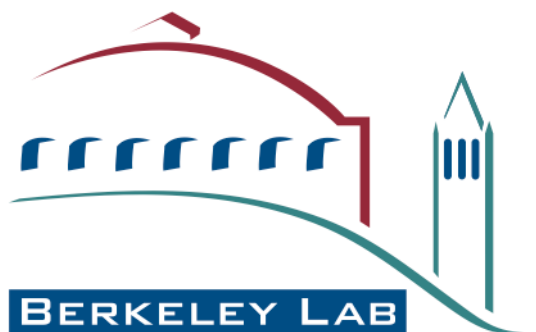# 36th IEEE Symposium on Security & Privacy General Chair's Report

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General Chair's Goals (1)

- Integrate SP / SPW
  - Workshops reduced to one day to make things easier
  - Integrate budgets, leverage combination, reduce redundancy
    - *Thanks to Mark and Gabriela*
  - Integrate publications
    - *Thanks to Kevin Butler, Sophie Engle, and Ashley Podhradsky*
  - Integrate Workshops web site
    - *Thanks to Sean Whalen for his excellent design*
  - *Thanks to the entire workshop subcommittee: Cynthia, Zachary, Ashley, and Gabriela, and all other SP organizers that worked closely with the workshops*
  - *Thanks to the workshops steering committee*
- Maintain a lot of the existing culture and status quo
  - Plated lunches for two days, opening reception, poster session, SP/SPW bridging reception

General Chair's Goals (2)

- Improve organizational efficiency
  - Offload as much site planning and budgeting to ExecutivEvents as possible
  - Work more closely with Program Chairs
    - *Thanks to Lujo and Vitaly!*
  - Improve documentation for OC members
    - *Thanks to Mark Gondree for reorganizing the handbook!*
  - Improve paper info update process
    - *Thanks to Sophie Engle for designing a new input system!*
  - Streamline and simplify paper awards
    - *Thanks to Sophie Engle, Kevin Butler, and Ashley Podhradsky for their hard work on this!*
  - Reduce OC bi-weekly meeting length
  - Let individual OC members make as many decisions w/o GC as possible
  - Get stuff done as early as possible (particularly budget approval)

General Chair's Goals (3)

- Initiate multi-year contract with ExecutivEvents and Fairmont
- $150k in donations and grants
  - *Thanks to Jason Li!*
- Increase paper acceptance rate (55 papers, up from 44 in 2014 and 38 in 2013)
- NITRD panel + BOFs
- Improve A/V experience
  - Speaker "ready room," stage manager, etc…
  - **Video record and webcast talks**
  - *Thanks to Cara Candler and Miki Hodge*

Other Stuff

- Initiated "best reviewer" awards along w/Lujo Bauer

- Existing items worked great:
  - Terrific publicity
    - *Thanks to Anuja!*
  - Excellent handling of student travel awards
    - *Thanks to Alvaro and Cliff!*

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