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### **Preface**

This book constitutes the proceedings of the Fourth International Workshop on Multimedia Information Systems (MIS'98) held in Istanbul, Turkey in September 1998. This workshop builds upon the success of the three previous workshops in this series that were held in Arlington, VA, West Point, NY, and Como, Italy. As in the past, this is a small focused workshop, consisting of participants drawn from a wide variety of disciplines (e.g. theory, algorithms, real-time systems, networks, operating systems, graphics and visualization, databases, artificial intelligence, etc.), all of which focus on research on one or more aspects of multimedia systems.

The workshop program included 19 technical papers, three invited talks, and one panel. Of the technical papers 13 were accepted as regular papers and 6 as short contributions. These papers cover a number of areas including:

- Multimedia storage system design
- Image storage and retrieval systems
- Quality of service considerations
- Networking support for multimedia information systems
- Distributed virtual environments
- Multimedia system architecture issues

The invited talks were given by three experts well-known for their work in this area. Satish K. Tripathi's (University of California, Riverside) talk was on "Quality of Service Support for Multimedia Data on Internet", Paul Emmerman (US Army Research Laboratory) discussed "Visualizing the Digital Battlefield", and Val Tannen (University of Pennsylvania) presented "Heterogeneous Data Integration with Mobile Information Manager". The panel discussion, organized by Chahab Nastar of INRIA, France, addressed "Trends in Visual Information Retrieval."

We believe the workshop program to have been very interesting and to have addressed timely issues. We hope that the attendees enjoyed the presentations and the ensuing discussions. Given the location of the workshop, we hope they will have taken advantage of the social life that Istanbul has to offer. Readers of these proceedings may miss out on the social side of the workshop, but we hope they will at least benefit from the offerings of the technical program.

We wish to express our appreciation to all the authors of the submitted papers, to the program committee members, and to our invited speakers and the panel participants.

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