chance to be distinguished or super-distinguished. Is it fair? Partly yes (more papers means more work), and partly no, because in some areas the average number of papers per PC/SPC was small (however, even in these areas, PC/SPC who made more bids got more papers). In any case,
 - For SPC, the quality of the discussions played a major role in the evaluation (whether they were long, active, reactive, etc.). Sometimes none of the assigned papers was worth a long discussion: that's life. But (again) longer discussions also means more work.

Legend: ** = level 2; *** = level 3

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