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Message from the Program Chairs

Welcome to the 2022 Symposium on Usable Security and Privacy Symposium (USEC)! This is a special year for USEC – we are back with NDSS as a *symposium* acknowledging the growth of our field and the efforts of past USEC organizers. We would like to thank Prof. Jean L. Camp and NDSS organizers for helping us make this transition! We are also excited to have a largely in-person symposium, while still accommodating colleagues who could not travel.

Within a span few years, USEC was able to establish itself as one of the top venues for publishing work on a wide range of topics in human-centric security and privacy. Papers published at USEC continue to make significant impact on academic research and practice. This year we received 19 submissions. Although not very high compared to previous years, it was gratifying to see this many submissions despite the significant hurdles our community faced with conducting research with human subjects during the pandemic. We are particularly pleased with the quality of the submissions. Our wonderful program committee had a difficult time making paper decisions. We are also excited to welcome a growing number of new faces to the community who are publishing for the first time at USEC and related conferences!

The papers accepted this year falls into three main themes. The first is security awareness. Despite two decades of research, human susceptibility to phishing continues to be an important challenge addressed by our community. We are happy to have a dedicated session with papers providing game-based solutions for this problem. The second session addresses privacy issues that people face in a variety of situations including privacy challenges that must be considered by while designing Covid-19 contact tracing applications. Finally, our third session includes papers addressing emerging research areas such as challenges people face with using cryptocurrency wallets, privacy issues with using connected autonomous vehicles and solutions for developing explainable AI to facilitate security operations. We would also like to thank our esteem keynote speaker Prof. Ross Anderson who is kicking off our sessions with exciting projections into the future of usability research in security and privacy.

We would like to thank our excellent program committee members who have done a wonderful job in helping us put together the program this year. We would like to thank them for their dedication and tireless efforts. We would also like to thank Yasemin Acar, Ben Stock and Karen O'Donoghue for steering us through the process, especially during some tough times caused by Covid-19. We would also like extend a special thanks to David Balenson for helping us publish the papers! There are many others who have helped us to put together a successful program. Importantly, our session chairs and student volunteers who helped us run the session smoothly. We would also like to extend a special thanks to Prof. Jean L. Camp for being an advisor, and a tireless cheerleader of USEC!

Lastly, we thank all our presenters without whom this would not have been possible. We look forward to hosting an exciting day of high-quality work and networking in San Diego!

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