

Preface

PKC 2004 was the 7th International Workshop on Practice and Theory in Public Key Cryptography and was sponsored by IACR, the International Association for Cryptologic Research (www.iacr.org). This year the workshop was organized in cooperation with the Institute for Infocomm Research (I²R), Singapore.

There were 106 paper submissions from 19 countries to PKC 2004. That is the highest submission number in PKC history. Due to the large number of submissions and the high quality of the submitted papers, not all the papers that contained new ideas were accepted. Of the 106 submissions, 32 were selected for the proceedings. Each paper was sent to at least 3 members of the Program Committee for comments. The revised versions of the accepted papers were not checked for correctness of their scientific aspects and the authors bear the full responsibility for the contents of their papers. Some authors will write final versions of their papers for publication in refereed journals.

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