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Preface

CPS4CIP 2020 is a forum for researchers and practitioners working on cyber-physical security for critical infrastructures protection that supports finance, energy, health, air transport, communication, gas, and water. The secure operation of critical infrastructures is essential to the security of nations and, in an increasingly interconnected world, of unions of states sharing their infrastructures in order to develop their economies, and to public health and safety. Security incidents in critical infrastructures can directly lead to a violation of users' safety and privacy, physical damage, interference in the political and social life of citizens, significant economic impact on individuals and companies, and threats to human life while decreasing trust in institutions and questioning their social value. Because of the increasing interconnection between the digital and physical worlds, these infrastructures and services are more critical, sophisticated, and interdependent than ever before. The increased complexity makes each infrastructure increasingly vulnerable to attacks, as confirmed by the steady rise of cyber-security incidents, such as phishing or ransomware, and cyber-physical incidents, such as physical violation of devices or facilities in conjunction with malicious cyber activities. To make the situation even worse, interdependency may give rise to a domino effect with catastrophic consequences on multiple infrastructures.

To address these challenges, the workshop aimed to bring together security researchers and practitioners from the various verticals of critical infrastructures (such as the financial, energy, health, air transport, communication, gas, and water domains) and rethink cyber-physical security in the light of the latest technological developments (e.g., Cloud Computing, Blockchain, Big Data, AI, Internet-of-Things) by developing novel and effective approaches to increase the resilience of critical infrastructures and the related ecosystems of services.

The workshop attracted the attention of the critical infrastructures protection research communities and stimulated new insights and advances with particular attention to the integrated cyber and physical aspects of security in critical infrastructures. The first International Workshop on Cyber-Physical Security for Critical Infrastructures Protection (CPS4CIP 2020) was held online. The workshop was organized in conjunction with the 25th European Symposium on Research in Computer Security (ESORICS 2020), Guildford, the United Kingdom on 14–18 September 2020. The format of the workshop included two keynotes and technical presentations. The workshop was attended by around 28 people on average.

The workshop received 24 submissions, of which one was withdrawn and 23 were sent for reviews, from authors in 15 distinct countries. After a thorough peer-review process, 14 papers were selected for presentation at the workshop. The review process focused on the quality of the papers, their scientific novelty, and their applicability to the protection of critical financial infrastructure and services, and the acceptance rate was 58%. The accepted articles represent an interesting mix of techniques for security threat intelligence, data anomaly detection (predict and prevent), computer vision and

datasets for security, security management and governance, and impact propagation and power traffic analysis. The workshop was proactive with two important and stimulating keynotes in the areas of "Digital twins in industrial ecosystems: challenges, security issues, and countermeasures", and "Cyber-physical security in automotive: the new challenge for smart cities".

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