

MINUTES IACR BOARD MEETING VIRTUAL-06 2025

17 JUNE 2025

1. OPENING MATTERS

1.1. Welcome, roll of attendees, identification of proxies. At 14:03 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: Naya-Plasencia holds Guo's proxy (when absent), Varia holds Lysyanskaya's proxy, Rodríguez-Henríquez holds Schwabe's proxy, Rodríguez-Henríquez holds Yang's proxy, Halevi holds Yung's proxy, Preneel holds Rijmen's proxy. Guo holds Liu'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));

Attendees (Appointed). Dario Fiore (Eurocrypt 2025 General Chair (2024-2025)); Edoardo Persichetti (*Eurocrypt* 2026 General Chair (2025-2026)); Mayank Varia (*Crypto* 2026 General Chair (2025-2026)); Bertram Poettering (Membership Secretary 2023-2025);

Attendees (Representatives and Others). Masayuki Abe (*Asiacrypt* Steering Committee); Gregor Leander (*FSE* Steering Committee); Kevin McCurley (Database Administrator);

Absentees (Elected). Anna Lysyanskaya (Director 2025-2027); Peter Schwabe (Director 2023-2025, *CHES* Steering Committee); Bo-Yin Yang (Director 2025-2027); Moti Yung (Director 2024-2026, *PKC* Steering Committee);

Absentees (Appointed). Foteini Baldimtsi (Communications Secretary 2023-2025); Joseph Liu (*Asiacrypt* 2025 General Chair (2024-2025)); Vincent Rijmen (Journal of Cryptology Editor-in-Chief 2024-2026);

Absentees (Representatives and Others). Tal Malkin (*TCC* Steering Committee); Hilarie Orman (Archivist); Tal Rabin (Code-of-conduct Liaison); Yu Yu (Webmaster);

2. UPDATE ON CONFERENCES

Fiore reports on the just completed *Eurocrypt* 2025: everything went well. The most evident issues were long queues during lunch and the narrow layout of the conference center. Abdalla notes that these long queues posed challenges, particularly for attendees who have difficulty standing. There were also reports that vegetarian and vegan options were not sufficient (20% of the attendees had declared a vegetarian or vegan diet).

Rodríguez-Henríquez reports on *Crypto* 2025. The registration servers will open soon, with a regular registration fee of USD 850. Despite difficulties securing sponsorships, the original budget goal has been met. The conference features 156 accepted papers and three parallel sessions. We are approaching the limits of this format, as the agenda now extends into what was previously a free afternoon. Abdalla expresses concern over the packed schedule, which might degrade the overall conference experience.

It is noted that there was no call for artifacts for *Crypto* 2025. Leander asks whether we plan to make such calls systematic at our General Conferences. It is proposed to draft guidelines on artifact evaluation, which would be added to the Program Chair Guidelines. The Board suggests consulting Schwabe (absent today) about leading this effort.

Action Point 1: (Possibly Schwabe)

Draft guidelines regarding the call for artifacts at our General Conferences, to be added to the Program Chair Guidelines.

3. TOPICS

3.1. Proposal for CHES 2026 Program Chairs. The *CHES* Steering Committee has proposed the name of two Program Chairs for *CHES 2026*: Nele Mentens and Yuval Yarom. After a brief discussion, the President calls for a vote.

Decision 1. *Nele Mentens and Yuval Yarom are appointed CHES 2026 Program Chairs. [Mentens and Yarom have since accepted.]*

3.2. Selection of Program Chairs for Asiacrypt 2027. The President recalls that we need to select the two Program Chairs for *Asiacrypt 2027*. Six people were nominated. Each candidate is presented by the Board member who nominated them, and the President calls for a vote to select the first Program Chair.

Decision 2. *Kazuhiko Minematsu is appointed Asiacrypt 2027 Program Chair. [Minematsu has since accepted.]*

The President calls for a vote to select the second Program Chair.

Decision 3. *Arpita Patra is appointed Asiacrypt 2027 Program Chair. [Patra has since accepted.]*

3.3. Survey on IACR publication and conference landscape. Bishop recalls that a working group has been drafting a survey on the IACR publication and conference landscape. Progress is good, and the draft will soon be sent to the rest of the Board for feedback. Bishop expects it to be finalized very soon. After approval by the Board, the survey will then be distributed to all IACR members.

3.4. 2025 Election Committee. The President is setting up the 2025 Election Committee. This year's election concerns all four officer positions and three director positions.

3.5. New Editor-in-Chief for Communications in Cryptology. Andreas Hülsing's term as Co-Editor-in-Chief of *Communications in Cryptology* is ending this year. To replace him, the current Co-Editors-in-Chief have suggested some names. The President invites the Board to nominate additional candidates, and we will proceed with a vote during the next Board meeting.

4. CLOSING MATTERS

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