Welcome from the Program Chairs

These proceedings contain the papers selected for presentation at the 24th Annual Computer Security Applications Conference, held December 8-12, 2008, in Anaheim (CA), USA.

In response to the call for papers, 173 papers were submitted to the conference. These papers were evaluated on the basis of their significance, novelty, technical quality, and practical impact. As in previous years, reviewing was “double-blind”: the identities of reviewers were not revealed to the authors of the papers and author identities were not revealed to the reviewers. The program committee meeting was held electronically, yielding intensive discussion over a period of two weeks. Of the papers submitted, 42 were selected for presentation at the conference, giving an acceptance rate under 25%. Besides the technical program composed of these papers, the conference includes invited talks, panels, case studies, panels, and work in progress presentations.

A conference like this just does not 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 conference 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, program committee members worked very hard in a short time frame, and we are very thankful to them for their commitment and their active participation in the electronic discussion. We are also very grateful to all those people whose work ensured a smooth organization process: Cristina Serban, for her support, advices and overall organization as General Chair, Carrie Gates, for taking care of publicity, Robert Zakon for maintaining the web pages and for support and help with the Openconf system, Christoph Schuba for collating the published proceedings. Thank you also to all those people who served in different capacities for organizing the conference: Daniel Faigin for the tutorials, Harvey Rubino-vitz for the workshop, Tom Haigh for the invited talks, Michael Franz for the panels, Steven Rome for the case studies, and John McDermott for the works in progress.

Last but certainly not least our thanks go to all the authors who submitted papers and to all the attendees. We hope you find the program stimulating and a source of inspiration for your future research and practical development.

Pierangela Samarati, Charles Payne
2008 ACSAC Program Chairs