With this issue, *International Journal of Secure Software Engineering* (IJSSE) enters its second year of publication. It has been my pleasure to serve as the Inaugural Editor-in-Chief of the IJSSE last one year. It has so far published total twelve papers focusing on the main goals of this journal.

This special issue devotes to the classical security topics namely authentication, authorization, and biometrics. Since we launched this journal in January 2010, we received substantial number of good papers on classical security. Considering the main focus of this journal, we were unable to consider those papers for publication in IJSSE. In this special issue, we have included three papers covering three different topics in classical security.

The first paper proposes a protocol and discusses the results of simulation to evaluate the performance of the proposed protocol. The paper argues that security within the network can be improved by enabling more servers to collaborate to set higher trust threshold along the certificate request chain. The second paper develops a formal language which provides role-based access control to information stored in XML formatted documents. It concludes that the proposed language has the capacity to reason about the authorization request for access to an XML document. The third and final paper systematically describes on how forge fingerprints could fool biometric systems. The paper also reviews key publications on forging fingerprints. It provides a full account of research work done in this area.

We are currently considering new proposals for Special Issues on innovative research areas of interest to the secure software engineering community. We also continuously seek manuscripts from all parts of the world. The success of this journal depends on the quality of submissions and the interests from the research community.

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