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Preface

The 13th Australasian Conference on Information Security and Privacy (ACISP 2008) was held at Wollongong, Australia, during July 7–9, 2008. The conference was sponsored by the Centre for Computer and Information Security of the University of Wollongong and the Research Network for a Secure Australia. The submission and review process was run using the iChair software, written by Thomas Baigneres and Matthieu Finiasz from EPFL, LASEC, Switzerland. We would like to thank them for letting us use their iChair software.

The conference received 111 submissions, out of which the Program Committee selected 33 papers for presentation at the conference after a rigorous review process. These papers are included in the proceedings. The accepted papers cover a range of topics in information security, including authentication, key management, public key cryptography, privacy, anonymity, secure communication, ciphers, network security, elliptic curves, hash functions, and database security. The conference proceedings contain revised versions of the selected papers. Since some of them were not checked again for correctness before publication, the authors bear full responsibility for the contents of their papers. We would like to thank the authors of all papers for submitting their papers to the conference.

In addition to the contributed papers, the program comprised three invited talks. The invited speakers were Xavier Boyen (Voltage, USA), Josef Pieprzyk (Macquarie University, Australia) and Nigel Phair (Australian High Tech Crime Centre). We would like to express our thanks to them.

As in previous years, we selected a "best student paper." To be eligible for selection, a paper has to be co-authored by a postgraduate student, whose contribution was more than 50%. The winner was Risto Hakala from Helsinki University of Technology, Finland, for the paper "Linear Distinguishing Attack on Shannon."

We would like to thank all the people who helped with the conference program and organization. In particular, we heartily thank the Program Committee and the sub-reviewers listed on the following pages for the effort and time they contributed to the review process. We would like to express our thanks to Springer for continuing to support the ACISP conference and for help in the conference proceedings production.

Finally, we would like to thank the Organizing Committee for their excellent contribution to the conference.

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