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## FOREWORD

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### Special Section on Next-generation Security Applications and Practice

Being the most recent and advanced version of cellular technology, 5G has already transformed a wide range of applications such as virtual and augmented reality (through its enhanced mobile broadband); smart city and home (through massive machine-type communication); and remote health and autonomous vehicles (through ultra-reliable and low-latency communication). Innovative and cutting-edge enablers, such as software-defined networks (SDN), network function virtualization (NFV), and multi-access edge computing (MEC), provide programmability, on-demand resource allocation, consolidation of several heterogeneous devices, and permit low latency by bringing computation closer to the user.

Despite the fact that such a dynamic combination of cutting-edge technology provides the widespread connection to a wide range of use cases, security has proven to be the most challenging to execute. As a result, security systems that use cutting-edge developments, such as artificial intelligence (AI), are necessary to identify possible tamperings automatically through intelligent, adaptive, and autonomous security management. Such solutions can bring huge benefits in averting devastating security breaches by swiftly analyzing vast volumes of data to uncover new threats (zero-day attacks) while also improving intrusion detection performance.

This special section on next-generation security applications and practices aims to communicate the most recent knowledge and advancements in device, application, and system security and privacy, particularly in the context of 5G, Industry 4.0, and Society 5.0. Accordingly, a total of 21 papers were submitted, and 15 of them were accepted after a comprehensive peer review process.

As the guest editor-in-chief, I would like to offer my heartfelt gratitude to all of the authors for their contributions, as well as all of the guest editorial committee members and reviewers for their countless effort.

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