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Preface

It is a great pleasure to welcome you all --- in the fourth year of this century -- to the Fourth Indian Conference on Computer Vision, Graphics, and Imaging Processing (ICVGIP2004) to be held on 16-18 December. The objective of the conference is to act as a forum to exchange ideas and to bring together researchers in the academic institutions and R&D laboratories working in the related fields. It is being organized every two years since 1995 by premier academic institutions and research and development laboratories in India. The first ICVGIP was in the nations capital in New Delhi, the second in the south in Bangalore, the third towards the west in Ahmedabad, and now we are in one of the most spectacular cities in the east, Kolkata.

ICVGIP has grown over the years with about 304 submissions this year. We had submissions from 23 countries. This would not have been possible without your enthusiasm and support. We could accept only 120 papers based on the single-track format of ICVGIP. Some good papers, no doubt, could not be accommodated. The decision to go with the 24 oral papers was based on a number of factors, not just quality. Each paper was assigned to about 4 reviewers out of a total of 100 reviewers. The average number of reviews per paper (based on actual received reviews) was about 2.95. (In some unusual cases, there were only singleton reviews; although the program co-chairs looked at these carefully we agree that a reviewing process cannot satisfy all.) We sincerely thank all the reviewers.

In addition to the contributed papers, ICVGIP2004 will -- carrying on the tradition -- have excellent plenary talks from famed international researchers. We are glad that Henry Baird of Lehigh University, Peter J. Burt of Sarnoff Corporation, Brian Curless of University of Washington, Parth P. Das of Interra Systems and Ken Nakayama of Harvard University have kindly agreed to deliver plenary talks this year. We are grateful to P. Anandan for arranging this set of excellent plenary sessions. A tutorial session has also been organized. Thanks to the untiring efforts of Sankar K. Pal and we are indebted to him.

There are many people to be thanked in making ICVGIP2004 happen. Beyond the contributing authors, we thank the program committee members for their excellent support. Malay K. Kundu (the organizing committee chair) and his team have been fantastic in their efforts. The steering committee members and the General Co-chairs have provided the necessary vision and guidance and we thank them profusely. We take this opportunity to record our appreciation to the many student volunteers of the Department of Computer Science & Engineering, IIT Bombay and ISI Calcutta. Sponsorship support of the various organizations is also duly acknowledged. It would have been impossible to complete the editorial task of this proceedings without active help from Dilip Kumar Gayen and Partha Pratim Mohanta.

We hope that ICVGIP04 will be an exciting technical meeting.

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