

Preface

We greeted the attendees of CIVR 2004 with the following address: “Táimid an-bhrodúil fáilte a chur romhaibh chuig Ollscoil Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath agus chuig an triú Comhdháil Idirnáisiúnta ar Aisghabháil Íomhánna agus Físeán. Tá súil againn go mbeidh am iontach agaibh anseo in Éirinn agus go mbeidh bhur gcuairt taitneamhnach agus sásúil. Táimid an-bhrodúil go háirithe fáilte a chur roimh na daoine ón oiread sin tíortha difriúla agus na daoine a tháinig as i bhfad i gcéin. Tá an oiread sin páipéar curtha isteach chuig an chomhdháil seo go bhfuil caighdeán na bpáipéar agus na bpóstaer an-ard ar fad agus táimid ag súil go mór le hócaid iontach.”

We were delighted to host the 3rd International Conference on Image and Video Retrieval in Dublin City University. We hope that all attendees had a wonderful stay in Ireland and that their visits were enjoyable and rewarding.

There were 125 papers in total submitted to the CIVR 2004 conference and each was reviewed by at least three independent reviewers. We are grateful to the 64 members of the technical programme committee and the 29 other reviewers who completed these reviews and allowed us to put together a very strong technical programme. The programme included 4 invited keynote presentations from Nick Belkin, Shih-Fu Chang, Andrew Fitzgibbon and Joe Marks and we are very grateful to them for their incisive and thoughtful presentations. The programme also contained 29 paper presentations and 44 poster presentations as well as two other guest presentations. The programme committee chairs did an excellent job in putting together the schedule for this conference, and the local arrangements, finance and publicity chairs also put a lot of work into making this conference happen. Special thanks should go to Cathal Gurrin and Hyowon Lee for the tremendous amount of hard work they put into supporting CIVR 2004.

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