Special Collection: Workshop on Security on Information Systems (WOSIS) 2005

The current collection of articles comes from improved and extended versions of those selected within the best of the WOSIS 2005 Workshop. WOSIS stands for **W**orkshop **O**n **S**ecurity in **I**nformation **S**ystems, and its aim is to serve as a forum to gather academics, researchers, practitioners and students in the field of Security in Information Systems by presenting new developments, lessons learned from real world cases, and promote the exchange of ideas and the discussion and development on specific areas.

WOSIS 2005 was the third in a series, following two quite successful editions held in 2003 and 2004 at Nice (France), and Porto (Portugal), respectively. This relatively long history (now WOSIS is in its fourth edition) has given the workshop a considerable reputation, and has helped build up a very large and prestigious Program Committee (comprising 41 members and 19 nationalities) that guarantees an exceptional scientific feedback in the review phase, even if the total amount of papers is large.

In the case of WOSIS 2005, all papers were reviewed by at least three reviewers, and by four in some cases. Fifty-nine papers were sent for review, 18 were accepted, and the best 8, according to their previous reviews, were conditionally accepted for publication in this special collection subject to some revisions, extensions, improvements, etc.

WOSIS 2005 was organized by a team formed by Dr Eduardo Fernández-Medina Patón from (Castilla La Mancha University, Spain); myself, Dr Julio César Hernández Castro (Carlos III University, Spain); and Dr Javier García Villalba (Complutense University, Spain), with the help of the ICEIS organizing team, which was quite helpful and greatly contributed to the general success of the event. WOSIS 2005 was held at sunny Miami (EEUU) on 24–25 May, 2005.

We hope the reader likes the work of the authors as much as we did when we read it. Here the reader will find a range from very demanding high-level technical articles that advance the state of the art of their current area, to more general ones presenting reviews with challenging insights: in all cases, they are great articles. Prepare for the best.

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