Preface

The Information Security Conference (ISC) is an annual international conference dedicated to research on the theory and applications of information security. It started as a workshop in 1997, changed to a conference in 2001, and has been held on five different continents. ISC 2015, the 18th in the series, was held in the delightful and historic city of Trondheim in Norway, September 9–11, 2015. The conference was organized by Colin Boyd and Danilo Grigoroski of the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) in Trondheim.

This year we received 103 submissions with authors from 35 different countries. Each submission was reviewed by at least two and in almost all cases by three or even four Program Committee members, and the review process was conducted in a ‘double-blind’ fashion. After detailed and careful discussions, the committee decided to accept 30 papers, yielding an acceptance rate of 29%. The conference program also included two fascinating invited keynote talks, given by Professors Tor Helleseth (“Sequences, Codes and Cryptography”) and Kenny Paterson (“Authenticated Encryption and Secure Channels: There and Back Again”).

The success of ISC 2015 depended critically on the help and hard work of many people, whose assistance we gratefully acknowledge.

First, we would like to thank all the authors for submitting their papers to us. We further thank the authors of accepted papers for revising papers according to the various reviewer suggestions and for returning the source files in good time. The revised versions were not checked by the Program Committee, and so authors bear final responsibility for their contents.

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