Message from the Conference Chair

We have entered the new millennium and closed the door to the past. But have we truly closed the doors to the past? We used the decade of the 1990s to continue to stretch our knowledge and imagination on many ways to securely manage the volumes of data that exists today. Information continues to be a hot commodity. Protection of that information has become more important to our governments, to independent companies, and down to the individuals themselves.

Our knowledge base continues to grow while keeping pace with hardware technologies and software applications. Can we ever protect everyone every minute? The thought brings comfort one minute, and fear the next. So we continue to seek the ultimate solution to the question of today: “How do we continue to provide information and yet maintain the protection of the information?”

During the coming week we will address these interesting challenges in the field of information security through the variety of papers, tutorials, case studies, and panel presentations. My committee and I look forward to bringing you the practical solutions to match the challenges.
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