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Preface

This volume contains the papers presented at ProvSec 2021 - the 15th International Conference on Provable and Practical Security, held during November 5–8, 2021. Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, this year we organized ProvSec 2021 as a hybrid conference. Attendees from low-risk areas of mainland China were invited to join the conference offline at Guangzhou, while other attendees were invited to join the conference online. The conference was hosted by the College of Mathematics and Informatics, South China Agricultural University, China.

The first ProvSec conference was held in 2007. Until 2018, ProvSec conferences focused on "Provable Security". Since 2019, "Practical Security" has been added into the theme of the conference to enrich the scope of the conference and to bring together security researchers and practitioners.

This year we received 67 submissions, which were reviewed in a double-blind manner. Each submission was carefully evaluated by three to five reviewers, and then discussed among the Program Committee. Finally, 21 papers were accepted for presentation at the conference. Based on the reviews and votes by Program Committee members, the following paper was given the Best Paper Award:

"Public Key Based Searchable Encryption with Fine-Grained Sender Permission Control", by Zhongming Wang, Biwen Chen, Tao Xiang, Lu Zhou, Hongyang Yan, and Jin Li.

ProvSec 2021 would not have been possible without the contributions of the many volunteers who freely gave their time and expertise. We would like to thank all the 51 Program Committee members from all over the world and the external reviewers for their substantial work in evaluating the papers. We thank the local organizers for their tremendous efforts in successfully organizing this event. Last but not least, we would like to express our gratitude to all invited speakers and all authors who submitted papers to ProvSec 2021.

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