The mathematical theory and practice of cryptography and coding underpins the provision of effective security and reliability for data communication, processing and storage. Theoretical and practical advances in the fields of cryptography and coding are therefore a key factor in facilitating the growth of data communications and data networks of various types. Thus, this Ninth International Conference in an established and successful IMA series on the theme of "Cryptography and Coding" is both timely and relevant.

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Submissions of all types should not exceed 15 pages excluding bibliography and appendices, and at most 20 pages total using at least 11-point fonts with reasonable margins. The introduction should summarise the contributions of the paper at a level appropriate for a non-specialist reader. Authors will be notified of acceptance by August 15th 2003. The proceedings of this conference will be published in Springer’s Lecture Notes in Computer Science series. Final versions of accepted papers will be required by September 15th 2003.

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