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Preface

The 13th International Multimedia Modeling Conference (MMM) was held in Singapore on January 9–12, 2007, organized by the School of Computer Engineering, Nanyang Technological University (NTU). The conference venue was the Nanyang Executive Centre, located within NTU's 200 hectare Jurong campus in the west of Singapore, and it also served as the main conference accommodation.

The main technical sessions were held on January 10–12, 2007, comprising 2 keynote talks, 18 oral presentation sessions in 2 parallel tracks, and 2 poster sessions. A wide range of topics was covered in the conference, including multimedia content analysis (retrieval, annotation, learning semantic concepts), computer vision/graphics (tracking, registration, shape modeling), multimedia networking (coding, peer-to-peer systems, adaptation), multimedia access (databases, security) and human–computer interaction (user interfaces, augmented reality).

This year a bumper crop of 392 paper submissions were received for publication in the main conference. In order to achieve our goal of instantiating a high-quality review process for the conference, a large and motivated Technical Program Committee had to be formed. Thankfully, we were able to rely on the help of many committed senior researchers and eventually a review structure was created comprising 18 Area Chairs, 152 Program Committee members and 36 additional reviewers. The review process was rigorous and double blind, with each paper assigned to three to four reviewers, and further managed by an Area Chair who provided additional input and recommendations to the Program Chairs. In addition, there was collaboration with other conferences with overlapping review periods to avoid accepting papers which were submitted simultaneously to different conferences. Through the conscientious efforts of the reviewers, all submissions received at least two reviews, while over 97% of submissions received at least three to four reviews. Subsequently, all papers were considered carefully, with significant deliberation over borderline papers. Eventually, only 72 papers were accepted for oral presentation and 51 papers accepted for poster presentation, resulting in a competitive acceptance rate of 31.4%. The only distinguishing difference between the oral and poster papers was the mode of presentation – all accepted papers were considered full papers and allocated the same number of pages. Additionally, there were two paper awards given out at this conference: the Best Paper Award, and the Best Student Paper Award.

Outside of the main technical sessions, there were also four special sessions on Networked Graphics Applications (NGA), Services and the Assurance in Multimedia Mobile Information Systems (SAMM), Networked Multimedia Systems and Applications Focusing on Reliable and Flexible Delivery for Integrated Multimedia (NMS) and Ubiquitous Multimedia Service (UMS). The paper review for these special sessions was handled separately by different organizers and Program Committees, and accepted papers were presented on January 9, 2007.

There was also a conference banquet on January 11, 2007, which featured a dinner boat cruise along Singapore's harbor front on the Imperial Cheng Ho.

We are heavily indebted to many individuals for their significant contribution. In particular, Linda Ang was very helpful in maintaining the Web-based review management system and solving technical crises almost instantly. Su-Ming Koh was crucial in creating, maintaining and handling all registration-related matters effectively and efficiently. Poo-Hua Chua promptly handled all matters related to the main conference Web site. Hwee-May Oh consistently kept the Organizing Committee in tow by checking and monitoring the action plans before and after every meeting. We thank the MMM Steering Committee for their invaluable input and guidance in crucial decisions. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the rest of the Organizing Committee: Industrial Track Chair Chang-Sheng Xu, Local Arrangements Chairs Wooi Boon Goh and Kin-Choong Yow, Publicity and Sponsorship Chairs Sabu Emmanuel and Kap-Luk Chan, and Workshop Chairs Chiew Tong Lau and Fang Li. We are also most sincerely appreciative of the hard work put in by the Area Chairs and members of the Technical Program Committee, whose detailed reviews under time pressure were instrumental in making this a high-quality conference.

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