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Introduction

Computer-vision systems are being developed and employed in an increasing range of applications from surveillance and security to manufacturing and industry, archaeology, entertainment, and medicine. Recent advances in research and development of vision-based sensors and systems have been the result of advances in both computer-vision and optical-system design, and the innovative fusion of these technologies. Optomechatronic computer-vision systems have evolved in intelligent robot-vision systems, automated inspection, autonomous tracking systems, medical, biological, and agricultural imaging and diagnosis, and novel biometric techniques, to name only a few areas. Improved technology in optical devices and computer-vision techniques has led to increased intelligence and capabilities of new systems. This conference will bring together scientists from academia and industry to exchange the latest ideas and newest techniques, principles, and applications related to optomechatronic computer-vision systems.

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