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Dear TC10 members and friends,
Welcome to issue #79 of TC10 News.
In this newsletter you can find some information of interest to the Graphics Recognition community at large.
Best regards,
Liu Wenyin (Chairman of TC-10)
GREC2007 Issues

First of all, we will hold the Seventh Workshop on Graphics Recognition (GREC'2007) and related contests, together with ICDAR'2007, in Curitiba - Brazil, September 21-22, 2007. The due date for the extended abstract is April 16, 2007. The call of papers can be found at http://www.cvc.uab.es/iapr-tc10/grec2007/.

Second, in the last several weeks, we have had some intensive discussion among the workshop organizers, some PC members, and chair of the IAPR IAPR C&M Committee, concerning the format of GREC and the problems with the IAPR sponsorship. In order to encourage 100% participation, we are going to do the following modifications to GREC2007. You are welcome to send your comments and suggestions to csliuwy@cityu.edu.hk.

1.- SUBMISSION PROCEDURE. Only extended abstracts are submitted for review for their suitability to GREC. The accepted extended abstracts will be published in an

extended abstracts book distributed in the Workshop. No preproceedings

book will be published, but full papers submitted before the deadline

will be available in a web page to all the registered participants.

After the Workshop, the usual LNCS proceedings book with revised papers will be published in the usual way.

2.- PRESENTATIONS. Authors will be asked to prepare short presentations. In addition, registered people without paper will also be asked to prepare one slide on his/her work or just why he/she is interested in the Workshop. It would be useful to introduce people to each other. So when building the program we will provide time for these 1-slide presentations. Only extended abstracts and the subsequent full papers will continue the LNCS process.

3.- ACTIVE DISCUSSIONS. Time to discussions will be scheduled at the end of sessions. In addition, since papers will be available in a web page, people is asked to read it before, at least papers of the sessions where one participates. To foster active participation, two chairs will be appointed per session. One will be a senior researcher that is asked to prepare an introduction to the topic and an overview of the state-of-the-art. In addition, a junior but experienced researcher helps as moderator. Chairs must read the papers before the session, and prepare/collect a set of key points to discuss (if possible, before the workshop and also available in the web). They can also participate in a final panel discussion (like in Hong Kong last time).

In summary, the general idea is that people attending to the Workshop take an active role, presenting what they are doing, participate in the discussions, and read papers before the Workshop that are published on the web page. We hope to receive your feedback on these modifications soon.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DOCUMENT ANALYSIS AND RECOGNITION (ICDAR)

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR IAPR/ICDAR 2007 AWARDS

The IAPR/ICDAR Award Program is an established program designed to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the field of Document Analysis and Recognition in one or more of the following areas:

o Research

o Training of students

o Research/Industry interaction

o Service to the profession

Every two years, two awards categories are presented. Namely, the IAPR/ICDAR Young Investigator Award (less than 40 years old at the time the award is made), and the IAPR/ICDAR Outstanding Achievements Award. Each award will consist of a token gift and a suitably inscribed certificate. The recipient of the Outstanding Achievements Award will be invited to give the opening keynote speech at the current ICDAR conference, introduced by the recipient from the previous conference.

Nominations are invited for the 2007 ICDAR Awards in both categories.

The nomination packet should include the following:

1. A nominating letter (1 page) including a brief citation to be included in the certificate.

2. A brief vitae (2 pages) of the nominee highlighting the accomplishments being recognized.

3. Supporting letters (1 page each) from 3 active researchers from at least three different countries.

A nomination is usually put forward by a researcher (preferably from a different Institution than the nominee) who is knowledgeable of the scientific achievements of the nominee, and who organizes letters of support.

The submission procedure is strictly confidential, and self nominations are not allowed.

Please send these, preferably as a single pdf file, to the chair of the Awards Committee, Jianying Hu. The deadline for receipt of nominations is May 1st, 2007 but early submissions are strongly encouraged. For further information, please contact:

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The final decision will be made by the Awards Committee.

ICDAR 2007 Awards Committee

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of Young Investigator Award)

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DOCUMENT ANALYSIS AND RECOGNITION (ICDAR)

CALL FOR PROPOSALS TO HOST ICDAR 2011

Deadline: July 1, 2007

Submission Method: email to jyhu@us.ibm.com

The ICDAR Advisory Board are seeking proposals to host the Eleventh International Conference on Document Analysis and Recognition, to be held in

2011 (ICDAR 2011).

ICDAR is the most important IAPR event in the field of Document Analysis and Recognition. The aim of this conference is to bring together international experts to share their experiences and to promote research and development in all areas of Document Analysis and Recognition.

Any consortium interested in making a proposal to host an ICDAR should first familiarise themselves with the latest edition (March 2007)of the "Guidelines for Organizing and Bidding to Host ICDAR" document (attached and also available on the TC10 and TC11 websites (www.iapr-tc10.org and http://www.iapr-tc11.org respectively). The submission of a bid implies full agreement with the rules and procedures outlined in that document.

The submitted proposal must define clearly the items specified in the Guidelines (Section 5.2).

It has been the tradition that the location of ICDAR conferences follows roughly a rotating schedule among different continents. ICDAR 2005 was held in Seoul (Asia), ICDAR2007 will be held in Curitiba (Americas), and

ICDAR2009 will be held in Barcelona (Europe). Thus proposals from the Asia/Pacific region are strongly encouraged for the 2011 proposal. However, high quality bids from other locations will also be considered.

Proposals will be examined by the ICDAR Advisory Board. Valid bids will then be presented at the TC10/TC11 joint meeting held during ICDAR 2007, where a ballot will be conducted to determine the winning bid.

Proposals should be emailed to Dr. Jianying Hu at jyhu@us.ibm.com by July 1, 2007.

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