Welcome to the proceedings of the Sixteenth Annual DFRWS Conference (DFRWS USA 2016), where we return to the Pacific Northwest. This year is our first time in Seattle. DFRWS continues its tradition of association with the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) for the sixth year and publishing our proceedings with Elsevier as a special issue of Digital Investigation.

The conference draws members of the digital forensic community from across the world. This year we received 31 submissions and accepted 15 papers, for an acceptance rate of 48.3%. The Technical Program Committee has once again put in a lot of hard work to come up with a strong program covering a diverse set of topics. Topics range from anti-forensics to analyses of memory and mobile devices, as well as file system and image (graphic) analysis, and more.

In addition to the papers, we will have 6 workshops, a poster session, keynotes, and the ever-popular forensic rodeo, continuing last year’s “capture the flag” style format. DFRWS also produces its annual Forensic Challenge and has been holding a conference in Europe, known as DFRWS EU, for the last three years.

We have already started preparing for DFRWS USA 2017, which will be held in Austin, Texas. Once again, we thank you, our readers, for your continued interest in DFRWS.

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