

# Newsletter 19

Hello everybody,

The (relatively) quiet weeks of Summer holidays (for the Northern hemisphere at least) come progressively to an end and lots of new announcements have come out these last days. So I think it is time for a new issue of our mailing list, to keep every issue to a reasonable length (which I'm afraid this issue will exceed).

Our Israeli friends are continuing to organize the major IAPR event, i.e. the next ICPR in Jerusalem in October. Here are some of the latest updates about this conference:

>Subject: Updates on 12-ICPR, Jerusalem  
>From: [peleg@cs.huji.ac.il](mailto:peleg@cs.huji.ac.il) (Shmuel Peleg)  
>Organization: The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

\*\*\*\*\* Updates As Of 23 August \*\*\*\*\*  
12th ICPR : INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PATTERN RECOGNITION  
9-13 October 1994  
Renaissance Hotel, Jerusalem, Israel

1. A new PANEL has been added on THURSDAY 16:00 - 17:30:  
Future Research Directions in Computer Vision - An International Perspective  
Chairman: Oscar Firschein, ARPA (USA)  
Participants: B. Dom (IBM - USA), E. Riseman (UMass - USA), O. Faugeras (INRIA - France), S. Tsuji (U. Osaka - Japan), Z. Meiri (Elscint - Israel), Someone from ESPRIT.

Funding authorities are forcing computer vision researchers to be more relevant; this panel will explore the effects of this pressure on future research directions.

2. The following TUTORIALS will be held due to sufficient advance registration. The other tutorials will not be held:

A1: O. Faugeras - "Invariant Theory for Pattern Recognition"  
B1: Yann le Cun - "Neural Networks in Pattern Recognition"  
B2: H. Baird and L. O'Gorman - "Document Image Analysis"  
E2: A. Jain - "Statistical Pattern Recognition"

3. A border crossing has been opened between Israel and Jordan near Eilat. If you Get a Jordanian entry visa before leaving to Israel, you could add a side trip to Petra, and other historical sites in Jordan.

From Previous Updates:

4. A network of 15 Silicon Graphics computers and 10 NCD X-terminals, with a high-speed Internet link, will be available. Bring your Demonstrations!! You could also telnet to your own computer, of course, and read E-Mail.

5. On-Line information about Jerusalem can be obtained by telnet into "www.huji.ac.il", login as www, and then select "??Line Mode Interface" followed by "??Databases in Israel" and "??The Jerusalem Mosaic". Don't worry if you get some funny symbols. If you have Mosaic you can select: <http://shum.cc.huji.ac.il/jeru/jerusalem.html>

6. The Banquet will be a Bedouin feast, combined with a special sight-and-sound show, at the foot of Massada. An unforgettable experience! During the banquet, the following announcements will be made:  
\* IAPR Announcement: New IAPR Executive Committee, Venue for 14-ICPR  
\* Nomination of IAPR Fellows  
\* Best Industry-Related Paper Award  
\* Best-Paper-Award by the journal "Pattern Recognition"

7. The opening session of the conference will be on Monday, 10 Oct, 08:30 AM.  
8:30 Welcome Address: J. Aggarwal, President of IAPR  
8:40 Presentation of the K.S. Fu Award  
8:45 Address by the winner of the K.S. Fu Award  
9:15 Welcome Address: 12-ICPR Conference Chairmen  
9:30 Plenary Talk: Avnir, D. - Hebrew University - THE PATTERNED NATURE  
10:00 Coffee Break  
10:30 Start of 4 Parallel Sessions

8. For full information about ICPR send E-Mail to [icpr-info@cs.huji.ac.il](mailto:icpr-info@cs.huji.ac.il). The secretariat can be reached at [icpr@math.tau.ac.il](mailto:icpr@math.tau.ac.il).

Another very interesting announcement for all people working in document analysis is this announcement about a public domain OCR from NIST.

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>Subject: Announcement: Public Domain OCR

ANNOUNCEMENT - PUBLIC DOMAIN OCR

NIST FORM-BASED HANDPRINT RECOGNITION SYSTEM

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The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has developed a standard reference form-based handprint recognition system for evaluating optical character recognition (OCR). NIST is making this recognition system freely available to the general public on an ISO-9660 format CD-ROM. The recognition system processes the Handwriting Sample Forms distributed with NIST Special Database 1 and NIST Special Database 3. The system reads handprinted fields containing digits, lower case letters, upper case letters, and reads a text paragraph containing the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution.

This is a source code distribution written primarily in C and is organized into 11 libraries. There are approximately 19,000 lines of code supporting more than 550 subroutines. Source code is provided for form registration, form removal, field isolation, field segmentation, character normalization, feature extraction, character classification, and dictionary-based post-processing. A host of data structures and low-level utilities are also provided. These utilities include the application of CCITT Group 4 decompression, lHead file manipulation, spatial histograms, Least-Squares fitting, spatial zooming, connected components, Karhunen Loeve (KL) feature extraction, optimized Probabilistic Neural Network classification, multiple-key sorting, Levenstein distance dynamic string alignment, and dictionary-based post-processing. Two supporting programs are provided that compute eigenvectors and KL feature vectors for training classifiers. Unlike the recognition system (which is written entirely in C), these two programs contain FORTRAN subroutines. To support these programs, a training set of 168,365 segmented and labeled character images is provided. About 1000 writers contributed to this training set.

The NIST standard reference recognition system is designed to run on UNIX workstations and has been successfully compiled and tested on a Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) Alpha, Hewlett Packard (HP) Model 712/80, IBM RS6000, Silicon Graphics Incorporated (SGI) Indigo 2, SGI Onyx, SGI Challenge, Sun Microsystems (Sun) IPC, Sun SPARCstation 2, Sun 4/470, and a Sun SPARCstation 10.\*\* Scripts for installation and compilation on these architectures are provided with this distribution.

A CD-ROM distribution of this standard reference system can be obtained free of charge by sending a letter of request to Michael D. Garris at the address above. The letter, preferably on company letterhead, should identify the requesting organization or individuals. This system or any portion of this system may be used without restrictions. However, redistribution of this standard reference recognition system is strongly discouraged as any subsequent corrections or updates will be sent to registered recipients only. This software was produced by NIST, an agency of the U.S. government, and by statute is not subject to copyright in the United States. Recipients of this software assume all responsibilities associated with its operation, modification, and maintenance.

\*\* Specific hardware and software products identified were used in order to adequately support the development of this technology. In no case does such identification imply recommendation or endorsement by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, nor does it imply that the equipment identified is necessarily the best available for the purpose.

The ICARCV'94 conference (Singapore, Nov. 1994) has sent out advance program and registration information. There are some papers about document analysis in this conference. IF YOU HAVEN'T ACCESS TO FTP, I can also send you the full advance program, which I ftp'ed from their server.

ADVANCE PROGRAM

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CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

ICARCV'94  
THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
AUTOMATION, ROBOTICS AND COMPUTER VISION  
8-11 NOVEMBER 1994

The Third International Conference on Automation, Robotics and Computer Vision, ICARCV'94, will be held in Singapore on 8-11 November 1994 at the Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore. The theme of ICARCV'94 is "Intelligent Automation" The first day of the conference is reserved for tutorials; the next 3 days are reserved for presentations of the papers.

Registration:

The conference registration fee includes the proceedings, coffee and lunches. The registration fee for the conference is S\$680 for IEEE or IEE or ICS or InstMC members and S\$730 for non-members. Participants who register for the conference before the 30th of Sept. will get a S\$30 discount. For any organization sending four or more delegates, a 15% discount or the registration fee will be given.

Payment for registration should be sent to:  
ICARCV'94 Conference Secretariat  
c/o The Institution of Engineers, Singapore (IES)  
70 Bukit Tinggi road, Singapore 1128  
Republic of Singapore

(Note: Please indicate your membership status and number while you make the payment, also state your correspondence address and affiliation)

Accommodation:

The following rates for different hotels are obtained through Diners World Travel  
1) Shangri-La Hotel at S\$199 per night (US\$1 = S\$1.57)  
2) Imperial Hotel at S\$135 per night(single) and \$145 (twin sharing)  
3) Equatorial Hotel at S\$125 per night  
The rates cover twin sharing also. (if you share it with someone you pay 1/2 the rates).

Confirmation of room is valid only upon receipt of the full payment, no later than 30th of September 1994 at the following address:

Diners World Travel Pte. Ltd  
7500E Beach Road #02-201  
The Plaza, Singapore 0719  
Republic of Singapore  
Attn: M. Chua/L. Ann (ICARCV'94)  
Tel: (65) 294-5544 Fax: (65) 295-1481

Keynote Speakers:

The keynote speakers will be  
1) Dr J. Engelberger  
Chairman, Transitions Research Corporation, USA  
2) Dr O. Faugeras  
Research Director, INRIA, France  
3) Dr R. Hara  
Vice Chairman, Seiko Instruments Inc, Japan

Tutorials:

The tutorials will be held on the 8th of November 1994. The registration fee for tutorials is S\$300 for IEEE or IEE members or ICS or InstMC members and S\$320 for non-members. Participants who register for tutorials before the 30th of Sept. will get a S\$20 discount. The four Tutorials sessions will be:

- 1) Three Dimensional Computer Vision  
Dr O. Faugeras, INRIA, FRANCE
- 2) Neural Networks and Fuzzy Logic for Intelligent Control  
Dr M. Vidyasagar, Centre for AI & Robotics, INDIA
- 3) Learning, Representation, Understanding and Recognition of Patterns:  
An Intelligent Approach  
Dr P. Wang, Northeastern University, USA
- 4) Robot Application in Consumer Electronics Manufacturing  
Mr T. Ishida, Seiko, Japan

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The advance program is ready for you to collect. It is in the ftp site ntuix.ntu.ac.sg (or 155.69.1.5). You may ftp to this machine using anonymous login. The file is in the directory "outgoing", called "ICARCV94\_advance\_program".

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I also have a number of announcements and call for papers for coming events more or less relevant to our research area. First, the 5th International Conference on Computer Vision:

>From: [welg@ai.mit.edu](mailto:welg@ai.mit.edu) (W. Eric L. Grimson)  
>Subject: Call for Papers -- ICCV 95  
>Date: Mon, 22 Aug 94 16:08:59 EDT

#### CALL FOR PAPERS

FIFTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON COMPUTER VISION  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Cambridge, Massachusetts  
June 20--23, 1995

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THE PROGRAM: will consist of a single track of highest quality previously unpublished contributed papers, delivered either orally or as a poster. Contributions are sought on new research on any aspect of computer vision, including but not restricted to the following:

Physics based vision  
Integration of modules and cues  
Active and real-time vision  
CAD-based vision  
Motion analysis  
Stereo  
Shape and object representation  
Object recognition  
Vision-guided robotics  
Medical computer vision  
Learning in computer vision  
Segmentation, grouping  
Low level processing  
Systems and applications  
Invariants, geometry

#### PAPER SUBMISSION:

Four copies of complete manuscripts should be received no later than NOVEMBER 15, 1994 by the general chair at the address listed above. By submitting a paper to ICCV, the author(s) warrant that it (and any related paper with essentially the same technical content) has not been and will not be submitted to any other conference during the ICCV review period.

The manuscript should include the following (in this order):

(1) Title page -- containing the names and addresses of the authors (including e-mail), an abstract of up to 200 words, and one or more categories as listed above or other keywords that can be used to match submissions to reviewers.

(2) Second Title page -- with just the title and abstract (authors and institution not identified).

(3) Summary page -- attach answers to the following questions (please answer each separately):

(3.1) What is the original contribution of this work?

(3.2) Why should this contribution be considered important?

(3.3) What is the most closely related work by others and how does this work differ?

(3.4) How can other researchers make use of the results of this work?

(4) Paper -- no more than 30 pages (double-spaced, 12 point font) including text, figures, references.

As has been customary with ICCV, all reviewing will be double blind.

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Next, the Second Asian Conference on Computer Vision  
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>Date: 2 Aug 1994 14:37:50 +0800

CALL FOR PAPERS

SECOND ASIAN CONFERENCE ON COMPUTER VISION  
ACCV'95

5-8 DECEMBER 1995

The Second Asian Conference on Computer Vision, ACCV'95, will be held in Singapore on 5-8 December 1995. The theme of ACCV'95 is "Computer Vision for the Twenty First Century". The conference will provide a forum for researchers to exchange up-to-date technical knowledge and experience. The conference will focus on theory as well as applications of computer vision. In addition to the technical sessions, there will be plenary, invited and tutorial sessions. Also an exhibition of products related to the theme of the conference will be held.

Papers describing original work in, but not limited to, the following research areas are invited:

IMAGE PROCESSING ACTIVE & REAL-TIME VISION  
INVARIANT METHODS SENSORS FOR COMPUTER VISION  
ROBOT & MACHINE VISION PHYSICS BASED VISION  
2-D & 3-D SCENE ANALYSIS STEREO VISION  
AI & EXPERT SYSTEMS SEGMENTATION & GROUPING  
PATTERN RECOGNITION FEATURE EXTRACTION  
HARDWARE IMPLEMENTATIONS LEARNING IN COMPUTER VISION  
INFORMATION FUSION MOBILE ROBOTS & NAVIGATION  
OPTICAL IMAGE PROCESSING APPLICATIONS OF COMPUTER VISION  
IMAGE UNDERSTANDING MEDICAL IMAGING  
REMOTE SENSING VIRTUAL REALITY  
OPTIC FLOW TARGET ACQUISITION & TRACKING

Submission Procedure:

Papers must be written in English and should describe your work in some details. Three copies of the extended summary of the papers (1000 - 1500 words) must be submitted for review. Please include in the forwarding letter the author's name (underline surname) to whom the correspondence should be addressed. Also include address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail address, and the broad classification of your paper.

Upon acceptance, at least one of the authors will be required to register and then present the paper. The length of the final papers in the proceedings will be limited to a maximum of 5 pages (5 mats A4 size, single space, font size 10), including figures, tables and references.

Invited Sessions : The Programme Committee is also soliciting proposals for invited sessions focusing on topics related to the theme of ACCV'95. Please submit your proposals to the Technical Programme Chairman, Mr Eric Sung, before 31 May 1995.

Exhibitions: Proposals for participation in ACCV'95 are also invited. More information is available from Dr S. M. Krishnan at the address given below.

Please submit three copies of the extended summary of your paper for review to:

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Republic of Singapore  
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Author's Schedule :

31 May 1995 Submission of summary of the papers  
31 July 1995 Notification of Acceptance  
31 Sept. 1995 Submission of Camera Ready Manuscripts

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Then we have the next Canadian "Vision Interface" conference:  
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>Subject: CFP-Vision Interface '95

CALL FOR PAPERS

VISION INTERFACE 95

Hotel Loews Le Concorde  
Quebec City, Quebec, Canada, May 15-19 1995

The Canadian Image Processing and Pattern Recognition Society (CIPPRS) sponsors the ninth Vision Interface Canadian conference devoted to computer vision and image processing. The Vision Interface '95 conference (VI'95) will be held in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada, May 15-19, 1995 in conjunction with Graphics Interface '95. May 15-16 are reserved for VI'95 tutorials and workshops, with three full days of paper presentations on May 17-19.

Quebec City, located in the Province of Quebec in Canada, is a recipient of the World Heritage Title of the UNESCO and is the heart of French America.

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The theme of the 1995 Vision Interface Conference will be: "Machine Vision: Current and Future Applications".

Contributions on this theme or the following topics are welcome:

- Robot Vision - Autonomous & Teleoperated Systems
- 3-D Vision - Industrial & Biomedical Applications
- Sensor Fusion of Computer Vision
- Surface Reconstruction - Architectures for Computer Vision
- Document Processing - Neural Networks
- Remote Sensing - Knowledge Representation
- Motion Detection - Non Destructive Testing
- Handwriting Processing  
& Recognition

FOUR copies of a full paper (including full name, address, phone & fax numbers and e-mail address of contact author) presenting original unpublished research results should be sent to either of the VI'95 PROGRAM Co-Chairs (Woodham or Laurendeau). Topics for workshops can also be proposed for the first two days of the Conference.

Full paper proposal due by: 31 OCTOBER 1994  
Workshop Proposals due by: 31 NOVEMBER 1994  
Authors Notified by: 23 JANUARY 1995

Note that at least one author of each accepted paper is required to attend the conference to present the work.

For more information on VI'95, please contact Denis Laurendeau at above phone/fax number or e-mail address.

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Finally, here is the announcement of a Portuguese pattern recognition conference:

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>From: [rafael@ci.ua.pt](mailto:rafael@ci.ua.pt) (Jose Alberto Rafael)  
>Subject: Conference on PATTERN RECOGNITION (RecPad 95)  
>Date: Tue, 2 Aug 1994 19:15:32 GMT  
>Organization: Universidade de Aveiro, Portugal

RecPad' 95

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Seventh Annual Conference on PATTERN RECOGNITION

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March 23-24, 1995  
Aveiro, PORTUGAL

The 7th RecPad is organised by the Portuguese Association of Pattern Recognition and will be held in the city of Aveiro, on the coast, 60Km South from Oporto.

The topics include, but are not limited to:  
- Pattern Recognition Methodology and Systems  
- Computer and Medicine Vision  
- Image, Speech and Signal Analysis  
- Architectures for Vision and Pattern Recognition

Submit 3 copies of an extended Abstract (2 to 4 pages A4) to:  
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Abstract submission: 14 Nov. 1994  
Acceptance notification: 30 Dec. 1994  
Final paper: 31 Jan. 1995

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So there are plenty of opportunities to present your work and to take part in interesting and stimulating scientific events in the coming months. But don't forget our main 1995 rendez-vous, with GREC'95 followed by ICDAR'95!!!! These events have been announced several times in this list so I don't repeat them here, but if some of the newcomers to the list (or others who have lost the info) want an E-mail copy of the call for papers for ICDAR and GREC, feel free to ask for it. I will be happy to forward this info to you. Please spread also the info around you.

I hope to be able to give you soon a precise date and time for our TC10 meeting during ICPR in Jerusalem. You will probably get the info in the next TC10 news... In any case, I hope many of you will be there so we can have stimulating discussions about our Technical Committee. If you have new ideas about things we could do as an IAPR Technical Committee, please bring them with you or send me a mail if you are not able to come to Jerusalem in October.

Your TC10 chairman,

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