PREFACE

It has been a great honor for us to organize The Sixth IEEE International Conference on Automatic Face and Gesture Recognition (FGR2004), held May 17-19, 2004 at the Lotte Hotel, Seoul, Korea. The purpose of this conference is to exchange ideas on current research and development as well as on new applications of automated face and gesture recognition. We hope this conference can be a major source of discussion and interactions between researchers from all over the world. This is the sixth in a series of meetings that began with the International Workshop on Automatic Face and Gesture Recognition, organized in Zurich in 1995. We believe FGR2004 continues the high standards of the previous conferences held in Vermont, USA(FGR96), Nara, Japan(FGR98), Grenoble, France(FGR2000) and Washington, D.C., USA(FGR2002).

This year we received 205 papers for review. It was the largest amount of submissions ever compared to the previous conferences. Each submitted paper was reviewed by at least two reviewers. 32 papers were accepted for Oral presentation and 108 papers were accepted for Poster presentations. The decision between Oral and Poster presentation was made based on the suggestions of the reviewers as well as the content and style of the manuscripts.

In the program, we have included a keynote address and 3 invited speakers to give talks on various areas of interest to the general community involved in the area of face and gesture recognition.

We wish to thank all the members of the program committee and all the reviewers who spent valuable time providing recommendations on each paper. We wish to thank all the authors of the submitted manuscripts for their interest in the conference. We would like to thank conference secretariat and administrator for organizing the conference. Thanks also go to IEEE Computer Society for producing the proceedings.

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