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# Preface

We would like to welcome you to the proceedings of MRCS 2006, Workshop on Multimedia Content Representation, Classification and Security, held September 11–13, 2006, in Istanbul, Turkey. The goal of MRCS 2006 was to provide an erudite but friendly forum where academic and industrial researchers could interact, discuss emerging multimedia techniques and assess the significance of content representation and security techniques within their problem domains.

We received more than 190 submissions from 30 countries. All papers were subjected to thorough peer review. The final decisions were based on the criticisms and recommendations of the reviewers and the relevance of papers to the goals of the conference. Only 52% of the papers submitted were accepted for inclusion in the program.

In addition to the contributed papers, four distinguished researchers agreed to deliver keynote speeches, namely:

- Ed Delp on multimedia security
- Pierre Moulin on data hiding
- John Smith on multimedia content-based indexing and search
- Marío A. T. Figueiredo on semi-supervised learning.

Six Special Sessions, organized by experts in their domain, contributed to the high quality of the conference and to focus attention on important and active multimedia topics:

- Content Analysis and Representation (chaired by Patric Bouthemy and Ivan Laptev)
- 3D Video and Free Viewpoint Video (chaired by Aljoscha Smolic)
- Multimodal Signal Processing (chaired by Sviatoslav Voloshynovskiy and Oleksiy Koval)
- 3D Object Retrieval and Classification (chaired by Francis Schmitt)
- Biometric Recognition (chaired by B.V.K. Vijaya Kumar and Marios Savvides)
- Representation, Analysis and Retrieval in Cultural Heritage (chaired by Jan C.A. van der Lubbe).

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It has been a pleasure to work with many people who took time from their busy schedules in an effort to ensure a successful and high-quality workshop.

Special thanks are due to Kivanc Mihcak, who organized the exciting Special Sessions. Our local organizer Sima Etaner Uyar needs to be recognized for her attention to various details. We thank the Program Committee members and all the reviewers for their conscientious evaluation of the papers. A special word of thanks goes to Mert Paker for his wonderful job in coordinating the workshop organization. Special thanks go to Turgut Uyar for maintaining the software infrastructure.

Finally, we envision the continuation of this unique event and we are already making plans for organizing annual MRCS workshops.

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