
We received a total of 650 submissions from various parts of the world. The International Program Committee worked very hard to have all papers reviewed before the review deadline. The final technical program consists of 346 papers, among which 233 are contributed papers and 113 are invited session papers. There are two keynote speeches and 15 lecture sessions. Each lecture session is composed of seven to nine papers depending on the topic. We would like to mention that, due to the limitation of the conference venue capacity, we are not able to include many fine papers in the technical program. Our apology goes to those authors. The conference proceedings were published by the Conference Publishing Services of the IEEE Computer Society. Subject to another reviewing process, some of the accepted papers will be selected and published with extended version in the KES Journal, and Springer-Verlag in “Studies in Computational Intelligence” series.

Two keynote speeches were kindly provided by Professor Ton Kalker (Hewlett-Packard Labs, USA), on “The State of Reversible Watermarking,” and Professor Ming-Ting Sun (University of Washington, USA), on “Multimodality Signal Fusion and Applications.” Both speakers are internationally recognized experts in their research fields, who have demonstrated outstanding proficiency and have achieved distinction in their profession.

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