

**Special Session on**  
**Cybersecurity and Information Security for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises**  
**in conjunction with**  
**19<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Information and Assurance Security (IAS)**  
**December 12-14, 2023**

**Website:** <http://www.mirlabs.org/ias23>

**Hybrid Mode – Online & Offline**

**Onsite Venues:** <http://mirlabs.org/ias23/venue2.php>

### **Objectives and Scope**

Information security plays a key role in enterprises management, as it deals with the confidentiality, privacy, integrity, and availability of one of their most valuable resources: data and information. Small and Medium-sized enterprises (SME) are seen as a blind spot in information security and cybersecurity management, which is mainly due to their size, regional and familiar scope, and financial resources.

In this special session we aim to share methodologies, frameworks, and case studies that reflect the innovations of information security and cybersecurity in micro and SME.

### **Subtopics**

The topics include, but are not limited to:

- Cybersecurity and information security for micro and SME
- Cybersecurity culture
- Budgeting for Cybersecurity for micro and SME
- Cybersecurity and Information Security Standardization for micro and SME
- Cybersecurity Training and Certification
- Security Audits and Assessments for micro and SME

### **Paper publications**

- Proceedings will be published in Lecture Notes in Networks and Systems, Springer (<https://www.springer.com/series/15179>)
- Indexed by SCOPUS, INSPEC, WTI Frankfurt eG, zbMATH, SCImago
- Paper maximum length is 10 pages
- Papers must be formatted according to Springer format (Latex/word) available at: <https://www.springer.com/de/authors-editors/book-authors-editors/manuscript-preparation/5636#c3324>
- Submission Link: <http://www.mirlabs.org/ias23/submission.php>

## **Important Dates**

Paper submission due: **September 30, 2023**

Notification of paper acceptance: **October 31, 2023**

Registration and Final manuscript due: **November 10, 2023**

Conference Date: **December 13-15, 2023**

## **Special Session Chairs**

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