

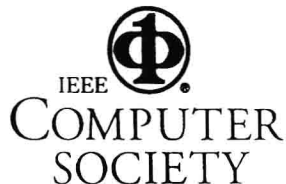
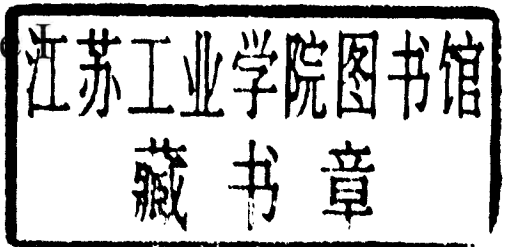
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We welcome you to the 2000 IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR'2000), held on June 13-15, 2000 on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. This is the nineteenth time this conference has been held since 1977.

This year, a total of 466 papers were submitted to the conference. Of these papers, 220 were accepted for publication. Of the accepted papers, 154 were selected as poster presentations and the remaining 66 were selected as oral presentations. All papers have been allocated the same amount of space in these proceedings. The program committee made decisions about oral versus poster presentation based on a number of criteria, including novelty, breadth of interest, appropriateness of the material to a poster or oral presentation, and overall quality.

All but a very small number of papers received three double blind referee reviews, which were checked by area chairs. Based on these reviews, final decisions were made at a meeting of twenty-four area chairs, the program chairs and the general chairs. The meeting took place on February 12-13, 2000. Firstly, area chairs compared the papers for which they were responsible with papers received by other area chairs in closely related areas. The entire group then convened to consider each of the submitted papers, hearing the recommendation of the relevant subgroup for each paper. There was additional discussion and sometimes additional reviews if the subgroup had not reached agreement, or if the full group questioned the subgroup decision. Thus each paper was considered twice, once by a small group with more in-depth expertise and more time to evaluate each paper, and once by a larger group with a broader perspective. Author names were not disclosed during the meeting, and the program chairs avoided potential conflicts of interest by assigning papers with conflicts to different subgroups during the early phase of the meeting, and by having people leave the room if there was discussion of such a paper during the full session. Neither program chairs nor general chairs submitted papers.

We wish to thank the authors of all the submitted papers for their interest in the conference. We also wish to thank the 115 members of our program committee, as well as the 122 auxiliary reviewers who assisted them, for reviewing the papers and providing valuable comments and recommendations for each of them. Thanks to Greg Hager for organizing the tutorials and workshops; to Kyros Kutulakos and Tom O'Donnell for organizing the demo sessions; to Peter Belhumeur for organizing the special technical program; and to Terry Boulton who has worked nonstop on both the finances and local arrangements. One of the major changes this year is that CVPR received for the first time major industrial support (in excess of \$25K), and Tom deserves a second round of thanks for the great job he did in coordinating this effort. Finally, many thanks to Maggie Ge for serving as Webmaster and extra special thanks to Sharon Collins for her invaluable help in organizing the conference.

We hope that CVPR'2000 will be an exciting scientific meeting, and look forward to seeing you in Hilton Head Island.

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