MESSAGE FROM ASIA GENERAL CHAIR

Welcome to the 8th Annual Symposium on Information Assurance (ASIA’13)! This event 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, ASIA has been a great success with excellent papers and participation from academia, industry, and government and well-attended sessions. This year, we again have an excellent set of papers, invited talks, and keynote address. The keynote speaker for ASIA this year is Billy Rios who is currently the Director of Consulting at Cylance, Inc. and the Chair of the Operational Security Testing panel at the National Board of Information Security Examiners (NBISE). He is a fantastic speaker with a wealth of security experience from Microsoft, Google, and Defense Information Systems Agency. We have been able to attract some of the top information systems researchers in the world to the conference.

I would like to thank the talented technical program committee that has supported the review process for ASIA. 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. The papers and the reviews were also personally read concurring with reviewer assessment. Our goal is to keep the quality of submissions high as the symposium matures. There were multiple levels of quality control – first with the reviewers, then with the program chair, and then with the general chair. The committee serves a critical role in the success of the symposium and we are thankful for the participation of each member.

I am grateful to the advisory committee members for their useful suggestions in managing the conference and would like to thank our ASIA chair, H. Raghav Rao, and Program Chair, Tae (Tom) Oh, for setting up an excellent program for ASIA. The efforts of our review co-chairs, William Stackpole and Sylvia Perez-Hardy, are acknowledged for efficiently managing the review process and coordinated with the authors. Finally, I would like to thank our proceedings chair, Damira Pon, who has worked dedicatedly to review the articles and producing the proceedings with very high quality standards. Thanks also my other doctoral students, Ersin Dincelli and Ethan Sprissler, for their assistance with the review and editing of the papers to support the production of the proceedings.

We were fortunate to have extremely dedicated partners in the 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 terabyte sponsor AT&T, the conference megabyte sponsors Symantec and Cisco, the symposium dinner sponsor – the University at Albany’s School of Business and the conference kilobyte sponsor Northrop Grumman 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. We also plan to hold the symposium next year. If you would like to propose a track or partner on a future symposium, 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 2014.

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