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Abstract— This is the first issue of Volume 1 of ENIGMA – Brazilian Journal of Information Security and Cryptography. Papers submissions were accepted in English, Portuguese and Spanish. In this first issue, 10 papers are published, of which 4 were peer-reviewed while the other 6 were invited and reviewed by the editorial board of the journal. In addition, 2 of the 6 invited papers are Best Papers from conferences CIBSI'2013 and TIBETS'2013 respectively.

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I. INTRODUCTION

ENIGMA – Brazilian Journal of Information Security and Cryptography – is a technical-scientific publication that aims at discussing theoretical aspect contributions and practical applications results in information security, cryptography and cyber defense as well as fundamental subjects in support of those issues.

The choice of the name ENIGMA for this publication is related to the ENIGMA cryptography machine. However, the main reason for this choice is to pay tribute to the mathematician and computer scientist Alan Mathison Turing (1912-1954), considered one of the leading scientist in the history of computing. The world as we all know today would probably be very different if it were not Turing's scientific contributions to humanity.

This journal is directed to academia researchers, industry professionals, members of government and military organizations, and all people that have interest in the area of information security and cryptography in order to disseminate and share their new technologies, scientific discoveries and research contributions.

The creation of this periodical is due the necessity to solve a gap represented by the lack of a technical-scientific brazilian journal that emphasizes information security and cryptography. In this manner, ENIGMA – Brazilian Journal of Information Security and Cryptography – must provide this demand, publishing papers of high quality within the international state-of-the-art.

Therefore, ENIGMA – Brazilian Journal of Information Security and Cryptography – will fulfill this demand, and will publish state-of-art and original research papers and timely review articles on the theory, design, and evaluation of all aspects of information, network and system security.

II. ABOUT VOLUME 1, ISSUE 1 OF ENIGMA

In this first issue of Volume 1 of ENIGMA – Brazilian Journal of Information Security and Cryptography – 10 papers were published, and in this section we briefly describe the contribution of each of these papers.

The first paper entitled “*Unconditionally Secure Quantum Communications via Decoherence-Free Subspaces*” by E. B. Guedes and F. M. de Assis, shows how to use decoherence-free subspaces over collective-noise quantum channels to convey classical information in perfect secrecy. The results obtained show how secure communication protocols can be simplified while reducing significantly the communication overhead.

The second paper entitled “*Revocation of User Certificates in a Military Ad Hoc Network*” by J. Jormakka and H. Jormakka, presents a scheme for revoking certificates in a medium-small size semi ad-hoc military network. Note that the solution can also be used in the civilian applications, such as police and crisis management, among others. It describes the functionalities of a protocol to handle certificates, a set of policy rules in a node for handling certificates and an analysis how the proposed mechanisms can mitigate attacks on the certificate revocation solution.

The paper “*Synthetic Steganographic Series and Finance*” by P. C. Ritchey and V. J. Rego, provide a comprehensive methodology that enables an agent to embed secret messages in public data that is sent or broadcasted to a receiving agent. The experiments have shown that one can develop a relatively sophisticated and practical secret-key stego-systems for a variety of applications including financial market based applications.

The paper “*Securing Automation Systems against Malware Intrusion*” by R. Fitz and W. A. Halang, focuses on the fact that computers employed for automation and control purposes are today more and more connected to networks, and thereby could be endangered by malware. As such, new architectures for their hardware and software as presented in this paper and proven to be necessary to solve the security problem due to their intrinsic properties.

The paper entitled “*Isomorphism Theorem and Cryptology*” by R. L. de Carvalho and F. L. de Mello, presents a theory of computational study based on recursive functions computability and presents innovative parallel mechanism relevant to enhance the performance of cryptography schemes. The main issue, as discussed in this paper, is closely related to the Isomorphism Theorem which supports the Church-Turing

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thesis and provides a connection between cryptology and linguistics.

The paper entitled “*Harnessing Nature's Randomness: Physical Random Number Generator*” by G. A. Barbosa, presents some guidelines for construction of a fast (telecommunication speed) Physical Random Number Generator. It discusses the fundamental physical elements involved, technicalities of signal recording, its limitations, and the final bit extraction. The need for randomness tests is emphasized and the impossibility of guaranteeing true randomness of a finite sequence is discussed.

The paper “*QC-MDPC McEliece: an Optimized Implementation of a New McEliece Variant*” by H. O. Martins and A. C. A. Nascimento, presents the implementation of an optimized version of a McEliece variant. The McEliece cryptosystem is an example of code-based cryptography which is an alternative to the most popular and commercial cryptosystems nowadays as it is believed to be immune to quantum computing. It has simple and uses fast algorithms. Its main drawback is the size of the keys it has to deal with. By substituting the Goppa codes of the McEliece original proposal by LDPC and MDPC codes it's possible to achieve much smaller keys.

The paper “*Securing Web Applications: Techniques and Challenges*” by M. Vieira, discusses key techniques for security testing and assessment, providing the basis for understanding existing research challenges on developing and deploying secure web applications. The paper highlighted several research challenges in an attempt to motivate further research in these topics. The paper did not intend to provide a comprehensive survey. However, it does focus on key promising aspects in which research is need, and can be applied in the context of large-scale software based industry.

The ninth paper entitled “*Design of a Set of Software Tools for Side-Channel Attacks*” by A. F. Rodrigues et al, is the Best Paper of CIBSI'2013 (Congreso Iberoamericano de Seguridad Informática). In this paper, the authors present the first experimental results of a set of software tools for side channels attacks on cryptographic devices. The authors discuss the main types of attack, with an emphasis on attack called for an analysis of power consumption.

The last paper entitled “*Content related to Computing Security on Computer Engineering Degree according to International Professional Certificates*” by D. G. Rosado et al, is an extension of the best selected papers of TIBETS'2013 (Taller Iberoamericano de Enseñanza e Innovación Educativa en Seguridad de la Información). This paper establishes a transverse guide for implementing information security content for courses and modules in the area of informatics or computer. The authors argue that basic knowledge of information security should be taught to students from the beginning of their training at university or college. In addition, the integrated content in the curriculum of the institutions should be based on professional certifications to prepare students for the industry.

III. CONCLUSION

ENIGMA – Brazilian Journal of Information Security and Cryptography – is a young publication but the beginning follow the best practices adopted by IEEE Transactions publications. It is hoped that soon this journal will become an icon of reference among the leading international publication dedicated to information security and cryptography.

With the creation of this journal the Brazil a considerable step toward the future, because ENIGMA journal is an important tool for communication and integration of knowledge between universities, research centers, industries, government or military institutions around the world. Moreover, threats to security and privacy of information are the enemy of any nation, which justifies this creation of this ENIGMA journal, indeed a unique initiatives for Brazil.

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