

Preface

FC 2015, the 19th International Conference on Financial Cryptography and Data Security, was held during January 26–30, 2015, at the Intercontinental San Juan Hotel in Puerto Rico. This edition received the highest number of participants in the history of FC.

We received 102 paper submissions, out of which 33 were accepted, 10 as short papers and 23 as full papers, resulting in a full-paper acceptance rate of 25 %. These proceedings contain revised versions of all the papers, abstracts of three posters, and an edited transcript of the keynote address. The keynote was given by Gavin Andresen, Chief Scientist of the Bitcoin Foundation, who shared with the audience his view on “What Satoshi Did Not Know.”

The Program Committee consisted of 53 members with diverse research interests and experience. Papers were reviewed double-blind, with each paper assigned to at least three reviewers. Submissions by Program Committee members received at least four reviews each. During the discussion phase, additional reviews were solicited when necessary. We ensured to the extent possible that all papers received fair and objective evaluation by experts and also a broader group of Program Committee members. The final decisions were made based on the reviews and discussions. The task of paper selection was not easy, and we could not include a number of solid papers for lack of space.

We would like to sincerely thank the authors of all submissions. We, and the Program Committee as a whole, were impressed by the quality of submissions contributed from all around the world. This gave us the opportunity to compile a strong and diverse program.

Our sincere gratitude also goes to the Program Committee. We were extremely fortunate that so many brilliant people volunteered to not only write reviews, but also actively participate in discussions for a period of several weeks. A handful of Program Committee members, whom we asked to serve as shepherds, spent additional time during the holiday season in order to help the authors improve their works. We are also indebted to 88 external reviewers who significantly contributed to the comprehensive evaluation of papers. Lists of Program Committee members, external reviewers, and shepherds appear after this note.

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