

Preface

This issue of the *Journal of Computer Security* contains three papers selected from the 17th IEEE Computer Security Foundations Workshop (CSFW17) held from 28 to 30 June 2004 at the Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove, California. The workshop aims at bringing 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 three papers contained in this issue have been extended and revised for journal publication, following the normal reviewing process of the *Journal of Computer Security*. The papers investigate foundational issues related to access control, security protocols and information flow security with declassification.

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