Message from the Program Co-Chairs

We are very proud and happy to take part in the inaugural IEEE/Create-Net SecureComm conference. The arrival of this conference has been long overdue, since the research community sorely lacked a high-quality venue focused exclusively on Communications/Network Security. This is clearly supported by the community’s enthusiastic response which is reflected in both the number and the quality of submitted research papers. The need and appreciation for this conference is also evidenced by the willingness of top-notch researchers to serve on the SecureComm program committee.

A total of 144 full papers were submitted. They were reviewed by a highly competent program committee and external reviewers. Each submitted paper was reviewed by at least 3 reviewers and many were reviewed by 4 or 5. Following a rigorous selection, ranking, and discussion process, 32 submissions were accepted as regular/full papers and further 20 were selected as short papers. This represents an acceptance rate of 22% for full papers and 36% for short papers; both rates are quite impressive and testify to the delicate and careful nature of the reviewing and selection process.

As program co-chairs, we are truly happy with the outcome of this year’s conference. It is quite rare (if not totally unprecedented) for a brand new conference to be met with such an overwhelmingly positive response by the targeted research community. We only hope that the trend continues and next year’s SecureComm will surpass this year’s event in terms of both quality and number of submissions.

First and foremost we would like to thank the authors of ALL papers submitted to SecureComm. We appreciate your confidence in this “untested” new conference and we sincerely hope that you will continue patronizing SecureComm as authors and attendees. We are also extremely grateful to our esteemed colleagues in the research community, who agreed to serve on the program committee and those who served as external/delegated reviewers. Your selfless dedication and effort are highly appreciated! Without all of you, SecureComm simply could not have taken place. Despite many glitches which complicated the reviewing process (part of the “growing pains” for any new conference), you persevered and provided thorough and timely reviews.

Last, but certainly not least, we are very thankful to the General Chairs for their wisdom and vision in creating this conference, for seeking and obtaining sponsorship as well as overseeing and supporting numerous activities which ultimately led to the overwhelming success of SecureComm.

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