Message from the Chair

Welcome to Seattle and thanks for participating in the International Conference on Document Analysis and Recognition. I hope that you will find the technical sessions rewarding as well as enjoy meeting with your international friends and colleagues. The program is rich and varied.

I would like to thank and express my appreciation to the members of the ICDAR organizing committee, particularly the Program Cochairs Karl Tombre, Larry Spitz, and Chiou-Shan Fuh who worked very hard to organize the paper reviewing and selection. Karl organized the web software that was used to keep track of everything during the review process. Thanks to all the reviewers who evaluated the submitted papers.

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Because people handle documents nearly effortlessly and nearly perfectly, it is important that the automated technology perform nearly perfectly. This requires the technology to have a good methodology to measure performance and as well new processing algorithms to overcome the existing automation limitations. The papers of ICDAR 2001 certainly satisfy this need.

My best wishes for a meaningful conference and a pleasant visit and stay in Seattle.

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