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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. This year (2009), we achieved a new record for CCS in submitted and accepted papers; we received 315 submissions, with authors from 31 countries, and 58 papers were selected for presentation at the conference, resulting in an acceptance rate of 18%. In fact this year is a record year for CCS. CCS 2009 has a record number of registrations that reaches 533 attendees (30% increase over 2008). It also achieves a new record in the amount of patrons received, number of student travel grant applications received and awarded, number of tutorials and accepted workshops. CCS 2009 received ~\$60,000 from NSF, ARL, Google, NSA IBM Research, Microsoft Research, and Thompson. We received more than 114 student travel grant applications for CCS and 44 for workshops, and we awarded about 50 and 44 student travel grants for the CCS main conference and workshops, respectively, distributed over more than 10 countries.

The Organizing Committee of CCS 2009 has put together an outstanding program that includes 18 technical sessions, an invited talk, 12 pre- and post-conferences specialized workshops, 3 short and 2 long tutorials, 2 posters sessions and 2 social events. For the first time in CCS 2009, we have organized two poster sessions to allow for exchange of novel ideas and work-in-progress projects. We received around 40 poster and demo presentations, which reflect strong support from the community.

The CCS 2009 conference would not have been possible without the genuine and tireless efforts of the entire CCS 2009 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 Communications Society 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 2009.

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