MESSAGE FROM SYMPOSIUM CHAIR

Welcome to the 6th Annual Symposium on Information Assurance (ASIA’11)! 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 speaker for ASIA this year is Patricia A. Hoffman, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the United States Department of Energy Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability. She provides leadership on a national level to enhance security and reliability of energy infrastructure including recovery of this infrastructure from any disruptions. With her expertise, she will provide a unique perspective for how innovations to the electric grid will generate security needs. The symposium has papers in multiple areas of security, including online profiling of cyber crime, user behavior analysis, data privacy issues, forensics, and cyber security education.

I 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. It was ensured that there was no conflict of interest and that each program committee member was not assigned to review more than three papers. The papers and the reviews were also personally read concurring with reviewer assessment. The acceptance rate for this year’s conference is 50% with several high-quality papers and invited speakers on the agenda. 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. I would also like to thank my multi-talented submissions chair Damira Pon, who not only helps manage the submissions, but also works on preparation of the program book and deals with other logistics.

We were fortunate to have extremely dedicated partners in the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Cyber Security (OCS), the NYS Forum, 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 conference megabyte sponsor AT&T, the symposium dinner sponsor – the University at Albany’s School of Business and the conference kilobyte sponsors: Symantec, McAfee, and TAG Solutions for providing financial support for the symposium.

I 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 2012.

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