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Preface

We are delighted to introduce the proceedings of the 17th EAI International Conference on Security and Privacy in Communication Networks (SecureComm 2021). This conference brought together cybersecurity scholars from all around the world, advancing the state of the art and knowledge of cybersecurity and privacy by proposing new methods and tools to address the major cybersecurity challenges faced by our digital systems.

These proceedings contain 43 papers from the main conference, which were selected out of 126 submissions (with an acceptance rate around 34%) from authors in universities, national laboratories, and the private sector from the Americas, Europe, Asia, Australasia, and Africa. All submissions went through an extensive review process undertaken by 82 internationally-recognized experts in cybersecurity. The accepted papers are authored by researchers from 16 countries, with the USA and China being the top two countries with the most papers (18 and 12, respectively).

These proceedings also contain the following papers from two co-located workshops and two other tracks of the conference: five papers accepted to the International Workshop on Post-quantum Cryptography for Secure Communications (PQC-SC), two papers accepted to the International Workshop on Cyber-Physical Systems Strategic and Technical Security (CPS-STS), and four papers to the PhD and Poster Tracks. Submissions to these workshops and tracks were organized by the separate (co-)chairs: Kalpana Singh, Elisa Lorenzo Garcia, Rajeev Anand Sahu, Gaurav Sharma, and T. Chithralekha who co-chaired PQC-SC, Ali Ismail Awad, Charalambos Konstantinou, and Mohammed M. Alani who co-chaired CPS-STS, and Roger A. Hallman who chaired the PhD and Poster Tracks. The accepted papers in these workshops and tracks are authored by researchers from seven different countries (USA, China, Brazil, Italy, South Korea, UAE, and UK).

Any successful conference relies on the contribution of multiple stakeholders, who have volunteered their time and energy in disseminating and publicizing the call for papers, submitting original research results, participating in the reviewing process, and in the end contributing altogether to a great program. First and foremost, we would like to offer our gratitude to the entire Organizing Committee for guiding the entire process of the conference, keeping everything organized and in check. We are also deeply grateful to all the Technical Program Committee (TPC) members for their time and effort in reading, commenting, debating, and finally selecting the papers. We also thank the (co-)chairs, TPC members, and external reviewers of the co-located workshops and the PhD/Poster Tracks for their contributions to the conference. Last but not least, we also thank all the authors who submitted papers to the conference and all participants who attended the conference to support the conference and make it a successful event. Support from the Steering Committee and EAI staff members was also crucial in ensuring the success of the conference. It was a great privilege to work with such a large group of dedicated and talented individuals.

We had hoped for a physical event, and it is unfortunate that we once more had to revert to an online one. We nevertheless hope that you found the discussions and interactions at SecureComm 2021 enjoyable and that the proceedings will simulate further research.

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