Preface

This volume contains the papers presented at the International Workshop on Mathematical Methods, Models and Architectures for Computer Network Security (MMM-ACNS 2003) held in St. Petersburg, Russia, during September 21–23, 2003. 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/Information Directorate (AFRL/IF) and the Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR), the Office of Naval Research International Field Office (USA), and Binghamton University (SUNY, USA).

The first international workshop of this series, MMM-ACNS 2001, May 21–23, 2001, St. Petersburg, Russia, hosted by the St. Petersburg Institute for Informatics and Automation, demonstrated the keen interest of the international research community in the theoretical aspects of computer network and information security and encouraged the establishment of an on-going series of brennial workshops.

MMM-ACNS 2003 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 62 papers from 18 countries related to significant aspects of both the theory and the applications of computer-network and information security were submitted to MMM-ACNS 2003. Out of them 29 were selected for regular and 12 for short presentations. Five technical sessions were organized, namely: mathematical models for computer network security; methods, models, and systems for intrusion detection; methods and models for public key infrastructure, access control and authentication; mathematical basis and applied techniques of cryptography; and steganographic algorithms. The panel discussion was devoted to the challenging problems in intrusion detection. The MMM-ACNS 2003 program was enriched by six distinguished invited speakers: Dr. Shiu-Kai Chin, Dr. Nasir Memon, Dr. Ravi Sandhu, Dr. Anatol Slissenko, Dr. Salvatore Stolfo, and Dr. Shambhu Upadhyaya.

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