

Message from the Program Chairs

A warm welcome to the 2009 International Conference on Network and System Security (NSS 2009) and to Gold Coast, Australia.

NSS has been a premier conference that has brought together researchers and practitioners from academia, industry and governments around the world to advance the theories and technologies of network and system security, such as authentication, access control, availability, integrity, privacy, confidentiality, dependability and sustainability of computer networks and systems. The goal of NSS is to establish an international forum for researchers and practitioners to present their excellent ideas and experiences in all system fields of network and system security. NSS 2009 features new results, challenging research questions, novel approaches and innovative directions in network and system security.

NSS 2009 is the next event in a series of highly successful events of Network and System Security (NSS), previously held as IFIP International Workshop on Network and System Security: NSS 2008 (Shanghai, China, October 2008) and NSS 2007 (Dalian, China, September 2007), respectively.

This year we received 149 submissions from 30 countries in the world. Each paper was reviewed by at least two internationally renowned referees and selected based on their originality, significance, correctness, relevance, and clarity of presentation. Among the high quality submissions, only 38 regular papers and 15 short papers were accepted.

In addition to the main conference, there are four workshops held together with NSS 2009. They are:

1. First International Workshop on Frontiers of Information Assurance and Security (FIAS 2009)
2. First International Workshop on Intelligent Decision Support Systems and Applications in Networked and Distributed Systems (IDSS-NDS 2009)
3. Second International Workshop on Data Mining and Artificial Intelligence (DMAI 2009)
4. First International Workshop on Wireless & Mobile Networks Security (WMNS-2009)

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the authors for their submissions to NSS 2009 and associated workshops. Many of them have travelled some distance to participate in the conference. We also thank the Program Committee members and additional reviewers from all around the world for their efforts in reviewing the large number of papers. We appreciate all workshop Chairs for their dedication and professionalism. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the General Chair, Professor Wanlei Zhou. He provided us with invaluable guidance throughout the process of paper selection and program organization. We also thank Georgi Cahill, the Conference Secretariat, for her professional organization.

Last but not least, we would like to express our gratitude to all of the organizations who have supported our efforts to bring conference to fruition. We are grateful to Deakin University, Central Queensland University, and IEEE Computer Society TCSC for their sponsorships and assistance.

Welcome to Gold Coast and enjoy!

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