MESSAGE FROM SYMPOSIUM CHAIRS

Welcome to the 5th Annual Symposium on Information Assurance (ASIA’10)! 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. For the last several years, this symposium has been a great success with excellent papers and participation from academia, industry, and government and highly attended sessions. This year, we again have an excellent set of papers, invited talks, and keynote addresses.

The keynote speakers this year are Dr. Larry Ponemon and Billy Rios. Dr. Ponemon is the Chairman and Founder of the Ponemon Institute, a research “think tank” dedicated to advancing privacy and data protection practices. Billy Rios is currently working as a Security Engineer at Google, Inc. and has previously had positions at Microsoft, Versign, the Department of Defense, and E&Y. The symposium has papers in multiple areas of security, including DNS security, information warfare, risk and security management, intellectual property theft, education and forensics. We have also included the roundtable discussion on forensics training and education to the program that we held in previous years based on strong participant interest.

We would like to thank the talented program committee that has supported the review process of the symposium. In most cases, the papers were assigned to at least 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 each program committee member was not assigned to review more than two papers. We also personally read the papers and the reviews and concurred with the assessment of the reviewers. For this year’s symposium, we have ten refereed papers and several invited speakers. Our goal is to keep the quality of submissions high as the symposium matures. The program committee serves a critical role in the success of the symposium and we are thankful for the participation of each member.

We were fortunate to have extremely dedicated partners in the NYS Office for Cyber Security and Critical Infrastructure Coordination (CSCIC) and the University at Albany, State University of New York (UAlbany). Our partners have managed the logistics for the conference, allowing us to focus on the program management. We would like to thank the University at Albany’s School of Business and Symantec for providing financial support for the symposium.

We hope that you 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. Next year, again we are planning on holding the symposium. If you would like to propose a track, please let us know. The call for papers for next year’s symposium will be distributed in the fall and we hope to see you again in 2011.

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