

Preface

The third International Workshop on *Views On Designing Complex Architectures* (VODCA 2008) is held at the University Residential Centre of Bertinoro (CEUB), Italy, on the 30th and 31st of August 2008, as a satellite event of the eighth International School on *Foundations of Security Analysis and Design* (FOSAD 2008).

Security and management of information are key issues in informatics, and they have been for several years among its fastest developing fields. Such a synergetic combination calls for a continuous attention of computer science researchers to the most recent developments in the area, in order to bring forth novel ideas and insights and thus to contribute to the growth of those fields.

The VODCA workshop series aims to provide a platform for junior computer scientists to present their research views on all areas related to the design of complex architectures, with a special focus on the security and management of information:

Information Security:

- security protocols
- database security
- information flow
- access control policies
- intrusion detection strategies
- mobile secure code
- formal methods for security
- language-based security
- network security
- low-level software security
- model-driven security
- verification of security properties

Information Management:

- knowledge management
- data and knowledge sharing
- component-based design
- service-oriented computing
- workflow management
- CSCW and groupware systems
- intelligent information systems
- information retrieval
- distributed systems
- identity and trust management
- fault-tolerance
- business process management

This volume contains the preliminary versions of the papers presented at VODCA 2008. After a regular refereeing process only 9 papers, out of 18 submissions, were selected for a presentation, of which 3 however need a further round of refereeing before their possible inclusion in the postproceedings. In addition to the presentations of original research results, the programme included 2 invited lectures.

The final proceedings of VODCA 2008 will be published as a separate volume in Elsevier's Electronic Notes in Theoretical Computer Science (ENTCS) series. The volumes in this series can be accessed online through the URL: <http://www.elsevier.com/locate/entcs>. The proceedings of VODCA 2004 and VODCA 2006 have been published as ENTCS volumes 142 and 168, respectively.

The Programme Committee, chaired by Alessandro Aldini, consisted of:

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It is our belief that workshops serve to foster and establish research collaborations in an attempt to share techniques and their cross-fertilisation. This could not be more true for a workshop like VODCA: We hope that the meeting helps participants to focus on original “views on the design of complex architectures,” especially concerning the security and management of information.

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