

# CCS 2016 General Chair's Welcome

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the 2016 ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security. CCS is the flagship annual conference of the Special Interest Group on Security, Audit and Control (SIGSAC) of the Association for Computing Machinery. CCS brings together information security researchers, practitioners, developers, and users from all over the world to explore cutting-edge ideas and results. It provides an environment to conduct intellectual discussions. From its inception, CCS has established itself as a high standard research conference in its area. Its reputation continues to grow and is reflected in the prestigious technical program.

We are proud to say that CCS 2016 is the largest CCS conference ever. From 2002 to 2015, the number of submission rose from roughly 150 to 660. This year, CCS received the record number of 831 submissions. Together with 13 workshops, 7 tutorials, two prestigious keynotes by Martin Hellman and Ross Anderson, a panel and various industrial talks, CCS 2016 probably is the largest scientific event in the area of information security.

CCS 2016 would not have been possible without the help of numerous volunteers. We first want to thank all authors who have submitted their work to CCS – without their commitment CCS 2016 would never have been possible. We furthermore want to thank the Program Committee, who diligently supported the peer review process and selected an interesting program. Finally, we want to thank the Program Chairs and the entire Organization Committee for their dedication and commitment. Special thanks go to Yvonne Poul for her wonderful handling of the organization.

We hope that you will find this program interesting and thought-provoking and that the conference will provide you with a valuable opportunity to share ideas with other researchers and practitioners from institutions around the world.

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