

SIN'14: Report for SICSA

The 7th International Conference on Security of Information and Networks

Glasgow University: 9-11 September 2014

Organisation

The Conference Chair was Dr. Ron Poet, of Glasgow University. Four other universities were technical partners:

Aksaray University: Turkey

Malaviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur, India

Macquarie University, Sydney

Southern Federal University, Rostov-on-Don, Taganrog, Russia

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The conference was widely publicised in the usual way for international conference. A conference call was placed in a number of websites, including those specialising in Computing Science and Computer Security conferences. The call was also emailed to our technical partners and members of our program committee. The call was also sent to SICSA departments via SICSA three times. Finally, the call was sent to select computer security mailing lists.

There were 120 submissions from around the world, all of which went through a rigorous per review process. 32 full papers, 30 short papers, 3 tool demonstrations, 13 fast abstracts and 3 posters were accepted. The papers were presented in 19 sessions over the three days of the conference. In most sessions there were 3 parallel session, organised into 4 tracks: Assurance and Trust, Cryptographic Techniques, Human Factors and Biometrics and Networks and Defence. Four best paper awards were made, one for each track. One of these was also judged to be the best paper overall.

82 participants registered for the conference.

There were 6 keynote speakers:

Prof. Chris Johnson: University of Glasgow

Prof. Chris Hankim: Imperial College London

Prof. Bill Buchanan: Napier University

Prof. Jaideep Vaidya: Rutgers University, USA

Mr. Bill Hargenrader: Booz, Allen, Hamilton, USA

Prof. Atilla Elci: Aksaray University, Turkey

The conference also featured an extensive social track to allow researchers to get to know each other. There was a civic reception, provided by the City of Glasgow, on the first evening of the conference. The conference reception took place the next evening in Carnbooth House Hotel, a lovely rural setting that benefitted from the good weather. The guests were entertained by highland dancers to remind them that the conference was taking place in Scotland. There was also a conference outing on the day after the conference, which visited a distillery and the Wallace Monument. The SICSA Logo was displayed on the conference web site and conference program.

We were awarded 10 free registrations for PhD students studying in Scotland, but were able to offer free full registrations to all 14 students who asked for them. The quality of submissions from the Scottish students was high, and one won a best paper award. The 14 students were:

Mohamed Abdulshafy: Heriott Watt University

Hani Aljahdali: Glasgow University

Hifaa Bait Baraka: Glasgow Caledonian University

Xavier Bellekens: Strathclyde University (Best Networks and Defence Paper)

Niaz Chowdhury: Glasgow University

Soumyadeb Chowdhury: Glasgow University

Maria Evangelopoulou: Glasgow University

Md. Sadek Ferdous: Glasgow University

George Grispos: Glasgow University

Grieg Paul: Strathclyde University

Abdul Razzaq: Caledonian University

Ahmed Saeed: Glasgow Caledonian University

Paraskevas Sarris: Glasgow University

Thu Win: Glasgow Caledonian University