

# Message from the Symposium Chair

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Welcome to the LCN Symposium on Emerging Topics In Networking which is held in conjunction with the 45th Annual IEEE Conference on Local Computer Networks (LCN 2020). The Symposium provides an opportunity to present new ideas and early works that show exciting promise. The aim of the Symposium is to enable timely discussion of leading-edge research and applications as well as challenging future directions on emerging topics in networking. This year, the following areas were encouraged in the Symposium: Machine Learning in Networking, IoT and M2M Communications, 5G and Beyond, Network and Cloud Security and Software Defined Networks.

We are pleased to continue the tradition of IEEE LCN Conference and Symposium in offering a high quality technical program in a virtual and friendly setting that facilitates close interactions among participants. Initially planned in Sydney, Australia, IEEE LCN 2020 and the Symposium will run as a fully virtual web-based event, due to the uncertainty raised by the Covid-19 pandemics.

The symposium track received 12 submissions, and 4 of them were recommended for acceptance. There were also 12 papers transferred from regular paper track to symposium track, making a total of 16 symposium papers accepted. These papers are published as part of LCN Symposium proceedings.

We would like to thank the many people who have contributed to this year's Symposium. Foremost, we wish to thank the paper authors for choosing LCN as the channel to present their quality research. We are grateful to the Technical Program Committee and the additional reviewers for providing quality reviews, and in many cases participating in discussions among reviewers to help in the final paper selection process. The program of the conference would not have been possible without their generous work and efforts.

We would, of course, like to thank the LCN 2020 Organizing Committee as well as the LCN 2020 Steering Committee for their help and support. Finally, we would like to welcome the attendees to the conference and thank them for participating in LCN 2020 and the Symposium. We hope that you will enjoy reading the conference and Symposium papers as much as we did, and will find the program interesting and stimulating.

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