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Message from the Program Co-Chairs

Greetings from the First Workshop on the Security of Space and Satellite Systems (SpaceSec23)!

This year marks the inauguration of our workshop on Earth. We are excited to be the first workshop to cover this topic in the security community, and to discuss the challenges and opportunities in securing the fast-growing space and satellite ecosystem. With the increasing reliance on space-based technology for communication, navigation, and observation, it is imperative that we improve the security of these systems against potential impacts from terrestrial and space-born threats.

With 19 submissions and 10 accepted papers, our first edition of SpaceSec was an interstellar success. Not only did we have over 60 attendees join us in person, but we also had over 15 virtual attendees who tuned in from all corners of the galaxy Earth! We want to thank all participants for their contribution in exciting discussions after each of the talks and even after the workshop. Especially for emerging research fields such as ours, discussions and new collaborations are vital to kickstart new research, which we think our workshop achieved in many ways.

In particular, we want to thank our outstanding keynote speaker, James Pavur, for his excellent insights on the open challenges and opportunities for new researchers in the field. He provided an excellent overview of the field – not only for newcomers. We are sure that people took notes, and we are already thrilled to see next year's papers investigating some of these directions.

Finally, we thank our outstanding technical program committee listed below for their work. After receiving far more submissions than we could have hoped for, the burden was on our reviewers to provide at least three reviews per paper.

As co-chairs, we are honored to have led this first interstellar workshop on the security of space and satellite systems. We are now looking towards the future and planning the next steps of our mission to explore the security of the final frontier.

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