

Workshop Organizers' Message

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International Workshop on Privacy-Preserving Data Analysis (PPDA) 2009 took place at Brisbane, Australia on 21st April, 2009. There were two sessions for this workshop with 2 paper presentations in the first session and 3 presentations in the second session.

With the advancement of information technology and declining hardware price, organizations and companies are able to collect large amount of personal data. Moreover, advanced data analysis and mining techniques have been proposed to derived patterns hidden in data. However, the increasing power in data processing and analysis also raises concerns over the proper usage of personal information. Without proper treatment of the threat of sensitive information leakage, organizations would be reluctant to disclose their data even when there may be great potential gains from the data exploration. Therefore research in the area of privacy preservation is deemed important for both theoretical and practical reasons. PPDA 2009 was held in conjunction with DASFAA 2009 conference, and aims to bring together researchers in different fields related to privacy preserving data analysis and to provide a forum where researchers and practitioners can share and exchange their knowledge and experiences.

There were totally 13 submissions from 8 countries, namely Canada, China, Denmark, Japan, Malaysia, Poland, Thailand and United Kingdom. 5 papers were accepted and thus the acceptance rate is 38.46%. All papers accepted by PPDA 2009 were published in a combined volume of Lecturer Notes in Computer Science series published by Springer.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Program Committee for their work in selecting the papers for this year's event.