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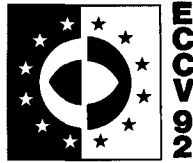
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Foreword

This volume collects the papers accepted for presentation at the Second European Conference on Computer Vision held in Santa Margherita Ligure, Italy, May 19 - 22, 1992.

The selection of the papers has been extremely difficult because of the high number and excellent quality of the papers submitted. I wish to thank my friends on the Programme Committee who, with the help of other qualified referees, have done a tremendous job in reviewing the papers at short notice.

In order to maintain a single-track conference, and to keep this book within a reasonable size, 16 long papers, 41 short papers and 48 posters have been selected from the 308 submissions, and structured into 14 sections reflecting the major research topics in computer vision currently investigated worldwide.

I personally would like to thank all the authors for the quality of their work and for their collaboration in keeping the length of the papers within the limits requested (we all know how painful it is to delete lines after they have been printed). Particular thanks to those who submitted papers from outside Europe for the credit given to the European computer vision community. Their contribution has been fundamental in outlining the current state of the art in computer vision and in producing further evidence of the maturity reached by this important research field. Thanks to ESPRIT and other collaborative projects the number of "transnational" (and even "transcontinental") papers is increasing, with political implications which outlast, to some extent, the scientific ones. It will be a major challenge for the computer vision community to take advantage of the recent political changes worldwide in order to bring new ideas into this challenging research field.

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