

## Message from the Chairs

We are delighted to welcome you to the 13<sup>th</sup> IAPR International Conference on Machine Vision Applications in Kyoto, Japan, co-sponsored by the MVA Organization, IAPR TC-8, and Ritsumeikan University. We are proud to have organized an exciting and stimulating program including three IAPR invited talks and 112 papers presented in oral and poster sessions, together with technical demonstrations and two tutorials, during the four-day event.

This time, we have received 156 submissions from 24 countries over the world. Among these submissions, 32 papers for oral session and 80 papers for poster session have been selected through rigorous peer-reviewing process performed by an outstanding Program Committee composed by active and up-and-coming researchers/engineers around the world. We are thankful to the members of the Program Committee for their enormous efforts in the reviewing process. Besides we are excited by thought of the wonderful display of rewarding discussions about machine vision applications, based on these papers during the season of new green leaves in the ancient capital of Kyoto. At the MVA2013, four awards, Best Paper Award, Best Practical Paper Award, Best Poster Presentation Award and Most influential Paper over the Decade Award, have been established. We believe that these exciting awards will stimulate fruitful discussions in every session on the days of the conference. In addition, as in the past MVA conference, MVA2013 proposes excellent IAPR invited talks and we are proud to announce three well-rounded talks by distinguished researchers. We would like to express our great appreciation to these attractive speakers, Prof. Svetlana Lazebnik, Prof. Kenkichi Tanioka and Dr. Mattias Johannesson, for giving willing consent to our invitation.

We express our most sincere gratitude to all participants and hope that everyone enjoys the conference. Lastly, we would like to thank everyone involved for their time and dedication to make this event successful. This conference is the result of a great deal of hard work by many people who have been working enthusiastically in the past one and half years. This event would not have been made possible without their wonderful work.



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