Message from the Program Committee Chair

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These proceedings contain the 30 papers presented at the 1st IEEE European Symposium on Security and Privacy (EuroS&P), held at the Congress Center, Saarbrücken, Germany, on March 21-24, 2016. The IEEE EuroS&P Symposium was established as the European sister conference of the IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (also known as “the Oakland Conference”), and pursues the goal of being a premium forum for computer security research, presenting the latest developments and bringing together researchers and practitioners.

A total of 169 papers were submitted. The large number of impressive submission made the selection process a formidable challenge in balancing fairness, completeness, and the reviewing load on the 52 members of the program committee. Similar to IEEE S&P, we used a multi-stage reviewing process, which allowed us to focus most of the reviewing effort on the top papers. A double-blind reviewing process was used in which the authors of submitted papers were not visible to reviewers, and reviewers were similarly anonymous. A rebuttal period was offered in which authors were granted access to the reviews during the reviewing process, and given the possibility to report factual errors.

Selecting the program constituted a tremendous amount of work and dedication. Each PC member reviewed about 12 papers on average, following a tight schedule. Following the review phase and extensive on-line discussion, the PC met for two days in Frankfurt, Germany, to discuss the submissions and make final decisions. As a result, 29 research papers were accepted, corresponding to an acceptance rate of 17%. The program is complemented by an invited paper of the keynote speaker of the conference Adi Shamir. I would like to thank the PC members and all the additional reviewers for their hard work and for their wisdom and professionalism.

The accepted papers cover various topics of the security research community, ranging from formal methods, cryptography, privacy, to programming language security, network security, OS security, and many more. This remarkable diversity reflects the breadth of the exciting research put forward in computer security, and it is nowadays even more timely than ever before.

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