Message from the General Chair

SPW 2012

It is my honor and privilege to welcome you to the 1st IEEE Security and Privacy Workshops (SPW). This is the first year that we have a logistically separate, yet geographically adjacent, event from our long-time flagship conference, the IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (known to insiders as Oakland), now in its 33rd year. This supports the growth of interest in workshops at Oakland that had been an opportunity to diversify the topics beyond the main conference. Examples are the Web Services Workshop in 2006, the workshop "veteran" Web 2.0 Security and Privacy Workshop (W2SP) since 2007, and SADFE, the digital forensics workshop that stayed with Oakland from 2008 to 2011.

A separate steering committee was founded that worked to shape this new event over the last year with the main conference organizing committee. A two-stage call for workshop proposals was issued that generated many applications. A long deliberation among the steering committee finally yielded a total of five workshops: the Web 2.0 Security and Privacy workshop (W2SP), the Mobile Security Technology workshop (MoST), the Workshop on Semantic Computing and Security (WSCS), the Workshop on Insider Threat (WRIT), and last but not least the Workshop on Special Aspects of Cyber Physical Systems: Trustworthy Embedded Systems (TrustED). We thank all the workshop proposal submitters for their efforts, and hope that those who did not make it in understand that we could only fit so many workshops into two days without overcrowding the space.

This brings us to the next significant change for Oakland veterans: Oakland is no longer in Oakland, and neither are the workshops. Yes, after many cherished years at our former and smaller location, we had to find a new venue that allowed for expansion, namely for these workshops. In collaboration with the S&P organizing committee we picked the Westin St. Francis in San Francisco, staying in the comforts of the Bay Area, for our new home in 2012 and 2013.

For the steering committee, the support of Jon Callas, Michael Collins, Steven Greenwald, Rachel Greenstadt, and Christian Kreibich helped shape SPW. I must highlight the exemplary dedication of Christian Kreibich, who took on many roles beyond the assigned one of the SPW Treasurer. My gratitude also goes to Lionel Riviè re, the web chair emeritus, for setting up the initial web site, to the current web chair Sadia Akhter who continued the task of keeping the web site up to date, patiently responding to many requests from the various workshop chairs and members of the organizing committee, and also to Daniela Oliveira, who volunteered to be the site chair, making all the local arrangements.

Much of the organization could not have been done without the help of the General Chair of our co-located event S&P, Rob Cunningham, and his organizing team.

The support from the Technical Committee officers, Chair Emeritus Hilarie Orman, Treasurer Terry Benzel, and the new Vice Chair Patrick McDaniel was conducive to a smooth transition from a joint operation to independent venues. The shared experiences between SP and SPW and the relentless efforts by Hilarie made the development of this venue an easier task. Hilarie also worked with the IEEE on developing new copyright agreements that provide more flexibility to our authors. Terry enabled the National Science Foundation (NSF) support for student travel that helped students from many universities attend these workshops.

The donations was once again exemplary, thanks to the efforts of the donations chair David Molnar. The supporters this year were Google, IBM, CERT/SEI, Microsoft Research, NSA, MIT Lincoln Labs, Facebook, NSF, as well as Van Pelt, Yi, and James LLP. This helped various aspects of both the main conference and the workshops, and enhanced the quality of the events for our attendees.
My thanks also goes to the IEEE, the IEEE Computer Society, including Aikenia Winston, the staff at Conference Publishing Services, including Patrick Kellenberger, for providing assistance in the creation of this new event. Thanks to you who mostly stay in the background.

And last but not least, my final thanks goes to all the attendees of this new event who have come to be part of a new direction at Oakland, the Security and Privacy Workshops. It is a wonderful opportunity to explore new topics and new ideas with you in an ever-growing community of Security and Privacy.

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