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Preface

It is now two years since we last met at Castle Hofen to discuss important topics involved with electronic voting. Back then it was intended to bring together interested people in e-voting. What was first planned as a sole academic meeting in the field of information technology has fast become a get-together of academia, administration and vendors in the field. This is for sure due to the high level of interdisciplinary and high interest on all sides.

Two years ago we listened to the presentation of the Council of Europe recommendation on legal, technical and organisational on electronic voting or many other ambitious plans on implementing electronic voting.

Looking at this year’s contributions we can easily see the fast development the field has undertaken. First of all thanks to the support of the Council of Europe our meeting serves as an academic review meeting for the back then discussed recommendation. Second we also have first empirical data on the actual use of e-voting in legally binding political elections and deal with so important topics like the observation of electronic voting. It is also good to see that the discussion on electronic voting is becoming a global one. While in 2004 the attendees of the workshop came from 11 countries, this year we have participants coming from nearly 30 different countries as far away like New Zealand or Brazil.

For our call of papers we received over 40 submissions of which we had to select the 20 best for presentation. This was done in a double-blind review process which wouldn’t have been possible without the tremendous effort the programme committee members and the additional reviewers put in the process.

Special thanks go to the Council of Europe for their support in organizing this conference. I wish to thank Simon French, Wolfgang Polasek, David Rios, and Simon French as well as the remaining members of the TED steering committee for supporting once more our workshop.

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