

# Preface

The 9th International Conference on the Theory and Application of Cryptographic Techniques in Africa, Africacrypt 2017, took place May 24–26, 2017, in Dakar, Senegal. The conference was organized by Cheikh Anta Diop University, Dakar, Senegal, in cooperation with the International Association for Cryptologic Research (IACR). We heartily thank our general chairs, Mamadou Sangharé, Djiby Sow, and Abdoul Aziz Ciss, as well as the whole Organizing Committee for their efforts in making the conference a success.

The aim of Africacrypt is to provide an international forum for practitioners and researchers from industry, academia, and government from all over the world for a wide-ranging discussion of all forms of cryptography and its applications.

The conference received a total of 40 full papers, out of which 13 papers were selected for publication in these proceedings. Each submission was assigned at least three Program Committee (PC) members. In addition to the PC members, many external reviewers joined the review process in their particular areas of expertise. We were fortunate to have this energetic team of experts, and are deeply grateful to all of them for their hard work, which included a very active discussion phase. The paper submission, review, and discussion processes were effectively and efficiently made possible by the Web-based system developed by Shai Halevi. We thank him for his support and the IACR for hosting the review system. The program was completed with two keynote talks by Johannes Buchmann and Damien Stehlé, and by an invited talk by Luca De Feo. We are very grateful to them for accepting our invitation.

Last but not least, we would like to thank all the authors who submitted papers to this conference, the Organizing Committee members, colleagues, and student helpers for their valuable time and effort, and all the conference attendees who made this event a truly intellectually stimulating one through their active participation.

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