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## Message from the Program Chairs

The 2010 Privacy-Enhancing Technologies Symposium was held at the Hotel Berlin in Berlin during July 21-23, 2010. It was the 10th in this series of meetings, and the third after the transition from workshop to symposium. PETS remains a premier forum for publishing research on both the theory and the practice of privacy-enhancing technologies, and has a broad scope that includes all facets of the field.

The PETS program this year included a diverse set of 16 peer-reviewed papers, selected from 57 submissions. Each submission was reviewed by at least three members of the Program Committee. This was the third year of the popular HotPETs session, designed as a venue to present exciting but still preliminary and evolving ideas, rather than formal and rigorous completed research results. HotPETs this year included a program of 11 presentations of 10–20 minutes each; as was the case in each of the last two years, there were no published proceedings for HotPETs. PETS also included the traditional "rump session," with brief presentations on a variety of topics.

We are grateful to all of the authors who submitted, to the PETS and Hot-PETs speakers who presented their work selected for the program, and to the rump session participants. We are also grateful to the Program Committee members, and to the external reviewers who assisted them, for their thorough reviews and participation in discussions – they were central to the resulting high-quality program. The following subset of these reviewers gracefully volunteered to continue their work as shepherds helping the authors improve their papers and address the reviewer comments and suggestions: Nikita Borisov, Rachel Greenstadt, Aaron Johnson, and Meredith Patterson. It is a also a pleasure to acknowledge the contribution of our General Chair, Hannes Federrath, and our webmaster since 2007, Jeremy Clark, who did his usual outstanding job at evolving and maintaining the symposium's website. Our gratitude also goes to the HotPETs Chairs, Carmela Troncoso and Andrei Serjantov, who put together an outstanding HotPETs program. Finally, we are particularly grateful to Microsoft for its continued sponsorship and support.

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