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Preface

This volume contains the papers presented at the joint IAPR International Workshops on Structural and Syntactic Pattern Recognition (SSPR 2018) and Statistical Techniques in Pattern Recognition (SPR 2018). S+SSPR 2018 was jointly organized by Technical Committee 1 (Statistical Pattern Recognition Technique, chaired by Battista Biggio) and Technical Committee 2 (Structural and Syntactical Pattern Recognition, chaired by Antonio Robles-Kelly) of the International Association of Pattern Recognition (IAPR). It was held held in Fragrance Hill, a beautiful suburb of Beijing, China, during August 17–19, 2018.

In S+SSPR 2018, 49 papers contributed by authors from a multitude of different countries were accepted and presented. There were 30 oral presentations and 19 poster presentations. Each submission was reviewed by at least two and usually three Program Committee members. The accepted papers cover the major topics of current interest in pattern recognition, including classification, clustering, dissimilarity representations, structural matching, graph-theoretic methods, shape analysis, deep learning, and multimedia analysis and understanding. Authors of selected papers were invited to submit an extended version to a Special Issue on "Recent Advances in Statistical, Structural and Syntactic Pattern Recognition," to be published in *Pattern Recognition Letters* in 2019.

We were delighted to have three prominent keynote speakers: Prof. Edwin Hancock from the University of York, who was the IAPR TC1 Pierre Devijver Award winner in 2018, Prof. Josef Kittler from the University of Surrey, and Prof. Xilin Chen from the University of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

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