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Message from the Program Chair

With pandemics raging the world, it is a relief that we are able to continue the tradition of USEC this year despite the odds and ever-unpredictable circumstances. In its 8th year, USEC has become an important forum for researchers and industry practitioners to discuss the research progress and advancement of human factors in security and privacy.

This year the authors of accepted papers represent six countries from academia, industry, and government. We witness an incredibly diverse and different breath of research topics this year, though they roughly sit around security, privacy, and trust spaces.

In the security space, the works focus on understanding the influence of security practice, risk perception, and cross-national study of phishing. The benefits and adversarial effects of quantum computing are also discussed.

The rise of privacy-related research is astonishing, as more than half the research presented to USEC 2021 focuses on this area. The privacy concerns for mobile and wearable platforms form the majority while the privacy concerns around covid-19 related technologies are presented.

The raising trust issue in a food supply chain is presented for the trust space.

We are looking forward to the presentations of these great and diverse research topics!

We give loud thanks to the members of our Program Committee who volunteered their valuable time to review the submissions on a very tight schedule. We also give special thanks to our sponsors: Massey University, Internet Society, and Indiana University Bloomington. The generous donations from our sponsors enable the USEC 2021 to go free of registration fees for all our accepted papers this year.

We would also like to give a special thanks to Jean Camp, our USEC co-founder and Steering Committee member, who has successfully initiated collaboration with the Frontiers. The authors of all accepted papers will be given an opportunity to extend their works for Frontiers.

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