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Introduction

On behalf of the DRR 2012 program committee, we are honored and delighted to welcome you to San Francisco, CA, USA for the Nineteenth Document Recognition and Retrieval Conference (DRR 2012). The conference is part of the Electronic Imaging Symposium, which brings together researchers from various backgrounds related to electronic imaging for an exciting research event.

As one of the well-established conferences of the Electronic Imaging Symposium organized by The Society for Imaging Science and Technology (IS&T), and the International Association for Optics and Photonics (SPIE), DRR continues to reflect the vitality and impact of the worldwide document analysis research community. This year the conference received 46 submissions, fewer than the record 54 received for DRR 2011. However, the quality of the papers was quite high, leading to roughly 59% being accepted for oral presentation, and an additional 17% for poster presentation. We proudly invite you to take advantage of the excellent technical program for DRR 2012, which includes recent advances in document image processing and layout analysis, handwriting recognition, graphics recognition (e.g. for tables, chemical diagrams, and math), human factors in system training and deployment, and retrieval using document images and graphics as queries.

As the Program Chairs, we take primary responsibility for deciding the program, but its content and quality derive from the vision and hard work of the 23 members of the program committee, who have our sincerest thanks for providing paper reviews within a very short time during the summer. Their reviews and comments were essential to shaping the technical program.

We also extend our warmest thanks to Dr. Samy Bengio (Google) and Dr. Christopher Manning (Stanford University), who will give keynote talks on "Large scale visual semantic extraction" (Dr. Bengio) and "Language modeling for Information Retrieval" (Dr. Manning). Their talks will contribute greatly to the success of the conference.

We will announce the winner of the best student paper during the conference. The awardee will be presented with a certificate and monetary award check at the Plenary Session and Society Award Presentations.

We wish you all an exciting and fruitful stay in San Francisco!

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