

MESSAGE FROM SYMPOSIUM CHAIRS

Welcome to the first year of the Symposium on Information Assurance! This year our theme is Intrusion Detection and Prevention. We are pleased to see papers coming from several universities throughout the United States. This symposium complements the NYS Cyber Security Conference as its academic track. While the conference was initially developed to target practitioners interested in information security, the symposium allows for an infusion of academic research. Practitioners will be able to learn about the state of the art in security research and academics will be able to develop an understanding of its practical relevance.

We are pleased to have two distinguished keynote speakers for the symposium: Peter Stephenson from Norwich University, and Stephen F. Bush from GE Global Research Center. The papers in several diverse areas, including, wireless security, intrusion detection, security management, network attack detection, and information security education. Selected papers from this symposium will appear in a special issue of a journal.

We have a very talented program committee that supported us in the symposium. Every submission was assigned to three reviewers who were either members of the program committee or experts outside the committee. We ensured that there was no conflict of interest and that the program committee members were not assigned to review more than two papers. We personally read the papers and the reviews. However, we did not write any of the reviews ourselves. We have accepted 10 papers for this year's symposium. Our goal is to keep the quality of submissions very high as the symposium grows in size. The continued involvement of the program committee is very critical for the success of the symposium.

We were fortunate to have extremely dedicated partners in the NYS Office for Cyber Security and Critical Infrastructure Coordination (CSCIC), the NYS Forum, and the NYS Center for Information Forensics and Assurance (CIFA). Our partners took care of the arrangements for the conference, relieving us of the burden of managing the facilities. In addition, we would like to thank the University at Albany's School of Business and College of Computing and Information for providing financial support for the symposium. We also deeply appreciate the assistance of the University students and the administrative staff who have volunteered to support this event.

We hope that you will enjoy the symposium and continue to participate in the future. In each of the subsequent years, we plan to have different themes in security related areas. If you would like to propose a track for the next symposium, please let us know. We encourage you to look for the call for papers for the 2007 symposium in early Fall.

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