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This year, in parallel with the conference, two workshops were held. One dealt with photometric stereo (organized by J. R. Durou and Y. Quéau), and one related to the applications of thermography in inspection context (organized by L. Autrique and L. Pérez).

Thus as a whole, fifty-six papers were selected from among seventy-eight submissions by the International Committee (seven of which were from the poster session) from: Austria, Australia, Qatar, France, Japan, Pakistan, United Kingdom, Spain, Columbia, Germany, Greece, India, Luxembourg, Morocco, Peru, Belgium, Sri Lanka, Saudi Arabia, Mexico, and Italy.

This year, the conference was honored with the presence of three renowned guest speakers: Prof. François Goudail, Graduate School (France) Prof. E. Trucco, University of Dundee (Scotland) and Prof. J. Chanussot, GIPSA-Laboratory Grenoble, Institut Universitaire de France (France), who delivered a talk in each of our main tracks: Non Conventional Imaging Systems, Track Chair C. Stoltz (France), Machine Vision, Track Chair K. Niel (Austria), and Computer Aided Diagnosis, H. Mueller (Switzerland).

It is also our pleasure to announce a special issue of the Journal of Electronic Imaging published by SPIE, with guest editors Assoc. Prof. A. S. Malik, Universiti Teknologi Petronas (Malaysia) and Prof. F. Meriaudeau, Le2i, Université de Bourgogne (France), dedicated to QCAV and featuring selections based on the best papers presented at the conference, among other submissions.

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