Chair’s Message

The Third International Conference on Availability, Reliability and Security (ARES 2008 – The International Dependability Conference) brings together researchers and practitioners in the area of dependability. ARES 2008 highlights the various aspects of dependability, with special focus on the crucial linkage between availability, reliability and security.

ARES aims at a full and detailed discussion of research issues in the field of dependability as an integrative concept that covers amongst others availability, safety, confidentiality, integrity, maintainability and security and their different areas of applications.

This conference emphasizes the interplay between foundations and practical issues of dependability in areas such as information systems, e-government, m-government, location-based services, ubiquitous computing, and autonomous computing.

This years ARES conference is devoted to the critical examination and research challenges of the various aspects of Dependable Computing and the definition of a future road map.

We are very happy to welcome three well-known keynote speakers:

- Prof. Ravi Sandhu (Executive Director, Institute for Cyber-Security Research (ICSR) and Lutcher Brown Endowed Chair in Cyber-Security, University of Texas, San Antonio)
- Prof. Vijay Atluri (Management Science and Information Systems Department, Rutgers University)
- Prof. Günther Pernul (Department of Information Systems, University of Regensburg)

From over 200 submissions we have selected the 44 best for a presentation as full paper. In addition, several workshops and short papers show ongoing research projects and offer interesting starting points for discussions.

We wish all participants an enjoyable conference and interesting discussions.

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