Preface

The Shape Modeling International (SMI) conference series was started by Tosyiasu L. Kunii and was initially hosted in Japan (1997 and 1999). Its objective was to provide an international forum for discussing new theories, techniques and applications of shape modeling, i.e. the set of computational techniques for modeling and processing digital representations of shapes and their properties.

In 2001, SMI merged with the Eurographics/ACM SIGGRAPH Workshop on implicit surfaces and became a regular annual event alternating among Asia, Europe and America. SMI was hosted in Italy (2001), Canada (2002), South Korea (2003), Italy (2004), USA (2005), Japan (2006), France (2007), USA (2008) and China (2009).

In 2010, the Shape Modeling International conference is organized by the French Engineering school of the Arts et Métiers ParisTech and by the Laboratory of Systems and Information Sciences (LSIS). SMI’10 is dedicated to the memory of Pierre Bézier, a former student of the Arts et Métiers ParisTech, with a special exhibition at SMI’10. He who would have been 100 years old in 2010 ! Moreover, during the conference, the “Pierre Bézier 2010” Best Paper Award will be awarded to the best paper.

SMI’10 is supported (in-cooperation status) by the Eurographics Association and ACM SIGGRAPH, and is run in technical co-sponsorship with the IEEE and the IEEE Visualization and Graphics Technical Committee. The SMI’10 proceedings are split in two publications: one is the special issue of the journal Computers and Graphics (Elsevier) containing full papers, and the other includes the SMI Proceedings published by the Conference Publishing Services (CPS) of the IEEE Computer Society, containing full papers and extended abstracts.

SMI’10 received 56 submissions from more than 13 countries including Austria, Canada, China, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hong-Kong, Israel, Italy, Singapore, The Netherlands, UK and USA. This year, according to the recommendations of the PC members and the extra reviewers, the special issue of Computers and Graphics contains 10 high quality papers (acceptance rate 17.8%) and the SMI Proceedings contains 18 full papers (acceptance rate 32.1%) and 14 extended abstracts. We would like to thank the 94 PC members and the external reviewers for their hard work during review process: on average, each paper was examined by four reviewers and underwent a two-stage review process.

SMI’10 will host three invited talks of renowned experts: Marie-Paule Cani (INP-Grenoble, France), Konrad Polthier (Institute of Mathematics at FU Berlin, Germany) and Ariel Shamir (Efi Arazi school of Computer Science, Israel).

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