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Preface

This volume contain the proceedings of the EuroHaptics 2018 conference, which was held in Pisa, Italy, during June 13–16, 2018. EuroHaptics is a major international conference on haptics and touch-enabled computer applications and is the primary European meeting for researchers in this field.

Eurohaptics 2018 covered all aspects of haptics, including neuroscience, psychophysics, perception, engineering, computing, interactions, virtual reality, and the arts. The papers address the recent advancements in haptics organized by three topic areas: haptics science, technology, and applications. We received a total of 138 submissions for the full-paper category. The contributions were from 24 countries: 41% from Europe, 45% from Asia, 12% from the Americas, and 2% from Oceania. The review process led to 95 of these being accepted for publication thanks to the great effort of the 43 members of the Program Committee and 270 external reviewers. These papers were presented at the conference either as oral presentations (40) or as poster presentations (55). In the proceedings, the two types of presentations are both published as regular papers with no distinction between them in terms of paper length. Furthermore, 48 hands-on demos were exhibited and 61 work-in-progress papers were presented.

The proceedings are organized in two volumes: the first covering "Haptic Science," and the second covering the other two topics of "Haptic Technology and Applications."

We thank the four distinguished keynote speakers from academia and leading industries who provided their insights and vision on current and future directions of haptic research: Mel Slater (University of Barcelona and University College of London), Hiroyasu Iwata (Waseda University), Freddy Abnousi (Facebook), and Shumin Zhai (Google).

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