

Special Issue: Trust Management

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It is our great pleasure to have the special issue of Journal of Information Processing (JIP) on Trust Management. The concept of trust has been investigated as a multi-disciplinary concept in psychology, sociology and economics for a long time, but it has been researched in terms of information science only since the 1990s. Accordingly this special issue is planned to promote this exciting new area of research in Japan.

We expected many submissions from the papers presented at the 4th IFIP WG 11.11 International Conference on Trust Management (TM2010), held in Morioka, Iwate, Japan from 16th to 18th June 2010. The conference grew from the iTrust conferences, and has been the TM Conference organized by IFIP WG11.11 (Trust Management Working Group) since 2007. Eighteen full papers and twenty two short papers were presented at TM2010.

We had twenty submissions. Fourteen were from the authors of TM2010 papers; ten from short paper authors, three from the full papers and one from the poster authors. Out of twenty submissions, one was withdrawn. Fourteen papers out of nineteen papers were accepted so that the acceptance rate was 74 percent.

The accepted papers were from different aspects of trust area and categorized as follows:

- Information system and society: four papers
- Network security: three papers
- Security and society: two papers
- Formal methods: one paper
- Wireless and mobile network: one paper
- Mobile computing: one paper

- Application Areas: one paper
- Ethics and law: one paper

After the due date of the paper submission, 31st October 2010, we had three editorial meetings, the first one on 4th November 2010, the second one on 13th January 2011 and the last one on 6th April 2011. Although we had four editors from overseas who did not attend those meetings, we had their feedback and comments before those meetings. We presume that we incorporated them to our editorial decisions.

I appreciate sincere work by Masakatsu Nishigaki who dealt with communications with the editors from overseas. Yasuhiro Fujihara performed most clerical work for us. Finally I appreciate hard work by all the editors of this special issue.

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