Message from the conference chairs

We welcome all participants to MVA2009, the 11th IAPR Conference on Machine Vision Applications, which is sponsored by the MVA Organization, IAPR TC-8, and Keio University.   On behalf of the MVA Conference Committee, we wish to give you our warmest welcome to the conference in this exciting field of machine vision and applications.

It has been more than 20 years since the first MVA was held in 1988, and the area of machine vision applications is still growing and broadening.   The growth is not only in the number of published paper but also in the application areas; object recognition is an emerging area, and several other new areas are also burgeoning.   New methods in software and hardware have been applied to traditional areas, such as medical, industrial, and surveillance applications.   In an effort to promote such research activities, we are glad to continue to organize the biennial MVA conference since 1988.

We would like to thank all of the authors who kindly submitted their research achievements to MVA2009 even under difficult conditions such as the world's serious recession.   Because of the large volume of quality submissions, we are proud to organize an exciting and stimulating technical program consisting of 122 excellent contributions.   We are greatly encouraged by the expansion of the machine vision application area.

We are very happy to have three distinguished IAPR invited speakers, Dr. Cordelia Schmid, Prof. Kyros Kutulakos, and Prof. Ryosuke Shibasaki.   We greatly appreciate that they kindly accepted our invitation in spite of their busy schedule.

We hope that all participants enjoy the conference, and that it can contribute and stimulate related research. Finally we thank all members of the Conference Committee and the Program Committee for their voluntary efforts.

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