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# Preface

The 15th International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention, MICCAI 2012, was held in Nice, France, at the Acropolis Convention Center during October 1–5, 2012.

Over the past 14 years, the MICCAI conferences have become a premier international event with full articles of high standard, indexed by Pubmed, and annually attracting leading scientists, engineers and clinicians working at the intersection of sciences, technologies and medicine.

It is interesting to recall that the MICCAI conference series was formed in 1998 by the merger of CVRMed (Computer Vision, Virtual Reality and Robotics in Medicine), MRCAS (Medical Robotics and Computer Assisted Surgery) and VBC (Visualization in Biomedical Computing) conferences, and that the first CVRMed conference was held in Nice in April 1995. At that time the CVRMed conference was a single event and the proceedings, also published in Lecture Notes in Computer Science (LNCS), consisted of a single volume of 570 pages. In 2012 the MICCAI proceedings span three volumes and more than 2000 pages, and the conference was complemented by 32 MICCAI satellite events (workshops, challenges, tutorials) publishing their own proceedings, several of them in LNCS.

MICCAI contributions were selected through a rigorous reviewing process involving an international Program Committee (PC) of 100 specialists coordinated by a Program Chair and 2 Program Co-chairs from 3 continents. Decisions were based on anonymous reviews made by 913 expert reviewers. The process was double blind as authors did not know the names of the PC members/reviewers evaluating their papers, and the PC members/reviewers did not know the names of the authors of the papers they were evaluating.

We received 781 submissions and after the collection of over 3000 anonymous review forms, the final selection was prepared during a 2-day meeting in Nice (12–13 May 2012) attended by 50 PC members. They finalized the acceptance of 252 papers (i.e., acceptance rate of 32%) and also prepared a short list of candidate papers for plenary presentations. The accepted contributions came from 21 countries and 5 continents: about 50% from North America (40% USA and 8% Canada), 40% from Europe (mainly from France, Germany, the UK, Switzerland and The Netherlands), and 10% from Asia and the rest of the world.

All accepted papers were presented during 6 poster sessions of 90 minutes with the option, this year for the first time, of displaying additional dynamic material on large screens during the whole poster session. In addition, a subset of 37 carefully selected papers (mainly chosen among the short list of candidate papers recommended by PC members) were presented during 7 single-track plenary oral sessions.

Prof. Alain Carpentier, President of the French Academy of Sciences, was the Honored Guest of MICCAI 2012 for his pioneering and visionary role in several of the domains covered by MICCAI. Prof. Carpentier addressed the audience during the opening ceremony along with Prof. Michel Cosnard, the CEO of Inria, and introduced one of the keynote lectures.

Prof. Jacques Marescaux, director of the Strasbourg IHU (Institut Hospitalo-Universitaire) delivered the keynote lecture “Surgery for Life Innovation: Information Age and Robotics” and Prof. Michel Haïssaguerre, director of the Bordeaux IHU, delivered the keynote lecture “Preventing Sudden Cardiac Death: Role of Structural and Functional Imaging”. Both of these lectures were outstanding and inspiring.

The conference would not have been possible without the commitment and hard work of many people whom we want to thank wholeheartedly:

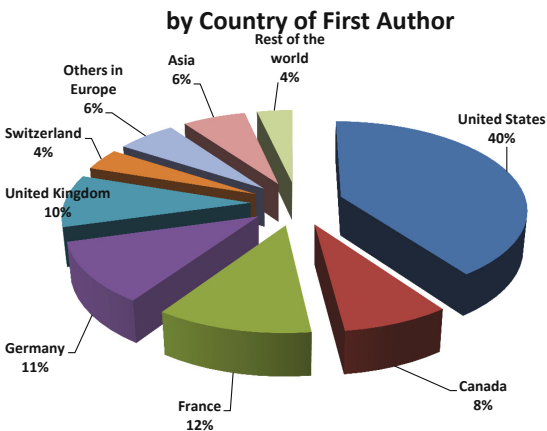
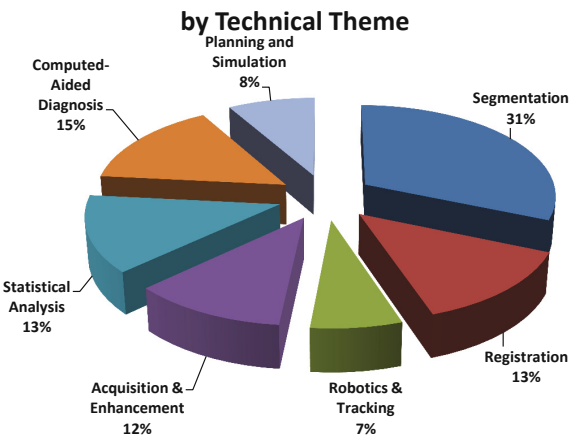
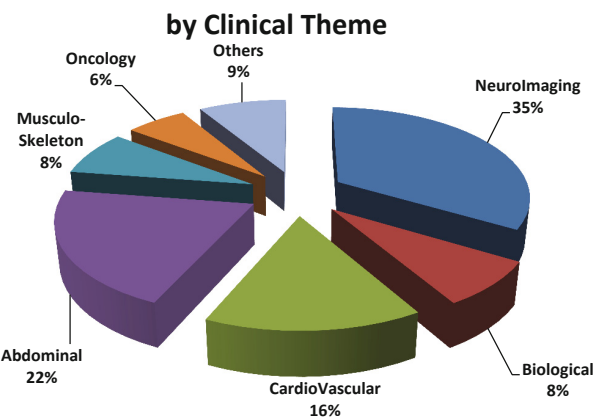
- The 100 Program Committee members and 913 scientific reviewers, listed in this book, who worked closely with us and prepared many written reviews and recommendations for acceptance or rejection,
- Xavier Pennec as the Chair for the organization of the 32 satellite events (workshops, challenges, tutorials) with the assistance of Tobias Heimann, Kilian Pohl and Akinobu Shimizu as Co-chairs, and all the organizers of these events,
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- *Ting Chen* for her paper entitled “Mixture of Segmenters with Discriminative Spatial Regularization and Sparse Weight Selection”

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