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Preface

Sometimes milestones in the evolution of the DAGM Symposium become immediately visible. The Technical Committee decided to publish the symposium proceedings completely in English. As a consequence we successfully negotiated with Springer-Verlag to publish in the international well-accepted series “Lecture Notes in Computer Science”. The quality of the contributions convinced the editors and the lectors. Thanks to them and to the authors. We received 105 acceptable, good, and even excellent manuscripts. We selected carefully, using three reviewers for each anonymized paper, 58 talks and posters. Our 41 reviewers had a hard job evaluating and especially rejecting contributions. We are grateful for the time and effort they spent in this task. The program committee awarded prizes to the best papers. We are much obliged to the generous sponsors.

We had three invited talks from outstanding colleagues, namely Bernhard Nebel (Robot Soccer – A Challenge for Cooperative Action and Perception), Thomas Lengauer (Computational Biology – An Interdisciplinary Challenge for Computational Pattern Recognition), and Nassir Navab (Medical and Industrial Augmented Reality: Challenges for Real-Time Vision, Computer Graphics, and Mobile Computing). N. Navab even wrote a special paper for this conference, which is included in the proceedings.

We were proud that we could convince well known experts to offer tutorials to our participants: H.-P. Seidel, Univ. Saarbrücken – A Framework for the Acquisition, Processing, and Interactive Display of High Quality 3D Models; S. Heuel, Univ. Bonn – Projective Geometry for Grouping and Orientation Tasks; G. Rigoll, Univ. Duisburg – Hidden Markov Models for Pattern Recognition and Man-Machine-Communication; G. Klinker, TU München – Foundations and Applications of Augmented Reality; R. Koch, Univ. Kiel – Reconstruction from Image Sequences; W. Förstner, Univ. Bonn – Uncertainty, Testing, and Estimation of Geometric Parameters; K.-H. Englmeier, GSF Munich – Computer Vision and Virtual Reality Applications in Medicine; W. Eckstein and C. Steger, MV Tec GmbH, Munich – Industrial Computer Vision.

I appreciate the support of so many persons and institutions who made this conference happen: the generosity and cooperation of the Fachhochschule München and the Technische Universität München, the financial and material contributions by our sponsors, the helpers who did so much excellent work in preparing and realizing this event. Stefan Florczyk, my co-editor, and his team – Ulrike Schroeter, Oliver Bösl – did a great job. With the experience and imagination of my colleagues in the local committee – W. Abmayr, H. Ebner, K.-H. Englmeier, G. Hirzinger, E. Hundt, G. Klinker, H. Mayer – it was a pleasure to create and design this symposium. We all did our best and hope that the participants took their personal advantage of the conference and enjoyed their stay in Munich.

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The DAGM e.V. was founded as a registered society in September 1999. Until then the DAGM was constituted from supporter societies which have since then been honorary members of the DAGM e.V.:

DGaO	Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft für angewandte Optik (German Society of Applied Optics)
GMDS	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Medizinische Informatik, Biometrie und Epidemiologie (German Society for Medical Informatics, Biometry, and Epidemiology)
GI	Gesellschaft für Informatik (German Informatics Society)
ITG	Informationstechnische Gesellschaft (Information Technology Society)
DGN	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Nuklearmedizin (German Society of Nuclear Medicine)
IEEE	Deutsche Sektion des IEEE (The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, German Section)
DGPF	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Photogrammetrie und Fernerkundung
VDMA	Fachabteilung industrielle Bildverarbeitung/ Machine Vision im VDMA (Robotics + Automation Division within VDMA)
GNNS	German Chapter of European Neural Network Society
DGR	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Robotik

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