
**LAUNCHING THE
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As members of the now former Governing Board of the *Journal of Privacy and Confidentiality* (JPC), JMA, CD, AFK, KN and LV are pleased to announce that as of July 1, 2024, the *Society for Privacy and Confidentiality Research* (SPCR) has become the owner and publisher of JPC. We are confident and excited that this transition places JPC on a sound path forward.

To review the history briefly, JPC was founded in 2008 by Cynthia Dwork, the late Stephen Fienberg and Alan Karr. With his usual zeal and polish, Steve shepherded JPC through its early years, serving in effect as both editor-in-chief and managing editor, followed by John Abowd. During this time, Carnegie Mellon hosted JPC. Following Steve's death in 2016, JPC endured a short hiatus, then was relaunched in 2018 with Cynthia Dwork as editor-in-chief, Lars Vilhuber as managing (executive) editor and Cornell as operational base (Vilhuber, 2018; Dwork, 2018). Rachel Cummings later joined Lars Vilhuber as co-executive editor.

Since 2016, the Journal has matured into part of the scientific infrastructure in privacy and confidentiality research, especially by bridging the multiple contributing disciplines. Through the generosity of many who donated their time and those who provided other resources, JPC has remained an open access journal, with no fees charged for submission or publication.

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But, success notwithstanding, it has become clear that JPC needs an organizational structure that is independent of those occupying its positions; sustainable financial viability, again independent of individuals, no matter how generous; and a governance structure that is distinct from its editorial structure.

The *Society for Privacy and Confidentiality Research* (SPCR) has been created specifically to meet these needs. SPCR is a non-profit Pennsylvania corporation with IRS-approved 501(c)(3) status. JMA is the founding President, and AFK the founding Secretary/Treasurer (as well as the incorporator). The other three founding members of the Board of Directors are CD, JR, and AS. The society's website is <https://socprivconfresearch.org>, and its logo is:



The SPCR Board of Directors are committed to maintaining JPC as a multi-disciplinary, open access journal. The immediate priorities are to create a membership structure for the society, to institute policies for the selection and operation of the editorial board, and to ensure that JPC is not disrupted by the transition. To this end, the operational base will remain at Cornell for some time, while particular items such as the web site are migrated one-by-one to SPCR.

Finally, we thank all those, almost all not named here, who have helped bring JPC to where it is now, especially authors, editors and referees. And, in advance, we thank those who will help JPC and SPCR to move forward together. We welcome and need your support and ideas.

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