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# Preface

For 20 years, the IFIP WG 11.3 Working Conference on Data and Applications Security (DBSEC) has been a major forum for presenting original research results, practical experiences, and innovative ideas in data and applications security. Looking back, it is difficult not to appreciate the full extent of the change that has occurred in our field. Once considered afterthoughts in systems and application design, data protection, privacy and trust have become the key problems of our day. This central role of security in the information society has however brought increased responsibilities to the research community. Today practitioners and researchers alike need to find new ways to cope with the increasing scale and complexity of the security problems that must be solved on the global information infrastructure. Like the previous conference, the 20th DBSEC has proved to be up to this challenge.

DBSEC 2006 received 56 submissions, out of which the program committee selected 22 high-quality papers covering a number of diverse research topics such as access control, privacy, and identity management. We are glad to see that the final program contains a well-balanced mix of theoretical results and practical prototype systems, many of them converging and building off each other. Also, the DBSEC program includes a number of papers on new, emerging aspects of security research.

Putting together a top-level conference like DBSEC is always a team effort. We would like to thank a number of friends and colleagues for their valuable help and support, including our General Chair Andreas Schaad, our Publicity Chair Soon Ae Chun, IFIP WG 11.3 Chair Pierangela Samarati, all our program committee members, and, above all, the researchers who chose DBSEC as the forum to which to submit their work. In addition, we would like to thank SAP for sponsoring this conference.

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