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Preface

The Indian Conference on Computer Vision, Graphics and Image Processing (ICVGIP) is a forum bringing together researchers and practitioners in these related areas, coming from national and international academic institutes, from government research and development laboratories, and from industry. ICVGIP has been held biannually since its inception in 1998, attracting more participants every year, including international participants.

The proceedings of ICVGIP 2006, published in Springer's series *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, comprise 85 papers that were selected for presentation from 284 papers, which were submitted from all over the world. Twenty-nine papers were oral presentations, and 56 papers were presented as posters. For the first time in ICVGIP, the review process was double-blind as common in the major international conferences. Each submitted paper was assigned at least three reviewers who are experts in the relevant area. It was difficult to select such a few papers, as there were many other deserving, but those could not be accommodated.

The support of the reviewers has been crucial, and we thank them for their valuable efforts and the time devoted for the conference. We would like to thank the team of IIIT Hyderabad, who developed and provided the online conference management software, which was used for ICVGIP 2006. Parag Kumar Chaudhuri of IIT Delhi helped greatly in the entire process and logistics, from the Call for Papers to the preparation of the proceedings. Siddharth Srinivasan, a MTech student at IIT Delhi, also contributed in the logistics. We would also like to thank the support of our sponsors, especially M/S Adobe India, M/S IBM India Research Lab, M/S Google India, M/S Yahoo! India Research and Development, M/S Tata Consultancy Services Ltd, and M/S HPL India.

We have no doubt that ICVGIP 2006 was another step towards making ICVGIP an important worldwide event to showcase research and development in the areas of computer vision, graphics and image processing.

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