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# Preface

The scale-space conference series dates back to the NSF/ESPRIT transatlantic collaboration on “geometry-driven diffusion” (1993-1996). This collaboration led to a series of very successful workshops followed by a PhD summer school on Gaussian Scale-Space Theory in Copenhagen, in spring 1996. After this, Bart ter Haar Romeny arranged the First International Conference on Scale-Space Theory in Computer Vision (Utrecht, July 2-4, 1997). Indeed the title was appropriate since this was the *first* scale-space conference in a series of so far two conferences. We feel very confident that the series will be much longer. We hope that the scheduling next to ICCV ’99 will attract more delegates furthering the integration of scale-space theories into computer vision.

Since the first scale-space conference we have had an increase of more than 50% in the number of contributions. Of 66 high-quality submissions, we could, due to the time limitation of the conference, only select 24 papers for oral presentations. They form Part I of this volume. Many papers were of such high quality, that they would otherwise have qualified for oral presentation. It was decided to include 12 of the remaining papers in full length in the proceedings, creating the category of “Long Posters”. They form Part 2 of this volume. Finally, 18 papers were accepted for poster presentations, constituting Part 3. Invited talks were given by Prof. Rüdiger von der Heydt, Department of Neuroscience, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and Prof. David L. Donoho, Statistics Department, Stanford University.

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