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Preface

Nowadays, pattern recognition is a discipline that involves several areas of computer sciences such as: signal and image processing and analysis, computer vision, data mining, neural networks, artificial intelligence, clustering, statistical approaches, as well as their applications in areas like robotics, health, telecommunication, document analysis, speech processing, and natural language among others.

The Iberoamerican Congress on Pattern Recognition (CIARP) series have a relatively long tradition in the Iberoamerican research community, and have had participants from all over the world. CIARP 2011 was held in Pucón, Chile, during November 15–18, and received contributions by authors from Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, France, Germany, Hungary, Iran, Italy, Republic of Korea, Mexico, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, UK, USA, and Uruguay.

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The Organizing Committee of this version hopes that all scientists, researchers, engineers, and students enjoyed the conference, increased their experience and knowledge in pattern recognition fields and also enjoyed the magical environment and welcome offered by Pucón city and its people.

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