MESSAGE FROM SYMPOSIUM CHAIRS

Welcome to the second year of the Symposium on Information Assurance! This symposium complements the NYS Cyber Security Conference as its academic track with a goal of increasing interaction among practitioners and researchers to foster infusion of academic research into practice. Last year this symposium was a great success with excellent papers and participation from academia, industry, and government and highly attended sessions. Again, this year we have an excellent set of papers, invited talks, and keynote addresses.

We are pleased to have two distinguished keynote speakers for the symposium: Nicholas C. Weaver from the International Computer Science Institute in Berkeley and Shambhu Upadhyaya from University at Buffalo, SUNY. This symposium includes papers representing various areas of security including intrusion detection, information system design and risk analysis, wireless network security, terrorism and international crime, and federated security management. Selected papers from this symposium will appear in a special issue of the Journal on Information Systems Security (JISSEC).

We have a very talented program committee that has supported the review process of 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 9 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 are 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 have managed the logistical details of the conference, allowing us to focus on the program management aspects. We would like to thank the University at Albany’s School of Business for providing financial support for the symposium proceedings. We also deeply appreciate the assistance of the University students and the administrative staff members that have volunteered to support this event.

We hope that you enjoy the symposium and plan to participate in next year’s event. In subsequent years, we plan to have different symposium 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 2008 symposium in early fall of next year.

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