CSE Chair, Rajesh Gupta at NSF

CSE Professor and Department Chair, Rajesh Gupta, gave a lecture at the National Science Foundation (NSF) in Washington DC, for their CISE Distinguished Lecture Series last Thursday, on January 19, 2012. His talk examined how ‘microgrids,’ which are self-managed grids with local cogeneration capabilities, can be used as testing grounds for the prototyping and testing of smart grid technologies. CISE is organized in three divisions: the Division of Computing & Communication Foundations (CCF); the Division of Computer and Network Systems (CNS); and the Division of Information and Intelligent Systems (IIS). Each division is organized into a small number of programs that are responsible for managing a portfolio of grants and proposal competitions within a broad area of research and education. While individual program directors may be designated as the point of contact for specific sub-disciplines, collaboration takes place within each program, across each division, and between divisions and directorates. Go to this link to read more about Rajesh’s talk at NSF. http://www.nsf.gov/events/event_summ.jsp?cntn_id=122765&org=CISE

Five UCSD papers accepted at premier cryptology conference

The 31st Eurocrypt conference (Cambridge in 2012) has accepted 41 papers, and of these papers, 5 have CSE authors including one of the top paper submissions. Congratulations Mihir Bellare, Rafael Dowsley, Daniele Micciancio (one of the top three papers), Stefano Tessaro, Sarah Meiklejohn, and recent alumnus Scott Yilek!

UCSD E-crime work in Businessweek

In December, Businessweek featured a two-page spread explaining how spammers make their living. The spread was based on the research by CSE Professor Stefan Savage and colleagues at UC San Diego and UC Berkeley. The two-page spread explains how spammers make their living, based on research by CSE Professor Stefan Savage and colleagues at UC San Diego and at UC Berkeley. The article quotes E-crime researcher and Computing Innovation Fellow, Damon McCoy, as stating “They have better customer service than most real businesses” (McCoy recently accepted a tenure-track faculty position in the Department of Computer Science at George Mason University). The data for these visuals are derived from two efforts: one led by CSE Research Scientist Kirill Levchenko (spam value chain) and the other by CSE Ph.D. candidate Chris Kanich (spam revenue and demand).