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Preface

This book contains a selection of refereed papers presented at the 3rd Workshop on Machine Learning for Multimodal Interaction (MLMI 2006), held in Bethesda MD, USA during May 1–4, 2006.

The workshop was organized and sponsored jointly by the US National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST), three projects supported by the European Commission (Information Society Technologies priority of the sixth Framework Programme)—the AMI and CHIL Integrated Projects, and the PASCAL Network of Excellence—and the Swiss National Science Foundation national research collaboration, IM2.

In addition to the main workshop, MLMI 2006 was co-located with the 4th NIST Meeting Recognition Workshop. This workshop was centered on the Rich Transcription 2006 Spring Meeting Recognition (RT-06) evaluation of speech technologies within the meeting domain. Building on the success of previous evaluations in this domain, the RT-06 evaluation continued evaluation tasks in the areas of speech-to-text, who-spoke-when, and speech activity detection.

The conference program featured invited talks, full papers (subject to careful peer review, by at least three reviewers), and posters (accepted on the basis of abstracts) covering a wide range of areas related to machine learning applied to multimodal interaction—and more specifically to multimodal meeting processing, as addressed by the various sponsoring projects. These areas included human–human communication modeling, speech and visual processing, multimodal processing, fusion and fission, human–computer interaction, and the modeling of discourse and dialog, with an emphasis on the application of machine learning. Out of the submitted full papers, about 50% were accepted for publication in the present volume, after authors had been invited to take review comments and conference feedback into account. The workshop featured invited talks from Roderick Murray-Smith (University of Glasgow), Tsuhan Chen (Carnegie Mellon University) and David McNeill (University of Chicago), and a special session on projects in the area of multimodal interaction including presentations on the VACE, CHIL and AMI projects.

Based on the successes of the first three MLMI workshops, and to strengthen and broaden the base of this workshop series, the MLMI standing committee was formed. The initial membership comprises Samy Bengio (IDIAP), Hervé Bourlard (IDIAP and EPFL), Tsuhan Chen (Carnegie Mellon University), John Garofolo (NIST), Mary Harper (Purdue University), Sharon Oviatt (Natural Interaction Systems), Steve Renals (Edinburgh University), Rainer Stiefelhagen (Universität Karlsruhe), and Alex Waibel (Carnegie Mellon University and Universität Karlsruhe). The committee will provide a permanent link across MLMI workshops. MLMI 2007, the fourth workshop in the series, will take place in

Brno, Czech Republic during June 28–30, 2007, directly after ACL–2007, which takes place in Prague.

Finally, we take this opportunity to thank our Programme Committee members, the sponsoring projects and funding agencies, and those responsible for the excellent management and organization of the workshop and the follow-up details resulting in the present book.

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- Swiss National Science Foundation, through the National Center of Competence in Research (NCCR) program

Projects:

- AMI, Augmented Multiparty Interaction, http://www.amiproject.org/
- CHIL, Computers in the Human Interaction Loop, http://chil.server.de/
- PASCAL, Pattern Analysis, Statistical Modeling and Computational Learning, http://www.pascal-network.org/
- IM2, Interactive Multimodal Information Management, http://www.im2.ch/

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