



# Editorial: Launching *ICCK Transactions on Cybersecurity* – A New Forum for Secure Digital Futures

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The global landscape of cybersecurity is evolving rapidly. Recent studies indicate that the average cost of a data breach now exceeds \$4.45 million USD, while ransomware attacks occur approximately every 11 seconds. These figures underscore the growing complexity, frequency, and impact of cyber threats across sectors and geographies. While numerous journals cover general computing and security topics, few are dedicated exclusively to cybersecurity and its most pressing research challenges. As we approach the quantum computing era, the demand for forward-looking innovations such as post-quantum cryptography is intensifying. The need for resilient cryptographic infrastructures that can withstand both classical and quantum attacks is more urgent than ever.

In response to this demand, we are pleased to introduce the *ICCK Transactions on Cybersecurity*, a peer-reviewed, quarterly academic journal published by the *Institute of Central Computation and Knowledge* (ICCK). This journal is designed to serve as a high-impact platform for research spanning secure system architectures, intelligent threat detection, privacy-preserving AI, cyber-physical defence mechanisms, blockchain-based security, and

quantum-resilient technologies.

Our editorial team is committed to ensuring rigorous peer review, editorial transparency, and timely publication. We aim to bridge the gap between theoretical foundations and practical applications, advancing interdisciplinary collaborations that drive both scholarly advancement and industrial innovation.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all authors, reviewers, and editorial board members whose dedication and expertise have shaped this inaugural issue. Your contributions have laid a strong foundation for a journal that aspires to influence and inspire the next generation of cybersecurity innovation. It is with great excitement that we launch Volume 1, Issue 1 of the *ICCK Transactions on Cybersecurity*, and we invite researchers, practitioners, and thought leaders to engage with us in shaping a more secure digital future.

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