

# SACMAT 2002

## Foreword

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the *7th ACM Symposium on Access Control Models and Technologies — SACMAT 2002*. This year's symposium continues in its mission of fostering the exchange of ideas and research results on all facets of access control, including models, systems, applications, and theory. SACMAT is the premier forum for sharing novel access control solutions that fulfill the needs of interesting applications and for identifying new directions for future research and development work. We hope that you will enjoy this unique opportunity to share your perspectives with others interested in the various aspects of access control.

As always, choosing the technical program from the submissions was a difficult process. A total of 53 papers were submitted to the symposium from several countries. After a thorough review process, the program committee accepted 17 papers. The papers in the program cover a variety of topics, including access control requirements for new applications, such as cooperative and mobile systems, new access control models and concepts that may lead to innovative mechanisms and systems, engineering and analysis techniques for access control policies and models. The program is rounded off by two panel discussions, one presenting new security research topics and the other focusing on usability issues in access control models. We are very pleased with the variety of the symposium's topics and we are proud of the resulting strong program.

Many people contributed to the SACMAT 2002. Clearly, first thanks go to the authors of all submitted papers. It is, after all, their work that becomes the symposium program. The increased number of submissions, compared to the previous years, has shown that SACMAT is increasingly attracting interest from many researchers involved in both basic and applied research. We are grateful for the dedication and hard work of all program committee members in making the review process both thorough and effective. We also thank external referees for their important contribution to the review process. Special thanks go to Trent Jaeger for the excellent job in organizing the panels.

In addition to those who contributed to the review process and preparation of the program, there are others that helped to make the symposium a success. We would like to thank Barbara Catania for her efforts in advertising the symposium as well as to Gail-Joon Ahn, our proceedings chair. We also thank Bret Michael for his work on the local arrangements and Charles Youman our registration chair and treasurer. Finally, we would like to thank our sponsor, ACM SIGSAC, for their continued support of these successful meetings.

We hope that you will find this program rich in research results, ideas and directions and that SACMAT 2002 will provide you opportunities to meet researchers from both academia and industry with whom to share your research perspectives. This year in particular we are co-located and contiguous in the same week as the POLICY 2002 workshop. Several authors are presenting papers in both conferences. We look forward to continued synergy between these two communities.

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