

## MINUTES IACR MEMBERSHIP MEETING *EUROCRYPT'16*

VIENNA, 10 MAY 2016

**Opening.** At 18.33 Cachin opens the meeting. He begins by giving an overview of the IACR and its activities. In particular he draws attention to Ivan Damgård, the current Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Cryptology, stepping down at the end of his term and to the very recent IACR news alerts feature, courtesy of Mike Rosulek (the Communications Secretary).

**Treasurer's Report.** Rose presents a preliminary financial report for 2015. Rose recommends to maintain the membership fee as is, meaning 25\$ for student members and 50\$ for full members. The recommendation is accepted by the membership.

**Publications.** Cachin recalls the current publication situation, emphasizing the different types of open access. He then addresses the newly formed IACR *Transactions on Symmetric Cryptology (ToSC)*, which will be a journal replacing the *Proceedings of FSE*. It will have Gold Open Access and will be published online by Ruhr Universität Bochum. Cachin explains the reviewing process and how a fast turnaround will be ensured.

### **Open Floor.**

- Smart notices that ACM papers can now be put on eprint after acceptance without violating ACM's copyright.
- Kakvi asks how *ToSC* will deal with smoothing out the pipeline. Preneel explains that the Transactions will be online and therefore do not cause a bandwidth constraint. The conference itself can exploit parallel tracks if need be.
- Fuller asks whether *ToSC* is the start of a strategic move or a trial. Cachin is grateful for the *FSE* steering committee for initiating this model and he encourages everyone to consider whether it would be suitable to expand. There is currently no Board position or timetable regarding moving the other Area Conferences, moreover the three General Conferences considered jointly are thrice a year.
- Groth wonders how the new *ToSC* mechanism will be evaluated. Cachin hopes to hear feedback from the *FSE*. Rose says it is not a trial but an evolution. Smart points out that there are differences between the Area Conferences (and their constituency), so any metric for *ToSC* might not be indicative for the others. Cachin reminds that we are not the first to move to this model.
- Cachin solicits opinions about expanding *TCC*'s Test of Time Awards to other fields, as compared to Best Paper Awards, these Test of Time awards offer the benefit of hindsight. Smart mentions that program chairs could initiate a Test of Time Award as well, though at the moment they are not told to do so. Kakvi suggests to run a Test of Time Awards programme in parallel to the Fellows Committee, where a committee selects papers once a year drawing from the pool of available papers. Damgård explains that for *TCC* the award is run by a committee selected by the steering committee.

**Calendar.** Cachin gives an update of the calendar.

**Closing.** Cachin thanks everyone for their attendance and closes the meeting at 19.16.