Message from the General Chair

It has been a great pleasure to serve as the General Chair of the 4th IEEE Southwest Symposium on Image Analysis and Interpretation (SSIAI 2000). I would like to thank Professor Mark Smith, of Georgia Tech University, for giving the keynote address in the Video Image Analysis session and Professor Edward Delp of Purdue University for delivering the plenary talk in the Stereo Image Analysis session. These two talks are the highlights of this year’s symposium.

As the final program indicates, we also have excellent papers and posters on almost all aspects of image analysis, from researchers all over the world. We had many submissions that we were unable to accommodate within the short schedule of our symposium. The Program Co-Chairs, Professors Milan Sonka and Til Aach, worked very hard to include as many as possible. We would like to thank all authors for their interest in SSIAI 2000, and we regret that we could not accept all submissions.

I would also like to acknowledge the other members of the organizing committee, namely Professors Jeff Rodriquez, Brian Evans, Hamed Sari-Sarraf, and Joseph Havlicek, for their efforts to make SSIAI 2000 a success. We highly appreciate the sponsorship of IEEE Computer Society and the College of Engineering at Texas Tech University, and we are very grateful to have the cooperation of the IEEE Signal Processing Society this year as well. We would like to thank Joseph Havlicek for creating the cover art for this year’s proceedings.

Finally, special thanks go to Ann Marie Kelly, Maggie Johnson, Mary Kate Rada, and Denise Williams of IEEE Computer Society, as well as Sandi Willingham of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Texas Tech University, for providing great help in making SSIAI 2000 so successful. We hope this year’s symposium will inspire another excellent symposium in 2002.

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General Chair