

From the Editors

We continued to be very gratified by the response to IJDE both in terms of the growing number of visitor to the web site and in the dramatic increase in the submission of articles for publication. The articles in this issue have been peer reviewed according to the formal review process that has been developed (*Author Instructions*).

The four articles in this issue provide insight into key aspects of digital forensics. The Harrison et al. article, *A Lessons Learned Repository for Computer Forensics*, describes a web-based Lessons Learned Repository (LLR) that facilitates contribution of lessons, and their subsequent retrieval. Casey, in his article, *Practical Approaches to Recovering Encrypted Digital Evidence*, presents lessons learned from investigations involving encryption in various contexts. By presenting successful and unsuccessful case examples, the author provides an understanding of the feasibility and limitations of various approaches to dealing with encryption. In *Analyzing the Difficulties in Backtracking the Onion Router's Traffic*, Forte discusses the inner workings of the onion router. He proposes an architecture-based and legislation-based study to develop a framework that will ensure citizens' privacy - yet still provide backtracking capabilities under appropriate legal safeguards. The Reith, Carr, and, Gunsch article, *An Examination of Digital Forensic Models*, explores the development of the digital forensics process, compares and contrasts four particular forensic methodologies, and finally proposes an abstract model of the digital forensic procedure.

We are pleased to welcome Eoghan Casey to the Editorial Board. Eoghan is Technical Director and Partner in Knowledge Solutions, LLC. He is the author of two books on digital forensics, and contributor in this issue of IJDE.

We are grateful for the support we have received from the Air Force Research Laboratory (ARFL) in launching the first issue and the Economic Crime Investigation Institute (ECII) for the June and September issues. In an effort to continue to provide open access to the Journal, we are initiating a sponsorship plan. The IJDE will offer the opportunity for a single sponsor for each issue. That sponsor's logo will be displayed on the home page and a link will be provided to their web site. If you are interested in sponsoring an issue, please contact the Editor, Dr. Gary R. Gordon ggordon@utica.ucsu.edu or the Associate Editor, Dr. John Leeson jleeson@mail.ucf.edu for more details.

We are actively soliciting articles for the December 2002 and March 2003 issues. Articles must be submitted by November 22, 2002 and February 22, 2003 respectively to provide time for the peer review process.

Several individuals have requested notification of subsequent issues. With this issue, we are instituting an opt in process to receive notifications regarding the IJDE and ECII.

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