

Preface

It is an honor and great pleasure to write a preface for this postproceedings of the 6th International Workshop on Information Hiding. In the past 10 years, the field of data hiding has been maturing and expanding, gradually establishing its place as an active interdisciplinary research area uniquely combining information theory, cryptology, and signal processing.

This year, the workshop was followed by the Privacy Enhancing Technologies workshop (PET) hosted at the same location. Delegates viewed this connection as fruitful as it gave both communities a convenient opportunity to interact.

We would like to thank all authors who submitted their work for consideration. Out of the 70 submissions received by the program committee, 25 papers were accepted for publication based on their novelty, originality, and scientific merit. We strived to achieve a balanced exposition of papers that would represent many different aspects of information hiding. All papers were divided into eight sessions: digital media watermarking, steganalysis, digital forensics, steganography, software watermarking, security and privacy, anonymity, and data hiding in unusual content. This year, the workshop included a one-hour rump session that offered an opportunity to the delegates to share their work in progress and other brief but interesting contributions.

The program committee consisted of Ross J. Anderson (University of Cambridge, UK), Jan Camenisch (IBM Zurich Research Laboratory, Switzerland), Christian Collberg (University of Arizona, USA), Ingemar J. Cox (University College London, UK), John McHugh (SEI/CERT, USA), Ira S. Moskowitz (Naval Research Laboratory, USA), Job Oostveen (Philips Research, Netherlands), Richard C. Owens (University of Toronto), Fabien A.P. Petitcolas (Microsoft Research, UK), Andreas Pfitzmann (Dresden University of Technology, Germany), Mike Reiter (Carnegie Mellon University, USA), and Jessica Fridrich (SUNY Binghamton, USA).

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This year, for the first time this workshop had two program chairs, one for multimedia watermarking and steganography (myself) and the second for anonymous communication, covert channels, and privacy (Mike Reiter). I would like to thank Mike for helping me with the review process and managing the communication with authors.

The general chair Richard C. Owens and his assistant Alison Bambury did a wonderful job organizing the event. Many thanks to them for such a tasteful selection of a comfortable meeting place. The workshop was held at The Radisson located on the Ontario Waterfront. In the evening of the second day, the attendees had an opportunity to relax at a dinner cruise while admiring the Ontario city silhouette lit by fireworks for Victoria Day.

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