CCS 2010 General Chair's Welcome

ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS) is the flagship annual conference of the Special Interest Group on Security, Audit and Control (SIGSAC) of the Association for Computing Machinery. CCS is ACM's oldest conference in security area. It brings together researchers and developers for academics, government agencies, research labs and corporate sectors from all over the world. It provides an environment to conduct intellectual discussions and exchange ideas that are instrumental in shaping the future of computer and communications security. From its inception, CCS has established itself as a high standard research conference in the area of computer and communications security. This reputation continues to grow and is reflected in high selective and prestige of the technical programs.

From 2002- 2008, the number of paper submissions increased from ~150 to ~300 submissions and selected papers reached 51 in 2008. CCS continues to increase in 2009 and 2010 and receives a new submission record in 2010 of 325 papers. CCS 2010 received funding support of ~$60,000 from NSF, ARL, Google, IBM Research, Microsoft Research, University of North Carolina Charlotte, Indiana University and Thompson. The Organizing Committee of CCS 2010 has put together an outstanding program that includes 15 technical sessions, an invited talk, 9 pre- and post-conferences specialized workshops, 2 short and 3 long tutorials, 44 posters and two social events. We received around 69 posters in 2010, which is over 70% increase compared with 2009.

The CCS 2010 conference would not have been possible without the genuine and tireless efforts of the entire CCS 2010 Organizing Committee. We would like to congratulate them for their professionalism and commitment. We are most grateful to the authors who submitted their work to the main conference, workshops or posters. We would also like to thank the technical program committee members, the reviewers who diligently supported the peer review process, the workshop chairs who worked hard to organize the workshops, session chairs, and everyone else for their time and dedication to put together an outstanding program, as usual. We are also extremely grateful to those who are involved in making the local arrangements, designing the website, creating the publications and promotional materials, and handling registrations. A special acknowledgement goes to the staff of the ACM who supported us throughout. Last, but far from least, we would like to express our gratitude to the patrons who so generously contributed to the conference and/or workshops.

I hope that that you will enjoy staying in Chicago. Two social local events (Happy Hour and Banquet) have been arranged to provide an opportunity for you to get together with friends and colleagues. I hope that you will have a rewarding and enjoyable experience in CCS 2010.

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