Guest editor's preface

This issue of the *Journal of Computer Security* contains six papers selected from the 16th IEEE Computer Security Foundations Workshop (CSFW16) held from 30 June to 2 July 2003 at the Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove, California. The workshop aims to bring together researchers in computer science to examine foundational issues and open questions in many computer security fields, such as access control, database security, anonymity, security protocols, information flow, authentication, intrusion detection, data and system integrity and formal methods for security. The six papers contained in this issue have been extended and revised for journal publication, following the normal review process of the *Journal of Computer Security*. They reflect the topics covered by this 16th workshop edition: from the theory of information flow, information hiding and anonymity, to protocol analyses based on logics, on static and symbolic techniques and on computational models.

I would like to thank the authors for their effort in revising the workshop papers in order to produce the extended versions contained in this journal issue. I am very grateful to the anonymous reviewers for their crucial help in producing this journal issue, and I would also like to thank the CSFW program committee for the very first evaluation of these six papers and for their precious help in setting up the CSFW16 program. Finally, a special thank you to the Editors-in-Chief for giving me the opportunity to publish this special issue.

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