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Preface

We are very pleased to have the opportunity to organize the 3rd Asian Conference on Computer Vision (ACCV'98). The conference is sponsored by the IEEE Hong Kong Section, Computer Chapter, the Sino Software Research Institute and the Department of Computer Science of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and the Hong Kong Industry Department.

We received over 300 submissions of full papers (not including the invited papers for the special sessions) from 30 countries in April 1997. In order to provide a quality conference and quality proceedings, each paper was reviewed by at least three members of the program committee. The program committee selected and accepted 58 papers for oral presentation and 112 papers for poster presentation after the review process. Some of these papers were jointly submitted to ACCV'98 and ICCV'98 (to be held in Bombay in January 4-7, 1998) and they were reviewed in a coordinated effort. We must add that the program committee and the reviewers have done an excellent job within a tight schedule and we are very pleased with the quality of the papers.

Four eminent invited speakers, Professors Brian Funt of Simon Fraser University, Krishna Nathan of IBM, Eric Grimson of MIT, and Shoji Tominaga of Osaka Electro-Communication University, have contributed to the conference. We are grateful to them. In addition, we wish to thank Professors Jake Aggarwal, Shashi Buluswar, Yi-Ping Hung, Anil Jain, and Sharatchandra Pankanti for organizing the very high-quality special sessions. Last but not least, we would like to express our gratitude to all the contributors, reviewers, program committee and organizing committee members, and sponsors, without whom the conference would not have been possible.

Finally, we hope that you will benefit from these proceedings.

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