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Preface

Premiering in 1990 in Antibes, France, the European Conference on Computer Vision, ECCV, has been held biennially at venues all around Europe. These conferences have been very successful, making ECCV a major event to the computer vision community.

ECCV 2002 was the seventh in the series. The privilege of organizing it was shared by three universities: The IT University of Copenhagen, the University of Copenhagen, and Lund University, with the conference venue in Copenhagen. These universities lie geographically close in the vivid Öresund region, which lies partly in Denmark and partly in Sweden, with the newly built bridge (opened summer 2000) crossing the sound that formerly divided the countries.

We are very happy to report that this year's conference attracted more papers than ever before, with around 600 submissions. Still, together with the conference board, we decided to keep the tradition of holding ECCV as a single track conference. Each paper was anonymously refereed by three different reviewers. For the final selection, for the first time for ECCV, a system with area chairs was used. These met with the program chairs in Lund for two days in February 2002 to select what became 45 oral presentations and 181 posters. Also at this meeting the selection was made without knowledge of the authors' identity.

The high-quality of the scientific program of ECCV 2002 would not have been possible without the dedicated cooperation of the 15 area chairs, the 53 program committee members, and all the other scientists, who reviewed the papers. A truly impressive effort was made. The spirit of this process reflects the enthusiasm in the research field, and you will find several papers in these proceedings that define the state of the art in the field.

Bjarne Ersbøll as Industrial Relations Chair organized the exhibitions at the conference. Magnus Oskarsson, Sven Spanne, and Nicolas Guilbert helped to make the review process and the preparation of the proceedings function smoothly. Ole Fogh Olsen gave us valuable advice on editing the proceedings. Camilla Jørgensen competently headed the scientific secretariat. Erik Dam and Dan Witzner were responsible for the ECCV 2002 homepage. David Vernon, who chaired ECCV 2000 in Dublin, was extremely helpful during all stages of our preparation for the conference. We would like to thank all these people, as well as numerous others who helped in various respects. A special thanks goes to Søren Skovsgaard at the Congress Consultants, for professional help with all practical matters.

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