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## Preface

The 7th International Workshop on Artificial Intelligence and Pattern Recognition (IWAIPR 2021) was the latest edition in a series of biennial conferences aimed at serving the scientific community active in these fields in Cuba and other countries. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic it was necessary to postpone the conference for a year and in this edition, for the same reason, the Organizing Committee decided on a virtual modality.

As has been the case for previous editions of the conference, IWAIPR 2021 hosted worldwide participants with the aim of promoting and disseminating ongoing research on mathematical methods and computing techniques for Artificial Intelligence and Pattern Recognition, and in particular for bioinformatics, cognitive and humanoid vision, computer vision, image analysis and intelligent data analysis, as well as their application in a number of diverse areas such as industry, health, robotics, data mining, opinion mining and sentiment analysis, telecommunications, document analysis, and natural language processing and recognition. Moreover, IWAIPR 2021 was a forum for the scientific community to exchange research experience, to share new knowledge, and to increase the cooperation among research groups working in artificial intelligence, pattern recognition and related areas.

IWAIPR 2021 received 73 contributions from authors in (15) countries. After a rigorous double-blind reviewing process, where three highly qualified reviewers reviewed each submission, 42 papers authored by 147 authors from (11) countries were accepted. The scientific quality of the accepted papers was above the overall mean rating.

Like the most recent editions of the conference, IWAIPR 2021 was a single-track conference in which all papers were presented in oral sessions. IWAIPR 2021 presentations were grouped into four sessions: Artificial Intelligence, Data Mining and Applications; Pattern Recognition and Applications; Biometrics, Image, and Video Analysis; and Signals Analysis and Processing.

We would like to point out that the reputation of the IWAIPR conferences is growing and therefore the proceedings are published, as in the case of IWAIPR 2018, in the series Lecture Notes in Computer Science by Springer.

Besides the 42 accepted submissions, the scientific program of IWAIPR 2021 also included the conference “End-to-end Document Analysis: From Unreadable Data to Operable Information” of an outstanding invited speaker, Professor Apostolos Antonacopoulos (University of Salford, UK), who is the Past President of the International Association for Pattern Recognition.

IWAIPR 2021 was endorsed by the International Association for Pattern Recognition (IAPR) and therefore the conference conferred the IAPR-IWAIPR Best Paper Award. The aim of this award is to acknowledge and encourage excellence, originality, and innovation in new models, methods, and techniques with an outstanding theoretical

contribution and practical application to the field of artificial intelligence, pattern recognition, and/or data mining.

The selection of the winners is based on the wish of the author to be considered for the prize, the evaluation and recommendations from members of the Program Committee, and the evaluation of the Award Committee. This committee, carefully chosen to avoid conflicts of interest, evaluate each nominated paper for the Best Paper.

We want to express our gratitude to the prestigious experts Heydi Mendez-Vazquez, Research Director from the CENATAV, DATYS, Cuba; Walter Kropatsch from the Vienna University of Technology, Austria, and Gregory Randall, from the Institute of Electrical Engineering, University of the Republic of Uruguay.

IWAIPR 2021 was organized by Universidad de las Ciencias Informáticas, Cuba (UCI) and the Cuban Association for Pattern Recognition (ACRP) with the sponsorship of the Cuban Society for Mathematics and Computer Sciences (SCMC). We acknowledge and appreciate their valuable contribution to the success of IWAIPR 2021.

We gratefully acknowledge the help of all members of the Organizing Committee and of the Program Committee for their support and for the rigorous work in the reviewing process.

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Finally, we invite the artificial intelligence and pattern recognition communities to attend IWAIPR 2023 in Havana, Cuba.

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