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Preface

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you all to the proceedings of the 2nd International Symposium on Visual Computing (ISVC 2006) held in Lake Tahoe. Following a successful meeting last year, we witnessed a much stronger and more productive event this year. ISVC offers a common umbrella for the four main areas of visual computing including vision, graphics, visualization, and virtual reality. Its goal is to provide a forum for researchers, scientists, engineers and practitioners throughout the world to present their latest research findings, ideas, developments and applications in the broader area of visual computing.

This year, the program consisted of 13 oral sessions, one poster session, ten special tracks, and six keynote presentations. The response to the call for papers was very strong. We received more than twice the papers received last year. Specifically, we received over 280 submissions for the main symposium from which we accepted 65 papers for oral presentation (23% acceptance) and 56 papers for poster presentation (20% acceptance). Special track papers were solicited separately through the Organizing and Program Committees of each track. A total of 57 papers were accepted for presentation in the special tracks.

All papers were reviewed with an emphasis on potential to contribute to the state of the art in the field. Selection criteria included accuracy and originality of ideas, clarity and significance of results, and presentation quality. The review process was quite rigorous, involving two to three independent blind reviews followed by several days of discussion. During the discussion period we tried to correct anomalies and errors that might have existed in the initial reviews. Despite our efforts, we recognize that some papers worthy of inclusion may have not been included in the program. We offer our sincere apologies to authors whose contributions might have been overlooked.

We wish to thank everybody who submitted their work to ISVC 2006 for review. It was because of their contributions that we succeeded in having a technical program of high scientific quality. In particular, we would like to thank the ISVC 2006 area Chairs, the organizing institutions (UNR, DRI, LBNL, and NASA Ames), our industrial sponsors (Intel, DigitalPersona, Equinox, Ford, Siemens, Hewlett Packard, NVIDIA, MERL, UtopiaCompression), the international Program Committee, the special track organizers and their Program Committees, the keynote speakers, the reviewers, and especially the authors that contributed their work to the symposium. In particular, we would like to thank Siemens who kindly offered the best paper award this year.

We sincerely hope that the proceedings of ISVC 2006 will offer opportunities for professional growth.

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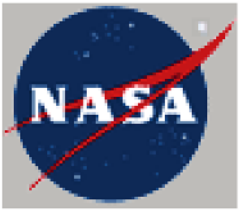

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