

Foreword

Welcome to the sixth ARPS *Digital Image Computing: Techniques and Applications* (DICTA) conference. We are pleased to host this conference on the campus of Melbourne University (Australia) over the period January 21-22, 2002.

DICTA2002 is a continuation of a series of five previous Australasian Conferences on Digital Image Computing: DICTA91 (Melbourne), 93 (Sydney), 95 (Brisbane), 97 (Auckland), and 99 (Perth). This year, the conference immediately precedes ACCV2002 (5th Asian Conference on Computer Vision) and, as a result, the number of overseas participants is higher than in the past – it is truly an international conference.

The DICTA2002 review process was a “blind” process as the identity of the author(s) was not known to the reviewers. The papers submitted for review (78 in number) were reviewed in full-length paper format by at least two reviewers selected from an international panel of experts. As a result of this process, we present here a proceedings volume containing 64 selected papers – approximately half were selected as oral papers and half as poster papers.

Organizing a conference is an activity not without various traumas. In September 2001, terrorist activities in the United States threatened to induce fear and a reluctance in relation to international travel. At the time of writing this introduction, we are pleased to say that we know of no intending participants that have decided to withdraw on such a basis. Other than this major international incident, the organisation process of this conference was probably much like any other: minor problems with electronic submission of papers, reviewers that were slow in returning their reports etc. However, it is easy to focus on the problems and to lose sight of the fact that the vast majority of reviewers donated their time generously and professionally and that the vast majority of papers had a smooth transition through the initial review and final preparation stages. This is testimony to the generosity not only of the reviewers, but of the other people that helped in the whole process of the organisation of this event. We sincerely thank all reviewers, all members of the organisation structure, and, of course, the authors themselves for helping to produce what should be a memorable, enjoyable and important event. We wish all of the visitors an enjoyable stay in Melbourne.

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