Guest Editorial Special Issue for SICBS 2017

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The purpose of 2017 International Conference on Security with Intelligent Computing and Big-data Services with joined workshops, Workshop on Information and Communication Security Science and Engineering and Workshop on Security in Forensics, Medical, and Computing Services and Applications, is to provide a platform for researchers, engineers, academicians as well as industrial professionals from all over the world to present their research results and development activities in Security related areas. It also aims at strengthening the international academic cooperation and communications, and exchanging research ideas. We invite some outstanding accepted papers in their extended versions and open for other submissions to this special issue. Each paper submitted to this special issue was rigorously reviewed by at least two reviewers in its corresponding research area. Finally, after conscientious selection, we accept 6 papers for this special issue.

The first paper in the collection, entitled "A New Aesthetic QR Code Algorithm Based on Salient Region Detection and SPBVM" is by Li Li, Bing Wang, Jianfeng Lu, Shanqing Zhang and Chin-Chen Chang. This paper proposed a new aesthetic QR code algorithm, based on salient region detection and selectable positive basis vector matrix. It can display the whole salient region completely and is more flexible for the selection of background image. The results show that the proposed algorithm can produce more accurate salient area and achieve a better visual effect.

The second paper, entitled "A Study on Blockchain-Based Circular Economy Credit Rating System" and authored by Hsin-Te Wu, Yi-Jen Su and Wu-Chih Hu, presented a credit rating system using the concept of decentralization to reduce third-party broker fees, which provides effective credit rating of public economic entities. The proposed system can create a better transaction environment for the sharing economy and enable the buyer and seller to choose better business counterparties through transparent credit ratings.

The third paper, entitled "Storage-Saving Bi-Dimensional Privacy-Preserving Data Aggregation in Smart Grids" and authored by Chun-I Fan, Yi-Fan Tseng, Yi-Hui Lin, and Fangguo Zhang, proposed the first privacy-preserving bi-dimensional data aggregation scheme, where the bi-dimensional data contains both user-based and time-based data. For this proposed scheme, the storage cost only linearly increases with the number of time units and is independent of the number of users.

The fourth paper, entitled "An Efficient and Secure RFID Authentication Scheme for C1G2 Standard" and authored by Chen-Yang Cheng, Cheng-Ta Huang, Iuon-Chang Lin, and Hung-Huei Hsu, proposed an improved lightweight authentication scheme which compliant to C1G2 standard. By comparing with a previous scheme, this proposed scheme can achieve high security level and efficient performance.

The fifth paper, entitled "Integration of Information Hiding and Compression for Biomedical Signals" and authored by Yan-Hong Hu, Yu-Hai Li, and Ming Zhao, proposed a method to reduce the carrying amount of Electrocardiogram (ECG) network transmission while preserving the original characteristics of ECG and protecting personal privacy. The integration method not only protect the security of the ECG transmission but also reduce the amount of ECG transmission.

The sixth paper, entitled "*Characteristics of Basil in Aspects of Digital Information Retrieval and Data Mining*" and authored by Varin Chouvatut and Ekkarat Boonchieng, presented a novel process for classifying two types of basil, which have different species but share common genus, based on main characteristics of their leaves. From the measured results, the proposed methods for digital information retrieval from the two basil-species sharing a common genus have been proved that the applied techniques in feature extraction and the selected basil's dominant features provide almost perfect success in categorizing the two basilspecies.

Finally, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to all reviewers for their expertise and efforts in making helpful comments and suggestions. We also would like to express our thanks to Dr. Han-Chieh Chao, the Editor-in-Chief of JIT journal, for his encouragement and support to publish this special issue and to Ms. Sharon Chang, the Assistant Editor, for her professional help during the preparation of this special issue. Thanks also go to all authors for their significant contributions. Without their hard work, this special issue would not be possible.

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