MINUTES IACR BOARD MEETING *VIRTUAL-02 2025*

12 FEBRUARY 2025

1. OPENING MATTERS

1.1. **Welcome, roll of attendees, identification of proxies.** At 21:03 UTC the President opens the meeting and briefly goes around for an introductory round, confirming attendees and establishing who is holding proxies.

There are 20 full time attendees with the following proxies: Yang holds Guo's proxy (when absent), Bishop holds Persichetti's proxy, Varia holds Lysyanskaya's proxy, Preneel holds Rijmen's proxy.

1.1.1. *Roll of Attendees.*

Attendees (Elected). Michel Abdalla (President 2023-2025); Allison Bishop (Vice President 2023-2025); Brian LaMacchia (Treasurer 2023-2025, *RWC* Steering Committee); Benjamin Wesolowski (Secretary 2023-2025); Shai Halevi (Director 2023-2025); María Naya-Plasencia (Director 2024-2026); Bart Preneel (Director 2023-2025, Program Chair Contact); Francisco Rodríguez-Henríquez (Director 2024-2026, *Crypto 2025* General Chair (2024-2025)); Peter Schwabe (Director 2023-2025, *CHES* Steering Committee); Bo-Yin Yang (Director 2025-2027); Moti Yung (Director 2024-2026, *PKC* Steering Committee);

Attendees (Appointed). Foteini Baldimtsi (Communications Secretary 2023-2025); Dario Fiore (Eurocrypt 2025 General Chair (2024-2025)); Mayank Varia (*Crypto 2026* General Chair (2025-2026)); Joseph Liu (Asiacrypt 2025 General Chair (2024-2025)); Bertram Poettering (Membership Secretary 2023-2025);

Attendees (Representatives and Others).

Absentees (Elected). Jian Guo (Director 2025-2027); Anna Lysyanskaya (Director 2025-2027);

Absentees (Appointed). Edoardo Persichetti (*Eurocrypt 2026* General Chair (2025-2026)); Vincent Rijmen (Journal of Cryptology Editor-in-Chief 2024-2026);

Absentees (Representatives and Others). Masayuki Abe (*Asiacrypt* Steering Committee); Gregor Leander (*FSE* Steering Committee); Tal Malkin (*TCC* Steering Committee); Kevin McCurley (Database Administrator); Hilarie Orman (Archivist); Tal Rabin (Code-of-conduct Liaison); Yu Yu (Webmaster);

2. UPDATE ON CONFERENCES

Naya-Plasencia reports on the upcoming *FSE 2025* conference. Registrations are open and have reached 80 participants so far. Schwabe reports on the upcoming *RWC 2025* conference. Sponsorship and registration numbers are good. The list of accepted talks is online, and the program is being drafted.

Fiore reports on *Eurocrypt 2025*. The final budget is being reviewed, and everything is on track.

Rodríguez-Henríquez reports on *Crypto 2025*. The current priority is on sponsorship, in the hope of compensating for the increased cost of facilities. In anticipation of issues regarding travelling and visas for the US, the Program Chairs have updated the Call for Papers: while in-person presentations are still expected for accepted papers, it is now explicitly stated that exceptions can be made.

Schwabe reports on *CHES 2025*. The number of submissions is a bit higher than last year. It should not be a problem since the venue could host up to three parallel tracks.

Liu reports on *Asiacrypt 2025*: everything is going fine.

3. TOPICS

3.1. **Additional optional registration questions.** The Board is examining the proposal by Women in Cryptography (WinC) to add optional questions to the registration form of our conferences. Bishop recalls that the goal is to collect statistics on the participants' gender, seniority, and continent of origin. She summarizes some informal discussion ahead of the meeting regarding the exact phrasing of the questions and the format of the answers. The notion of "continent of origin" is ambiguous. Yung suggests phrasing it as "on which continent did you get your first academic degree?". Bishop will reach out to WinC with these suggestions.

3.2. Calendar for the selection of 2027 Program Chairs. The President announces the calendar for the selection of 2027 Program Chairs:

(1) in March for *Eurocrypt 2027*,
(2) in April for *Crypto 2027*,
(3) in May for *Asiacrypt 2027*.

As usual, if a candidate declines, a new selection is made the following month.

4. CLOSING MATTERS

The President announces that the Board will meet for a Strategic Meeting on Sunday, May 4, before *Eurocrypt 2025*, in Madrid. The President closes the meeting officially at 22:16 UTC.