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Preface

Foreword from the Program Chairs

These proceedings contain the papers selected for presentation at the 9th European Symposium on Research in Computer Security (ESORICS), held during September 13–15, 2004 in Sophia Antipolis, France.

In response to the call for papers 159 papers were submitted to the conference. These papers were evaluated on the basis of their significance, novelty, and technical quality. Each paper was reviewed by at least three members of the program committee. The program committee meeting was held electronically; there was an intensive discussion over a period of two weeks. Of the papers submitted, 27 were selected for presentation at the conference, giving an acceptance rate lower than 17%. The conference program also included an invited talk.

A workshop like this does not just happen; it depends on the volunteer efforts of a host of individuals. There is a long list of people who volunteered their time and energy to put together the workshop and who deserve special thanks. Thanks to all the members of the program committee, and the external reviewers, for all their hard work in the paper evaluation. Due to the large number of submissions the program committee members were really required to work hard in a short time frame, and we are very thankful to them for the commitment they showed with their active participation in the electronic discussion. We are also very grateful to all those people whose work ensured a smooth organization process: Refik Molva, who served as the General Chair, Marc Dacier, the Sponsoring Chair, Yves Roudier, who served as the Publicity Chair and maintained the Web pages, Sabrina de Capitani di Vimercati, who helped in the review process, Dieter Gollmann, who served as the Publication Chair and collated this volume, and Anne Duflos and Laurence Grammare for helping with the local arrangements.

Last, but certainly not least, our thanks go to all the authors who submitted papers and all the attendees. We hope you find the program stimulating.

Peter Ryan and Pierangela Samarati
(Program Co-chairs)

Foreword from the General Chair

Initially established as the European conference in research on computer security, ESORICS has reached the status of a main international event gathering researchers from all over the world. Taking place in a different European country every other year during its first seven occurrences, it has been a yearly conference since 2003.

ESORICS 2004 was organized by the Institut EURECOM and took place in Sophia Antipolis, France, September 13–15, 2004.

The organization of such an important event required a major effort and we wish to express our sincere appreciation to the organization committee members for their excellent work.

We would like to express our special appreciation to the Program Chairs Pierangela Samarati and Peter Ryan for coming up with a high-quality technical program that was the result of a complex evaluation process they handled very smoothly.

We are also indebted to the Institut EURECOM who not only allowed us and other organization committee members to dedicate considerable time and energy to the organization of this event, but also provided logistic and financial support to host it.

Sophia Antipolis, September 2004   Refik Molva

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