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CoDecFin 2021 Preface

The Second Workshop on Coordination of Decentralized Finance (CoDecFin 2021) took place in conjunction with Financial Cryptography and Data Security 2021 on March 5, 2021. The CoDecFin workshop is focused on multi-disciplinary issues regarding technologies and operations of decentralized finance based on permissionless blockchain.

From an academic point of view, security and privacy protection are some of the leading research streams. The Financial Cryptography conference discusses these research challenges. On the other hand, other stakeholders than cryptographers and blockchain engineers have different interests in these characteristics of blockchain technology. For example, regulators face difficulty in tracing transactions in terms of antimoney laundering (AML) against privacy-enhancing crypto-assets. Another example is consumer protection in the case of cyberattacks on crypto-asset custodians. Blockchain business entities sometimes start their business before maturing technology, but the technology and operations are not transparent to regulators and consumers. The main problem is a lack of communication among stakeholders of the decentralized finance ecosystem. The G20 discussed the issue of insufficient communication among stakeholders in 2019. It concluded that there is an essential need for multi-stakeholder discussion among engineers, regulators, business entities, and operators based on the neutrality of academia.

The CoDecFin workshop was initiated in 2020 to facilitate such multi-stakeholder discussion in a neutral academic environment. The goals of CoDecFin were to have common understandings of technology and regulatory goals and to discuss essential issues of blockchain technology faced by all stakeholders mentioned above. It was a historic workshop because we could involve regulators and engineers in the discussion at the Financial Cryptography conference.

CoDecFin 2021 consisted of three parts: a keynote talk, presentations by all stakeholders, and roundtable discussions. The keynote talk by Peter Van Balkenburgh discussed "Your Right to DeFi". The presentations were selected based on the peer-review process. The topics included DeFi risks, AML/KYC, and privacy. As this workshop was held right after the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) proposed a new draft regulation on AML/KYC and the treatment of un-hosted wallets, the AML/KYC and privacy session focused on the issues related to this proposal. In the third part, we invited panelists from all stakeholders, including blockchain businesses, regulators, engineers, and academia, on the AML/KYC session issues to join the roundtable discussions. Presentations and discussions are included as papers of this proceedings.

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DeFi 2021 Preface

These proceedings collect the papers accepted at the First Workshop on Decentralized Finance (DeFi 2021 - http://fc21.ifca.ai/defi/), held in association with the Financial Cryptography and Data Security 2021 conference (FC 2021) on March 5, 2021.

The focus of the DeFi workshop series is decentralized finance, a blockchain powered peer-to-peer financial system. This first workshop coincided with the early fruition of DeFi, and sought to solicit contributions from both academia and industry which focussed on addressing fundamental, timely, and important questions at the centre of DeFi.

This first workshop received 40 submissions, of which 22 were accepted either as a short paper (9) or as a talk (13). All of the short papers and a subset of the talks, as précis, appear in these proceedings. Overall, the organizers were extremely impressed by the quality of submissions received and were delighted by the strong attendance and lively discussion during the workshop. The workshop was conducted online as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, but we look forward to future years where it can be conducted in person.

In addition to talks pertaining to submissions we had a guest speaker, Raphael Auer, from the Bank for International Settlements, and we would like to thank him for his talk. The workshop closed with a panel, featuring Tarun Chitra (Gauntlet), Robert Leshner (Compound), Andrew Miller (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), and Jeremy Musighi (Balancer), which covered a wide range of topics from privacy in DeFi to the role of auditors. We would like to sincerely thank the panelists for taking part and for the lively discussion

The Organizing Committee would like to extend sincere thanks to all those who submitted their work, the Program Committee for their careful work, and all those who participated in the workshop. In addition, we would like to extend our thanks to Kevin McCurley and Kay McKelly, for their seamless organization of the online support needed to conduct this event virtually, and Rafael Hirschfeld for his flawless support, organization, and encouragement of this first workshop.

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VOTING 2021 Preface

VOTING 2021 marks the 6th Workshop on Advances in Secure Electronic Voting associated with the Financial Cryptography and Data Security 2021 conference (FC 2021) held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic on March 5, 2021.

This year's workshop received 14 papers with 7 accepted. We are grateful for our Program Committee for their time and effort, and especially their flexibility when we extended the submission deadline. We also thank the authors of all submitted papers, and especially the presenters for joining the workshop online despite the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. We are also grateful to Ray Hirschfeld, Sergi Delgado Segura, and IFCA for organizing all the logistics of the event and the FC workshop chairs for their continued support of VOTING. For VOTING 2022 the tradition of staggered chairs is continued with Thomas Haines and Aleks Essex serving as program chairs.

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WTSC 2021 Preface

These proceedings collect the papers accepted at the Fifth Workshop on Trusted Smart Contracts (WTSC21 - http://fc21.ifca.ai/wtsc/) associated with the Financial Cryptography and Data Security 2021 conference (FC 2021).

The WTSC series focuses on smart contracts, i.e., self-enforcing agreements in the form of executable programs, and other decentralized applications that are deployed to, and run on top of, (specialized) blockchains. These technologies introduce a novel programming framework and execution environment, which, together with the supporting blockchain technologies, carry unanswered and challenging research questions. Multidisciplinary and multifactorial aspects affect correctness, safety, privacy, authentication, efficiency, sustainability, resilience, and trust in smart contracts and decentralized applications.

WTSC aims to address the scientific foundations of Trusted Smart Contract engineering, i.e., the development of contracts that enjoy some verifiable "correctness" properties, and to discuss open problems, proposed solutions, and the vision on future developments amongst a research community that is growing around these themes and brings together users, practitioners, industry, institutions, and academia. This was reflected in the multidisciplinary Program Committee (PC) of this fifth edition of WTSC, comprising members from companies, universities, and research institutions from several countries worldwide, who kindly accepted to support the event. The association with FC 2021 provided, once again, an ideal context for our workshop.

This year's edition of WTSC received 30 submissions by about 90 authors, confirming a growing trend and increased interest. Given the high quality of submission, 16 papers were accepted after double-blind peer review. Thanks to the generous effort by the PC, each paper received an average of 3.3 reviews, providing constructive feedback to authors. Papers revised after the discussion at the workshop are collected in the present volume. These analyze the current state of the art of smart contracts and their development. Important aspects that were discussed at the workshop included security and verification, attacks' analysis, scalability, relationships of smart contracts and consensus, and privacy-preserving applications. An emerging theme received a lot of attention: decentralized finance (DeFi). Apart from the contributed talks, we had a final roundtable on DeFi jointly with the 2nd Workshop on Coordination of Decentralized Finance (CoDecFin 2021).

Generally speaking, the presentations made a full day of interesting talks and discussion. More detailed video presentations are made available online on a dedicated YouTube channel¹ that can be reached from the workshop's web page. Following our tradition of excellent invited speakers (Buterin, Breitman, Gutmann, Mishra, Artamonov, Grigg), our workshop started with a beautiful presentation by Darren Tapp, leading scientist in the cryptocurrency community DASH.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MvGnPhpkNlM&list=PL_aN0fSJkEsoopkLAivp89w5hHdF19W0A.

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This year's edition was planned to take place in Granada, Spain, on March 5, 2021, but was held online due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Although we missed direct interaction a lot, we believe the community enjoyed the online presentations and discussions.

WTSC 2021's chairs would like to thank everyone for their usual, and this year extra, effort and valuable contributions: authors, Program Committee members and reviewers, and participants, as well as the support by IFCA, FC 2021 committees, Kevin McCurley and Kay McKelly for the online framework to run the conference, and Ray Hirschfeld for the usual exceptional organization of the event.

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