

## Message from the Chairs

It is our great pleasure to welcome all of you to the 14th IAPR Conference on Machine Vision Applications (MVA2015), in Tokyo, Japan. The conference is co-sponsored by the MVA Organization, IAPR TC-8, and the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST).

For MVA2015, we received 213 submissions from 35 countries around the world. Among these submissions, we selected 28 papers for oral presentation and 112 papers for poster presentation. A rigorous peer-reviewing process was carried out by 105 outstanding reviewers composed of active researchers and engineers from around the world. We thank the members of the Program Committee for their enormous efforts in the reviewing process and publicity for the conference. We look forward to engaging and fruitful discussions on machine vision during this season of new green leaves in the capital city.

At MVA2015, four awards will be presented: the *Best Paper Award*, the *Best Practical Paper Award*, the *Best Poster Presentation Award*, and the *Most influential Paper over the Decade Award*. We believe that these exciting awards will stimulate discussions during the conference.

Thanks to the many contributors, MVA2015 will offer an exciting program. First, two up-and-coming researchers will present tutorial lectures on hot topics. We also introduce some new elements in this conference to strengthen both oral and poster presentations: poster presentation slots are also assigned to oral presenters, while poster presenters will give snapshot talks; both are aimed at encouraging interactions between the presenters and the audience. At the Young Researchers Meeting during lunchtime, junior researchers can discuss their work in a relaxed atmosphere. In addition, a number of internationally-renowned companies have been invited to join the demonstration session. We also have arranged collaboration sessions with the IPSJ SIG-CVIM (Computer Vision and Image Media), a leading Japanese computer vision special interest group, for stimulating cross-border research exchange.

As in previous conferences, three distinguished researchers will deliver inspiring lectures as IAPR Invited Talks. We would like to express our great appreciation to Professors Tomas Pajdla, Johji Tajima, and Ramin Zabih for accepting our invitation in spite of their busy schedules.

We express our sincere gratitude to all participants and hope that everyone will find this conference enjoyable and fruitful. Finally, we would like to conclude by thanking all the members of the Organizing Committee and the Program Committee for their time and dedication to make this event successful.



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