Welcome to the IEEE 25th Computer Security Foundations Symposium (CSF)! This year is a milestone: the 25th consecutive year of CSF. The Computer Security Foundations Workshop was created in 1988 as a workshop of the IEEE Computer Society's Technical Committee on Security and Privacy. In 2007, the workshop became an IEEE Symposium, with a policy for open, increased attendance. Over the years, many seminal papers and techniques have been presented first at CSF.

This year CSF is at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Established in 1636, Harvard is the oldest institution of higher education in the United States. The academic setting of Harvard marks a return to New England for CSF: the first seven years of the workshop were held at the Franconia Inn in Franconia, New Hampshire.

A total of 101 papers were submitted to CSF 2012. Of these, the program committee accepted 25 papers, which appear in this volume.

The symposium could not be successful without the enthusiastic work of many people. Véronique Cortier and Steve Zdancewic did an outstanding job chairing the program committee to produce the technical program whose proceedings you now hold. The program committee and reviewers worked hard under a tight timeline. Deepak Garg, in his first year as Publications Chair, has quickly come to grips with the publication process to ensure the smooth production of the proceedings. The CSF Steering Committee has provided helpful guidance and feedback, particularly Jon Millen, Hilarie Orman, Joshua Guttman, and the recent previous General Chairs (Steve Kremer, Graham Steel, and Scott Stoller). Matteo Maffei spread the word about CSF in his role as Publicity Chair. The Harvard staff has done an excellent job in helping with local arrangements, particularly Joanne Bourgeois, Tricia Jacome, Sandra Klemm, and Kathy Lovell. It has been a pleasure to work with all of you.

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And thank you to the authors and attendees of CSF 2012: we hope you have an enjoyable and stimulating symposium!

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General Chair