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Preface

These proceedings offer a written account of the scientific contributions presented at the 12th Iberoamerican Congress on Pattern Recognition (CIARP 2007), held in Viña del Mar-Valparaíso, Chile. The aim of the congress was to promote and disseminate ongoing research and mathematical methods for pattern recognition, image analysis, and applications in such diverse areas as computer vision, bioinformatics, robotics and remote sensing, industry, health, space exploration, data mining, document analysis, natural language processing and speech recognition, among others. The volume is a manifestation of the ongoing success of the Iberoamerican Congress on Pattern Recognition (CIARP) that has featured in the landscape of international scientific conferences on pattern recognition and computer vision in the past few years. It provides evidence of the growing stature of the Iberoamerican scientific community in this subject area and of the interest its scientific contributions generate worldwide. As in the previous years, CIARP 2007 hosted participants from all over the world.

CIARP 2007 was organized by the Department of Informatics Engineering of the University of Santiago de Chile (USACH) and the Department of Informatics of the Technical University Federico Santa María (USM). The event was sponsored by the Advanced Technologies Application Center of Cuba (CENATAV), the Mexican Association for Computer Vision, Neurocomputing and Robotics (MACVNR), the Cuban Association for Pattern Recognition (ACRP), the Portuguese Association for Pattern Recognition (APRP), the Spanish Association for Pattern Recognition and Image Analysis (AERFAI), the Special Interest Group on Pattern Recognition of the Brazilian Computer Society (SIGPR-SBC), the Chilean Society for Computer Science by means of its technical committee, the Chilean Association for Pattern Recognition (AChiRP), the International Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (3IE) and the Southeastern Pacific Research Institute for Advanced Technologies (SEPARI). CIARP 2007 was endorsed by the International Association for Pattern Recognition (IAPR).

CIARP 2007 received contributions from 36 countries, registering a total of 200 papers submitted, out of which 97 were accepted for publication in these proceedings and for presentation at the conference. The review process was carried out by the Scientific Committee composed of internationally recognized scientists, all experts in their respective fields. Each paper was subject to a double-blind review, carried out by at least two reviewers. We are especially indebted to the reviewers for their effort, ensuring the quality of the papers selected for the proceedings.

The conference program was augmented by invited keynote papers, presented by internationally renowned scientists. The talks addressed an interesting mix of topics in theory and applications of pattern recognition and were given by:

- Prof. Anil Jain, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Michigan State University, USA.
- Prof. Horst Bunke, Institute of Computer Science and Applied Mathematics, University of Bern, Switzerland.
- Prof. Maria Petrou, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Imperial College, UK.
- Prof. Sorin Draghici, Department of Computer Science, Wayne State University, USA.

We would like to express our thanks to the members of the Organizing Committee for their contribution to the success of the conference and to these proceedings. We would also like to convey our special thanks to the members of the Local Committees for their help in the submission and reviewing process, as well as in editing these proceedings. Finally, we would like to express our gratitude to the members of the Steering Committee for their support and help in bringing this congress to Chile for the first time.

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