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Preface

Welcome to the International Workshop on Multimedia Content Analysis and Mining, MCAM 2007. Our workshop gives a snapshot of the current world-wide research in multimedia analysis. Through recent advances in computing, networking, and data storage, multimedia will create new interesting technical possibilities in a wide range of fields, such as entertainment, commerce, science, medicine, and public safety. To benefit from this potential, developers need reliable techniques for the analysis, search, and management of multimedia data, as well as distributed system architectures in which these techniques can be embedded to effectively help the users.

Recently, there have been many workshops and meetings dedicated to Multimedia, but most of them followed the standard pattern consisting mainly of oral and poster presentations. We all feel that there is a need for a meeting that really is a workshop, i.e., one that provides a lot of opportunities for discussions and dissemination. Consequently, the format of the workshop consists of 4 panels on hot topics in multimedia followed by discussions and poster presentations. The topics of the panels are: Multimedia Analysis and Applications, Multimedia Search and Mining, P2P Streaming, and Security. This volume contains a number of invited contributions from experts in the area as well as the selected regular contributions.

This year 139 submissions from 13 countries were submitted and 46 were accepted for presentation at the conference after being reviewed by the Program Committee members.

We would like to thank all members of the Program Committee, as well as the additional referees listed below, for their help in ensuring the quality of the papers accepted for publication. We would also like to thank the Organizing Committee for all their efforts in making this workshop happen.

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