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Preface

IbPRIA 2009 (Iberian Conference on Pattern Recognition and Image Analysis) was the fourth edition of a series of conferences jointly organized by APRP (Associação Portuguesa de Reconhecimento de Padrões) and AERFAI (Asociación Española de Reconocimiento de Formas y Análisis de Imágenes). This year, IbPRIA was held in Póvoa de Varzim, Portugal, June 10–12, 2009, and was a local joint organization of ISR (Instituto de Sistemas e Robótica), INEB (Instituto de Engenharia Biomédica) and IEETA (Instituto de Engenharia Electrónica e Telemática de Aveiro). It followed the three successful previous editions hosted by the Universitat de les Illes Balears (2003), Instituto de Sistemas e Robótica and Centro de Geo-Sistemas of Instituto Superior Técnico (2005), and the Institute of Informatics and Applications of the University of Girona (2007).

A total of 106 manuscripts, from 18 countries, were received. Each of these submissions was reviewed in a blind process by at least two reviewers, resulting in 62 accepted papers, 33 for oral presentation and 29 for poster presentation.

We were very honored to have as invited speakers such internationally recognized researchers as Samy Bengio from Google Inc., USA, Joachim Weickert from Saarland University, Germany, and Nando de Freitas from the University of British Columbia, Canada.

We would like to thank all the authors for submitting their papers and thus making these proceedings possible. We address special thanks to the members of the Program Committee and the additional reviewers for their great work, which contributed to the high quality of these proceedings. We are also grateful to the members of the Local Organizing Committee, for their substantial contribution of time and effort.

Finally, our thanks go to IAPR (International Association for Pattern Recognition), for sponsoring the Best Paper Award at IbPRIA 2009, and also to FCT (Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia), for providing a key support to this event.

The next edition of IbPRIA will be held in Spain in 2011.

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