

Message from the SOUPS 2020 Program Co-Chairs

Welcome to SOUPS 2020!

Although SOUPS turns 16 during a uniquely challenging year, we are happy to see that the conference continues to thrive. We are pleased this year to present a program that covers a broad range of topics within usable privacy and security. Technical paper presentations form the core of the SOUPS program, but the conference also includes workshops, posters, lightning talks, mentorship, and a keynote. This year, SOUPS received 131 valid paper submissions, accepting 26 (20% acceptance rate).

In 2016, SOUPS became an independent conference body. For the last four years, we have partnered with USENIX for hosting and administrative support, a move that has enabled continued growth for the conference. We thank all the members of the USENIX staff for their work in organizing SOUPS and supporting our community. We particularly appreciate their assistance and flexibility this year, including managing the shift to a virtual event.

In 2018, we were co-located with the USENIX Security Symposium for the first time, and we are continuing that co-location for 2020 and 2021. Co-locating the two conferences allows for interactions and shared ideas between SOUPS and USENIX Security attendees. We have found this beneficial for both conferences and look forward to repeating it virtually this year and in-person in Vancouver, BC, next year.

SOUPS relies on a range of volunteers for all of its activities. Steering Committee members provide oversight and guidance and are elected for three-year terms. Organizing Committee members help determine the conference content for a particular year, often serving two-year terms to facilitate the transition of knowledge. Technical Papers Committee members are chosen by the Technical Papers Co-Chairs each year. This year, the pandemic created sudden and unexpected obstacles for many of us, including members of the Technical Papers Committee. As a result, other members of the committee and external reviewers—including an Extended Technical Papers Committee comprised of experienced community members—stepped in to assist with reviews. SOUPS is a product of the hard work by all the SOUPS Organizers, the SOUPS Steering Committee, the technical paper reviewers, the workshop organizers, the poster jury, and the USENIX staff. We thank each and every one of you for your contributions to SOUPS 2020.

Heather is serving her second and final year as General Chair of SOUPS and Chair of the Steering Committee. In 2021 and 2022, Sonia will serve as General Chair. If you are interested in helping with SOUPS 2021 in any way, please contact Sonia.

We thank our sponsors. SOUPS would not be possible without their generous support. Please visit our website to view the recipients of the SOUPS 2020 awards. Congratulations to all of the recipients for their outstanding work.

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