

# MINUTES IACR BOARD MEETING *VIRTUAL-04-BIS* 2025

24 APRIL 2025

## 1. OPENING MATTERS

**1.1. Welcome, roll of attendees, identification of proxies.** At 14:04 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: Rabin holds Lysyanskaya's proxy, LaMacchia holds Schwabe's proxy (when absent), Rodríguez-Henríquez holds Yang's proxy (when absent), Naya-Plasencia holds Persichetti's proxy, Halevi holds Varia's proxy (when absent), Preneel holds Rijmen's proxy. Wesolowski holds Poettering'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); Jian Guo (Director 2025-2027); 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). Dario Fiore (Eurocrypt 2025 General Chair (2024-2025)); Mayank Varia (*Crypto* 2026 General Chair (2025-2026));

*Attendees* (Representatives and Others). Kevin McCurley (Database Administrator); Tal Rabin (Code-of-conduct Liaison);

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

*Absentees* (Appointed). Foteini Baldimtsi (Communications Secretary 2023-2025); Joseph Liu (Asiacrypt 2025 General Chair (2024-2025)); Edoardo Persichetti (*Eurocrypt* 2026 General Chair (2025-2026)); Bertram Poettering (Membership Secretary 2023-2025); 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); Hilarie Orman (Archivist); Yu Yu (Webmaster);

## 2. TOPICS

**2.1. Policy on authorship for the Cryptology ePrint Archive.** Abdalla introduces the object of the meeting. The current policy for the Cryptology ePrint Archive<sup>1</sup> states that “*submissions must not be anonymous and state title, author name(s), and a contact address or affiliation(s) on the first page.*”. Recently, a paper has been submitted to the archive without listing individual author names, giving instead a collective name. The submission was rejected for non-compliance with the policy, and the authors were invited to include their names in the submission.

A small number of articles have been identified on the archive which violate the same criteria, and the issue was brought to the Board. The President invites the Board to discuss the existing policy and how to deal with existing articles which do not list individual author names.

**2.2. Reaffirming the existing policy.** The ePrint Editors are already empowered by the Board to make editorial decisions. Nevertheless, the President invites the Board to reaffirm the legitimacy of the existing policy with a vote.

**Decision 1** (unanimous). *The IACR Board reaffirms and ratifies the acceptance and publishing conditions of the ePrint archive as currently described in <https://eprint.iacr.org/operations.html> and empowers the ePrint Editors to enforce them.*

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<sup>1</sup><https://eprint.iacr.org/operations.html>

**2.3. Clarifying the policy.** The Board discusses whether the current phrasing of the policy is clear enough. Does “submissions must not be anonymous and state [...] author name(s)” properly convey the meaning that authors are identifiable human individuals? The President asks if the Board agrees with the Editors’ interpretation, and calls for a vote.

**Decision 2** (unanimous). *The IACR Board clarifies that “author name(s)” in the acceptance criteria of the Cryptology ePrint Archive refers to identifiable human individual(s), and the complete list of author name(s) must be included starting on the first page of a submission.*

This statement will be added to the website, introduced by the sentence “On April 24 2025, the IACR Board of Directors approved the following comment: [...]”.

**2.4. Amending the policy.** The Board briefly discusses whether the requirement on author names is reasonable, or if the policy should be changed. It is only noted that `arXiv.org` also requires a “*complete list of all authors*”<sup>2</sup>. Further discussion on the ePrint policy is postponed to a future meeting, which could also address other issues like the use of generative AI.

**2.5. Existing non-compliant papers.** The President opens the discussion on what to do with existing non-compliant papers. The Board offers the following advice to the ePrint Editors: authors of non-compliant papers should be contacted and offered the opportunity to add a complete list of authors. After some delay, papers which are still non-compliant will be withdrawn.

### 3. CLOSING MATTERS

The President closes the meeting officially at 15:38 UTC.

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<sup>2</sup><https://info.arxiv.org/help/prep.html>