

Preface

This volume contains the papers selected for presentation at the International Workshop on Mathematical Methods, Models and Architectures for Network Security Systems (MMM-ACNS 2001) held in St. Petersburg, Russia, May 21–23, 2001. The workshop was organized by the St. Petersburg Institute for Informatics and Automation of the Russian Academy of Sciences (SPIIRAS) in cooperation with the Russian Foundation for Basic Research (RFBR), the US Air Force Research Laboratory (both the Information Directorate (AFRL/IF)) and the Office of Scientific Research (AFRL/OSR), and Binghamton University (USA).

MMM-ACNS 2001 provided an international forum for sharing original research results and application experiences among specialists in fundamental and applied problems of computer network security. An important distinction of the workshop was its focus on mathematical aspects of information and computer network security and the role of mathematical issues in contemporary and future development of models of secure computing.

A total of 36 papers coming from 12 different countries on significant aspects of both theory and applications of computer network and information security were submitted to MMM-ACNS 2001. Out of them 24 were selected for regular presentation. Five technical sessions were organized, namely: mathematical models for computer networks and applied systems security; methods and models for intrusion detection; mathematical basis and applied techniques of cryptography and steganography; applied techniques of cryptography; and models for access control, authentication, and authorization. Two panel discussions were devoted to the significant issues in the computer and information security field. The first sought to define the important open problems in computer security and to reach a conclusion as to mathematical methods and models can contribute, and the second focused upon security research and education in academia. The MMM-ACNS 2001 program was enriched by five invited speakers: Dipankar Dasgupta, Alexander Grusho, Catherine Meadows, Ravi Sandhu, and Vijay Varadharajan.

An event like this can only succeed as a result of team efforts. We would like to acknowledge the contribution of the Program Committee members and thank the reviewers for their efforts. Our sincere gratitude goes to all of the authors who submitted papers.

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