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	<b>TC-11 Security and Protection in Information Processing Systems</b>

## **Factsheet**

### **WG 9.6 / 11.7**

## **Information Technology: Misuse & the Law**

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### ***Introduction***

*(Strategic issues / questions: Introduction and mission statement)*

Working group 11.7 was established in 1988 as a working group on Computer Security Law, aiming at - promoting awareness and understanding of the need for meaningful and thoughtful computer security related legislation as an essential element in the protection of computer systems, programs and data; - providing a forum for the discussion and analysis of computer security related legislative policy; - providing a mechanism to initiate or respond to international computer security related legislative initiatives affecting the computer industry.

IFIP WG 9.6 was established in 1990 as an IFIP Working Group within IFIP Technical Committee 9 (TC-9: Relationship between Computers and Society). Revised in 1992, it was decided in 2000 to strengthen the cooperation with TC-11 and to form a joint WG 9.6/11.7 which was formalized in 2001 by the two TC chairs of that time. It was agreed by the two TC chairs that the administrative responsibility would rest with TC-9 and that the working group would have two co-chairs, one on behalf of each TC.

The WG focuses on the relations between IT Misuse, the Law and Society. As "Misuse" depends very much on the point of view and the cultural background of the viewer a very broad understanding of the term "Misuse" turned out to be appropriate. The WG studies technical, organisational, legal and social aspects of information infrastructures and electronic services with regard to their trustworthiness. The emphasis is on legal implications of new technology and vice versa.

### ***Aims and scope (last revised / reconfirmed mm-yyyy)***

*(Strategic issues / questions: What does the TC address, what does it want to achieve, what are the groups of people the working group focuses on, what are the boundaries of the work area)*

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- To foster co-operation between the "Computers and Society" and "Information Security" communities on issues of "IT misuse and the law".
- To develop an understanding in IFIP committees and national bodies of:
  - threats associated with IT systems and the related legal concerns.
  - risks to people and organisations arising from these threats.
  - responsibilities of people and organisations arising from legal and other provisions for information security.
  - risks arising from incoherency between legal, technical and managerial provisions.
  - the impact of IT systems on the current law, e.g. (criminal and civil law) and potential problems.
- To propose and/or evaluate legal and other prescriptions to combat these threats and their associated risks.
- To engender information exchange on threats, their origins, and possible consequences.
- To propose and/or evaluate legal and other appropriate courses of action.

The scope of the working group is:

- Analysis of existing and emerging threats to IT systems security, and the associated risks to people, organisations and society.
- Analysis of security principles.
- Aspects of the law where the use or introduction of IT on a global scale has rendered the current law (and/or its interpretations) obsolete or obsolescent or made it unenforceable.
- Analysis of potential means of countering and mitigating threats, e.g. legal frameworks, ethical standards, managerial procedures, and other social factors applicable to behaviour and responsibilities in the context of IT systems.
- Possible solutions.
- New legal, social and organisational consequences of the development and use of IT systems.

### ***Products, services and activities (last revised / reconfirmed mm-yyyy)***

*(Strategic issues / questions: What are the products and activities the working group will deliver)*

### ***Membership rules (last revised / reconfirmed mm-yyyy)***

*(Strategic issues / questions: Membership rules)*

### ***Contact details***

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## ***Annex a. Membership***

- **Officers, current**

Chair:	Kai Rannenber	second three-year term, 2004 – 2007
Vice-chair:	Albin Zucato	first three-year term, 2005 – 2008
Secretary:	Judith Valdivia	first three-year term, 2005 – 2008

- **Membershiplist, confirmed in TC-11 meeting of May 2005**

Country, name, affiliation

Australia	Olujoke Akindemowo
Australia	Philip Argy
Australia	Roger Clarke
Australia	Andrew Freeman
Australia	Anthony Willis
Austria	Martin Latzenhofer
Belgium	Bieke Spruyt
Bulgaria	Nelly Ognyanova
Czech Republic	Dagmar Brechlerova
Czech Republic	Cestmir Halbich
Finland	Juhani Paavilainen
France	Philippe Le Clech
France	Hubert Marty-Vrayance
Germany	Arslan Broemme
Germany	Kathrin Schier
Hungary	Suzana Stojakovic-Celustka
India	Pradeep Navalkar
Italy	Giovanni Iachello
Netherlands	Henrik Kaspersen
Poland	Michal Golinski
Russia	Victor Naumov
Russia	Yuri Andreevich Timofeev
Slovakia	Daniel Olejar
Slovakia	Jozef Vyskoc
Spain	Jorge Davila
Spain	Francisco Javier Lopez-Munoz
Sweden	Helena Andersson
Sweden	Frederik Bjoerck
Sweden	Simone Fischer-Hübner
Sweden	Kjell Naeckros

Sweden	Gunnar Wenngren
Sweden	Louise Yngstrom
Switzerland	Beat Lehmann
UK	Rachel Burnett
UK	Riad M. Fawzi
UK	Ken Lindup
UK	Charles Raab
UK	Peter Randle
UK	Richard Sizer
UK	Anita Smith
UK	Frederick Wamala
UK	Robert Willison
USA	Vijay Masurkar

- **Officers, history**

Since the start of the formal joint working group in 2001 the group had a system of two co-chairs, one on behalf of each TC. In 2005 the working group decided to change to a system of chair and vice-chair, these roles to be divided between the two TCs.

Simone Fischer-Huebner, who served as chair of wg 9.6 since 1999, was the co-chair of wg 9.6 / 11.7 from 2001 – 2005 (when her second term for 9.6 ended). Kai Rannenbergh joined the group as co-chair on behalf of TC-11 in 2001 and became the chair in 2005.

**(other officers to be added)**

## ***Annex b. Workplan***

- Past events / products / achievements

The first IFIP WG 9.6 conference "Security and Control of Information Technology in Society" was held on a boat plying between Stockholm and St.Petersburg as well as at the Academy of Sciences at St. Petersburg, 12-17 August 1993.

From 14-15 June 1999, a joint IFIP WG 8.5/9.6 Working Conference on "*User Identification and Privacy Protection (UIPP) - Applications in Public Administration and Electronic Commerce*", was held at the Department of Computer and System Sciences, Stockholm University/KTH.. At this 2-days working conference 15 submitted and two invited papers were presented (with speakers from 13 different countries). (For more information see: <http://www.dsv.su.se/IFIP-WG-9.6/index2.html>).

The first joint WG 9.6/11.7 working conference "Security and Control of IT in Society - II" (SCITS-II) was held in Bratislava / Slovakia, 15-16 June 2001.

IFIP WG 9.6/11.7 workshop on „Security and Control of Society – III”, was organised as part of TC-11's SEC-2003 conference at Athens Chamber of Commerce and Industry, 27 May 2003, Athens, Greece.

Second International Summer School was organized by IFIP WG 9.2, 9.6/11.7, 9.8, Risks & Challenges of the Network Society in cooperation with Karlstad University and HumanIT, 4 –8 August 2003.

- Planned events / activities