

# SPRO'16 Workshop Chairs' Welcome

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the *2nd International Workshop on Software PROtection – SPRO'16*. For the second year, this one-day workshop hopes to bring researchers and practitioners from academies and from industry together in Europe to focus on all matters relevant to the protection of software against man-at-the-end attacks.

For this second edition, we received fourteen papers, of which eight were eventually selected for presentation and publication. The papers cover the research areas of white-box cryptography, integrity checking, obfuscation, and software vulnerabilities. We are sure the eight presentations, spread over three research paper sessions, will help you in acquiring new insights and will spark interesting discussions.

We also encourage attendees to attend the keynote presentation titled *"Intel Software Guard Extensions - Introduction and Open Research Challenges"* by Matthias Schunter (Intel), as well as the panel (and public!) discussion on the topic *"Software Protection Research in Europe, where are we going?"*. Furthermore, we look forward to the tutorial on the *ASPIRE Framework for Software Protection* that will be presented by the ASPIRE project consortium.

This valuable and insightful talk, discussion, and hands-on demonstration will guide us to a better understanding of the current state-of-the-art and of the challenges our community should focus and collaborate on in the near future.

Putting together *SPRO'16* was a team effort. First and foremost, we thank the authors for providing the high-quality content that now constitutes the bulk of the workshop program. We are grateful to the program committee, who worked very hard in reviewing papers and providing feedback for authors. Most papers were reviewed by 4 or more reviewers, and all papers were reviewed by at least three reviewers. We thank the ACM for taking care of the practical organization of this workshop, and our generous corporate supporter NAGRA for sponsoring the dinner to which all attendees are invited. This post-workshop dinner will offer the ideal opportunity to continue networking and exchanging ideas in our small but firm community.

We also thank the European Union Seventh Framework Programme for funding the ASPIRE project through grant nr. 609734. While the initiative to organize the first two SPRO workshops came from within the ASPIRE consortium, we sincerely hope that the SPRO workshop will outlive the project, and that we have started what will hopefully come a valuable tradition soon. Aligning this workshop with other events in our community, such as SSPREW, will certainly be one of the topics to discuss during the panel discussion.

Enjoy the workshop!

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