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Preface

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the Proceedings of the Eighth Asian Conference on Computer Vision (ACCV07), which held November 18–22, 2007 in Tokyo, Japan. ACCV07 was sponsored by the Asian Federation of Computer Vision. We received 640 abstracts by the abstract submission deadline, 551 of which became full submissions. This is the largest number of submissions in the history of ACCV. Out of these 551 full submissions, 46 were selected for oral presentation and 130 as posters, yielding an acceptance rate of 31.9%.

Following the tradition of previous ACCVs, the reviewing process was double blind. Each of the 31 Area Chairs (ACs) handled about 17 papers and nominated five reviewers for each submission (from 204 Program Committee members). The final selection of three reviewers per submission was done in such a way as to avoid conflict of interest and to evenly balance the load among the reviewers. Once the reviews were done, each AC wrote summary reports based on the reviews and their own assessments of the submissions. For conflicting scores, ACs consulted with reviewers, and at times had us contact authors for clarification.

The AC meeting was held in Osaka on July 27 and 28. We divided the 31 ACs into 8 groups, with each group having 3 or 4 ACs. The ACs can confer within their respective groups, and are permitted to discuss with pre-approved "consulting" ACs outside their groups if needed. The ACs were encouraged to rely more on their perception of paper vis-a-vis reviewer comments, and not strictly based on numerical scores alone. This year, we introduced the category "conditional accept;" this category is targeted at papers with good technical content but whose writing requires significant improvement.

Please keep in mind that no reviewing process is perfect. As with any major conference, reviewer quality and timeliness of reviews varied. To minimize the impact of variation of these factors, we chose highly qualified and dependable people as ACs to shepherd the review process. We all did the best we could given the large number of submissions and the limited time we had. Interestingly, we did not have to instruct the ACs to revise their decisions at the end of the AC meeting—all the ACs did a great job in ensuring the high quality of accepted papers. That being said, it is possible there were good papers that fell through the cracks, and we hope such papers will quickly end up being published at other good avenues.

It has been a pleasure for us to serve as ACCV07 Program Chairs, and we can honestly say that this has been a memorable and rewarding experience. We would like to thank the ACCV07 ACs and members of the Technical Program Committee for their time and effort spent reviewing the submissions. The ACCV Osaka team (Ryusuke Sagawa, Yasushi Makihara, Tomohiro Mashita, Kazuaki Kondo, and Hidetoshi Mannami), as well as our conference secretaries (Noriko

Yasui, Masako Kamura, and Sachiko Kondo), did a terrific job organizing the conference.

We hope that all of the attendees found the conference informative and thought provoking.

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