

MINUTES IACR MEMBERSHIP MEETING *EURORYPT'12*

CAMBRIDGE, 18 APRIL 2012

Opening. At 17.01 Preneel opens the meeting and gives a presentation about the IACR during which he thanks the outgoing membership secretary Shai Halevi. He also introduces the new website and there is a big hand of applause for the team behind it. Awards of gratitude are presented to *Eurocrypt'12* General Chair Nigel Smart and *Eurocrypt'12* Program co-Chairs David Pointcheval and Thomas Johansson.

Treasurer's Report. Rose presents a clear picture of the current financial status of the IACR. No questions are asked.

Publications. Preneel describes the goals of e-publishing as the Board sees them.

The Board has decided to go for an opt-in system for printed versions of the Journal and Proceedings. For proceedings this has already been implemented, the Journal is still opt-out, but will eventually be switched to opt-in (in one or two year's time) which will be incorporated in the membership fee structure.

Following earlier discussions with the membership, the Board has the intention to move IACR towards more open access for the proceedings, which would entail immediate and free access to everyone (including IACR non-members). Preneel emphasizes that publishing is not a free activity and moving away from the current (non-open access) model carries risks.

There are several questions and remarks from the floor.

- Lindell asks what would happen to the JoC if the proceedings themselves become a journal? Preneel answers it might be possible to maintain both if the JoC version adds significantly.
- Kakvi asks what the options are for other electronic means of delivery? Preneel answers that publishing as an e-book itself will not be satisfactory due to indexing reasons.
- Silverberg suggests as name the "Journal of the IACR". Other learned organizations also have "Proceedings of organization".
- Clark notices that the overhead currently is very low, yet the conferences all feel very professionally run. This is mainly thanks to the volunteer work. Moving to self-publishing will likely increase the overhead. What is the Board's view on this? Preneel answers that in such a case the editorial task will (need to) be outsourced. Paterson responds he has had bad experiences as an author of ACM CCS, which does outsource its editing.
- McCurley has added DOIs to cryptoDB and encourages people to provide feedback on errors, as well as to use DOIs in their bibliographies. This will lead more accurate citation counts. He will release a .bib file that draws from the CryptoDB.
- Babbage thinks the Cambridge University Press option is very tempting, but he is worried about the loss of the reading group as currently implemented by Springer (especially for back issues).
- Bernstein thinks that all the options sound good, but he wonders how well-indexed the open access will be (from a browsing experience point of view). McCurley answers that once they are open access, we should include links on the IACR website and ensure they are properly indexable by all search engines.

Open Floor.

- There is a question whether the current IACR reading room includes access to Crypto '82 and '83. This is not the case as the copyright is believed to be held by Plenum Press.

Closing. Preneel thanks everyone for their attendance and closes the meeting around 18:20.