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Preface

It is now widely recognized that technology alone cannot provide the answer to security problems. A significant aspect of protection comes down to the attitudes, awareness, behavior, and capabilities of the people involved, and they often need support in order to get it right. Factors such as lack of awareness and understanding, combined with unreasonable demands from security technologies, can dramatically impede their ability to act securely and comply with policies. Ensuring appropriate attention to the needs of users is therefore a vital element of a successful security strategy, and they need to understand how the issues may apply to them and how to use the available technology to protect their systems.

With the above in mind, the Human Aspects of Information Security and Assurance (HAISA) symposium series specifically addresses information security issues that relate to people. It concerns the methods that inform and guide users' understanding of security, and the technologies that can benefit and support them in achieving protection.

This book presents the proceedings from the 2020 event, held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic, during July 2020. A total of 27 reviewed papers are included, spanning a range of topics including issues related directly to the pandemic and the impacts on contact-tracing applications and privacy, education and awareness, and management and modeling of security. All of the papers were subject to double-blind peer review, with each being reviewed by at least two members of the International Program Committee. We are grateful to all of the authors for submitting their work and sharing their findings.

The HAISA symposium is the official event of IFIP Working Group 11.12 on Human Aspects of Information Security and Assurance, and we would like to thank Prof. Kerry-Lynn Thomson for supporting the event as Working Group chair. We would also like to acknowledge the significant work undertaken by our International Program Committee and recognize their efforts in reviewing the submissions and ensuring the quality of the resulting event and proceedings. Finally, we would like to thank Dr. Christos Kalloniatis and the organizing team for making all the necessary arrangements to enable this symposium to take place.

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