

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays

from **CROW**

Farewell to CROW head AProf Ryan Ko

As this year ends, CROW bids farewell to Ryan and thanks him for the work he has put in for CROW in the last six years.

Ko is taking on the role of UQ Cyber Security chair and director at the University of Queensland.

He joined the University of Waikato in 2012 and was instrumental in establishing the CROW lab – NZ's first cyber security lab and graduate research programme.

In his time leading CROW, Ko helped establish the New Zealand Cyber Security Challenge in 2014, was part of a team to set up the New Zealand Institute for Security and Crime Science and served as the Principal Investigator/Science Leader of the NZ\$12.23 million MBIE-funded STRATUS project.



CROW welcomes new head Dr Vimal Kumar

The team welcomes [Dr Vimal Kumar](#) who will now lead CROW.

Kumar is a lecturer at the University of Waikato and has previously been involved with CROW in a smaller capacity.

He works primarily in the areas of security of Internet of Things, Wireless sensor networks, Cloud Computing and Cyber security in general.

The CROW team look forward to working with him.



Researching the world of cryptocurrency



Recent CROW graduate Stuart Holland left a career in the Oceanographic Industry to study cyber security at the lab. His masters research *An Investigation into Improved Security of Blockchain* provides a solution to storing and

proving ownership of data in the virtual world of cryptocurrency. It gives organisations certainty that data is safe from being read by the wrong entities.

He hopes to utilise his cyber security skills to protect and secure organisational assets and intellectual property.

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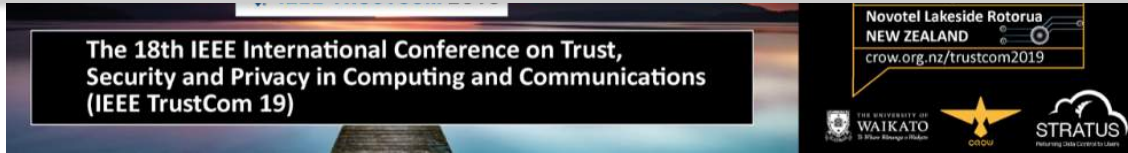
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The [18th IEEE International Conference on Trust, Security and Privacy in Computing and Communications](#) (IEEE TrustCom-19) will be held in Rotorua, New Zealand from **5 - 8 August, 2019**. It follows the success of TrustCom conferences around the world including TrustCom'18 in New York, United States of America, TrustCom'17 in Sydney, Australia and TrustCom'16 in Tianjin, China. Bringing together researchers and practitioners in the world working on trusted computing and communications, with regard to trust, security, privacy, reliability, dependability, survivability, availability, and fault tolerance aspects of computer systems and networks, the conference provides a forum to present and discuss emerging ideas and trends in this highly challenging research field.

Important Dates

- **Workshop Proposal Submission deadline** February 1, 2019
- **Paper Submission deadline** February 28, 2019
- **Paper Author notification** April 26, 2019
- **Paper Author notification** May 27, 2019



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