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Message from the Workshop Chairs

It is our great pleasure to welcome all of you to the IAPR's 1998 Workshop on Machine Vision Applications (IAPR MVA '98). This workshop is co-sponsored by IAPR, Fujitsu Ltd., The University of Tokyo and Science University of Tokyo. This is the sixth workshop since the first one, which was held in Tokyo, 1988.

It is also the 10th aniversary of Workshop on Machine Vision Applicaions, which is held every two years. In order to celebrate this, we have selected several outstanding papers from those presented in the 1988 workshop; we consider these papers to be most influential to the field in Machine Vision. This set of papers includes: [1] Architecture of a High-Performance Image Processing System by H.Takenaga, Y.Kobayashi, M.Takatoo, Y.Okuyama, S.Miura, T.Fukushima, K.Asada and K.Fujiwara, JAPAN [2] A High Speed Image Processing System Utilized in Autonomous Vehicle Guidance by V.Graefe and K-D.Kuhnert, FRG [3] Precise Visual Inspection Algorithm for LSI Wafer Patterns Using Grayscale Image Comparison by Y.Matsuyama, H.Iwata, H.Kubota and Y.Nakagawa, JAPAN [4] A New Scheme for Practical Flexible and Intelligent Vision Systems by N.Otsu and T.Kurita, JAPAN [5] Range Image Processing 3D Range Images by T.Fujita, K.Sato and S.Inokuchi, JAPAN.

We have received more than 196 extended abstracts from 30 countries. Among them, 136 papers have been selected for oral or poster presentations. Unfortunately, however, some excellent papers have not been accepted due to the limitation of presentation slots. In addition to the accepted papers, three distinguished researchers have been invited to give presentations. We thank those three speakers: Prof. Volker Graefe, Prof. Seiji Inokuchi and Prof. Roberto Cipolla, for accepting our invitation.

Traditionally, the area of vision applications is limited to robotics and inspection. Recently, graphics, multi-media, and geospatial applications (such as ITS and remote sensing) have emerged as new application areas. This MVA'98 workshop reflects this increase in applications; papers on these new application areas have dramatically increased. As a result, several workshop sessions are devoted to graphics, multi-media, and geospatial applications. We hope that, from this workshop, the participants can both acquire knowledge of new activities in these research areas and also deepen their understanding of the traditional ones.

Organizing a workshop is a challenging job. We would like to express our gratitude to the members of the MVA Organizing Committee who have done such a superb job of organizing the MVA'98 workshop so successfully. We also extend our sincere thanks to Fujitsu Ltd. for offering this excellent conference facility as our workshop site.

Lastly, we express our hearty gratitude to all participants, and we hope that this workshop will be an informative and memorable one to all participants.

Welcome to MVA'98.

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