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Preface

Following the highly successful conferences held in Antibes (ECCV'90), Santa Margherita Ligure (ECCV'92) and Stockholm (ECCV'94), the European Conference on Computer Vision has established itself as one of the major international events in the exciting and active research discipline of computer vision. It has been an honour and pleasure to organise the Fourth European Conference on Computer Vision, held in the University of Cambridge, 15–18 April 1996.

These proceedings collect the papers accepted for presentation at the conference. They were selected from 328 contributions describing original and previously unpublished research. As with the previous conferences each paper was reviewed double blind by three reviewers selected from the Conference Board and Programme Committee. Final decisions were reached at a committee meeting in London where 43 papers were selected for podium presentation and 80 for presentation in poster sessions. The decision to keep ECCV'96 a single track conference led to a competitive selection process and it is entirely likely that good submissions were not included in the final programme.

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