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Preface

Welcome to the International Conference an Image and Video Retrieval, CIVR 2002. Our conference is a snapshot of the current world-wide research in image and video retrieval from digital libraries, databases, and multimedia collections. Topics range from the state of the art in semantic visual retrieval to video summarization to new features and modeling paradigms.

This year 82 papers from 24 countries were submitted and 39 were accepted for presentation at the conference after being reviewed by at least 3 members of the Program Committee.

We would like to thank all members of the Program Committee, as well as the additional referees listed below, for their help in ensuring the quality of the papers accepted for publication. We would also like to thank the Organizing Committee for all their efforts in making the conference happen, as well as our two keynote speakers, Arnold Smeulders from the University of Amsterdam and Alex Hauptmann from Carnegie-Mellon University. Finally, we are grateful to our sponsors, the British Computer Society Information Retrieval Specialist Group, the British Machine Vision Association (BMVA), the Institute for Image Data Research, University of Northumbria, the Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE), and the Leiden Institute of Advanced Computer Science (LIACS), Leiden Universiy.

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