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Introduction

On behalf of the program committee, we welcome you to the twenty-second Document Recognition and Retrieval conference (DRR 2015) in San Francisco, California, USA. DRR is held annually as part of the IS&T/SPIE Symposium on Electronic Imaging. It is one of the leading international conferences on document recognition, including related research on information retrieval and text mining, especially as they pertain to document images.

This year we received 44 paper submissions. Of those, 23 papers were accepted, for an overall acceptance rate of 52%. In this year's edition of the conference, all papers will be presented as oral presentations. We want to sincerely thank the program committee members and additional reviewers for helping us create a strong technical program. The additional reviewers: William Lund (BYU, USA), Douglas Kennard (BYU, USA), Oliver Nina (University of Central Florida, USA), Cérés Carton (IRISA, France), Aurélie Lemaitre (IRISA, France), Yann Ricquebourg (IRISA, Rennes, France), Santosh K.C. (NIH-NLM, USA), Jin Chen (Lehigh University, USA).

The program encompasses the following sessions: Document Layout Analysis and Understanding; Document Structure Semantics, Forms, and Tables; Text Analysis; Handwriting I & II; Quality and Compression; and Graphics and Structure. Topics that are current elsewhere in the pattern recognition and machine learning communities, including probabilistic graphical models and deep neural networks, also make important appearances in the technical program.

This year's invited Keynotes will be given by Brewster Kahle, founder of the Internet Archive, and by Dan Klein, professor of computer science at the University of California, Berkeley. Brewster will address the challenges of large document repositories such as the Internet Archive, while Dan's talk will address unsupervised transcription for documents and music. Our invited speakers are helping to build bridges between DRR and neighboring disciplines such as computer vision and NLP.

Once again we recognize the strong contributions of student primary authors. For the best student paper award, we are grateful to Elisa H. Barney Smith (chair) and the award committee for carrying out the difficult task of choosing winning papers. The winners will be announced at the award ceremony of the conference. This year, thanks to the generous sponsorship by A9 and Google, we are able to complement these awards with a generous gift. We are very grateful for this continued support by our sponsors.

This year promises to hold change for DRR. After many years, SPIE and IS&T have announced that they are parting ways in their sponsorship of the annual Electronic

Imaging conference, DRR's umbrella venue. Therefore DRR will feature a panel discussion in which we address the options for future editions.

We hope that attendees have an excellent experience at DRR XXII and that readers of the proceedings find work that helps them to advance the state of the art in document recognition and retrieval!

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