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Preface

This Lecture Notes in Computer Science (LNCS) volume contains the papers presented at the Second International Workshop on Computational Forensics (IWCF 2008), held August 7–8, 2008. It was a great honor for the organizers to host this scientific event at the renowned National Academy of Sciences: Keck Center in Washington, DC, USA.

Computational Forensics is an emerging research domain focusing on the investigation of forensic problems using computational methods. Its primary goal is the discovery and advancement of forensic knowledge involving modeling, computer simulation, and computer-based analysis and recognition in studying and solving forensic problems.

The Computational Forensics workshop series is intended as a forum for researchers and practitioners in all areas of computational and forensic sciences. This forum discusses current challenges in computer-assisted forensic investigations and presents recent progress and advances.

IWCF addresses a broad spectrum of forensic disciplines that use computer tools for criminal investigation. This year's edition covers presentations on computational methods for individuality studies, computer-based 3D processing and analysis of skulls and human bodies, shoe print preprocessing and analysis, natural language analysis and information retrieval to support law enforcement, analysis and group visualization of speech recordings, scanner and print device forensics, and computer-based questioned document and signature analysis.

In total, 39 papers from 13 countries were submitted to IWCF 2008, of which 19 (48%) were accepted. We appreciated the number of papers submitted as well as the diversity of the topics covered. We regret that not all manuscripts could be accepted for publication. The review process was a delicate and challenging task for the Program Committee. All manuscripts were carefully reviewed by three experts. We are especially grateful to the 19 members of the Program Committee for their dedication, adherence to high standards, and timely delivery of the reviews.

The organization of such an event is not possible without the effort and the enthusiasm of the people involved. We thank all the members of the Local Organizing Committee. Our special thanks go to Eugenia H. Smith for coordinating the entire organization of the event.

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