Significant research progress has been made in intelligent imaging systems, surveillance and biometrics—improving robustness, increasing performance and decreasing cost. As a result, deployment of biometrics, surveillance and intelligent video systems is booming and increasing the impact of these on privacy. For many, networked intelligent video surveillance and biometrics epitomize the invasion of privacy by an Orwellian “big brother”. While tens of millions in government funding have been spent on research improving video surveillance and biometrics, virtually none has been invested in technologies to enhance privacy or effectively balance privacy and security.

We, as the vision research community and members of IEEE, have a social responsibility. After years of working to improve performance of systems that potentially invade privacy, it is time for the community to take up the challenge of developing technologies that simultaneously improve privacy and security, or a minimum, provide a better balance between them. Privacy is not just an idealistic abstract concept; it is something that impacts society. When privacy concerns are not addressed, there is the potential to decreased security as technology deployment is limited.

For the last decade, there has been a small but growing group of researchers that, despite the lack of government funding in this area, have been developing advanced vision techniques to address privacy issues. This workshop, a working meeting not just a collection of presentations, discusses the major issues and highlights some of this work. Many of workshop presentations highlight work done in the past few years and already available in the literature. The “call for papers” was quite focused and we received 15 contributed or invited abstracts/papers, which lead to these peer-reviewed proceedings. These high quality papers show that in both surveillance and biometrics, vision research can provide an important tool in balancing security and privacy. It is hoped this workshop will make more researchers aware of both the issue and the potential for exciting high impact work. The summary of the panels and workshop discussion will be made available on the web, search for “Privacy workshop IEEE PRIV”

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