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Preface

This volume contains the papers presented at the 12th World Conference on Information Security Education (WISE 12) held during June 25–27, 2019, in Lisbon. It was held in conjunction with the 34th IFIP International Conference on Information Security and Privacy Protection (IFIP SEC 2019). WISE 12 was organized by the IFIP Working Group 11.8, which is an international group of people from academia, government, and private organizations who volunteer their time and effort to increase knowledge in the very broad field of information security through education. WG 11.8 has worked to increase information security education and awareness for almost two decades. This year, WG11.8 organized the 12th conference of a successful series under the theme “Education in Proactive Information Security.” We received 26 submissions from around the world. Each submission was blind reviewed by at least three international Program Committee members. The committee decided to accept 12 full papers, and thus the acceptance rate for the papers is 46%.

During the conference, a working group discussion addressed the “Graduate Student Pipeline Problem in Cybersecurity.” It was chaired by Susanne Wetzel of Stevens Institute of Technology (USA). The topic is driven by surveys and observations in the USA, which indicate a mismatch between open faculty positions in cybersecurity and the number of accepted academic positions from the newly awarded PhDs in cybersecurity. In fact, the majority of them joined industry. The workgroup discussed the effect on education of the next generation of students in cybersecurity and explored options to address the problem. With high-paying jobs in industry that are already available to graduates from bachelor or master programs, what is the incentive for someone to pursue a PhD? What can and needs to be done in order to attract graduates to academic instead of industry jobs?

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