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Preface

These post-proceedings contain 27 papers that were accepted for presentation at the Fifth International Workshop on Information Hiding, held 7–9 October 2002, in Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands. The papers were selected from 78 submissions on the basis of their scientific excellence and novelty by the program committee. We tried to have a balanced program covering several aspects of information hiding.

The program committee was composed of Ross J. Anderson (University of Cambridge, UK), Jan Camenisch (IBM Zurich Research Laboratory, Switzerland), Ingemar J. Cox (NEC Research Institute, USA), John McHugh (SEI/CERT, USA), Ira S. Moskowitz (Naval Research Laboratory, USA), Job Oostveen (Philips Research, The Netherlands), Andreas Pfitzmann (Dresden University of Technology, Germany), Mike Reiter (Carnegie Mellon University, USA), and me. We all wish to thank all the authors of submissions for offering their papers for consideration.

This year, contrary to the four previous workshops, the call for papers requested anonymous submissions. However, anonymity was not compulsory and we did accept some papers in which the identity of the authors was clear. Each submission was assigned to three members of the program committee. Papers submitted by program committee members were assigned to four reviewers. The program committee relied on the advice of outside colleagues. We also insisted that 12 of the 27 accepted papers should be revised according to the comments of the reviewers.

The reviewers were Javier-Francisco Aprea (Philips Digital Systems Labs, The Netherlands), Rene Barto (Philips Research, The Netherlands), Oliver Benedens (Freelance Researcher, Germany), Oliver Berthold (Freie Universität Berlin, Germany), Fons Bruekers (Philips Research, The Netherlands), LiWu Chang (Naval Research Laboratory, USA), Fred Cohen (Sandia National Laboratories, USA), Christian Collberg (University of Arizona, USA), Jana Dittmann (Leipzig University, Germany), Gwenaël Doërr (Institut Eurécom, France), Jean-Luc Dugelay (Institut Eurécom, France), Elke Franz (Dresden University of Technology, Germany), Jessica Fridrich (SUNY Binghamton, USA), Emmanuel Garcia (Institut Eurécom, France), Dieter Gollmann (Microsoft Research, UK), Kelly Heffner, Neil Johnson (Booz Allen Hamilton, USA), Ton Kalker (Philips Research, The Netherlands), Darko Kirovski (Microsoft Research, USA), Herbert Klimant (Dresden University of Technology, Germany), Thomas Kriegelstein (Dresden University of Technology, Germany), Heinrich Langos (Freie Universität Berlin, Germany), Aweke Lemma (Philips Digital Systems Labs, The Netherlands), Kivanç Mihçak (Microsoft Research, USA), Pierre Moulin (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA), Ginger Myles, Richard Newman (University of Florida, USA), Adrian Perrig (Berkeley University, USA), Jonathan Poritz (IBM Research, Zurich Research Laboratory, Switzerland), James Riordan (IBM Research, Zurich Research Laboratory, Switzerland), Keith Roberts (Philips Research, The Netherlands), Ahmad-Reza Sadeghi (Saarland University, Germany), Tomas Sander (HP Labs, USA), Dagmar Schönfeld (Dresden University of Technology, Germany), Marius Staring (Philips Research, The Netherlands), Sandra Steinbrecher (Dresden University of Technology, Germany), Martin Steinebach (Fraunhofer-IPSI Darmstadt, Germany), Joop Talstra (Philips Research, The Netherlands), Michiel van der Veen (Philips Research, The Netherlands), Arno van Leest (Philips Research, The Netherlands), Sviatoslav Voloshynovskiy (CUI, University of Geneva, Switzerland), Peter Wayner, Andreas Westfeld (Dresden University of Technology, Germany), and Francis Zane (Bell Labs, Lucent Technologies, USA). Thanks to all program committee members and reviewers who between them contributed over 230 reviews.

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Like last year we split the chairpersonship into the positions of 'general' chair and 'program' chair. Job Oostveen was the general chair. Together with his staff he did a terrific job with the local arrangements, printing the pre-proceedings and organizing the registration. He also organized a superb cruise dinner in Amsterdam. I thank Job very much for his efforts.

We hope that you will enjoy reading these proceedings and that they will be helpful for your future research on information hiding.

November 2002 Fabien A.P. Petitcolas

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