Preface

Welcome to the third Workshop on Applications of Computer Vision, held in Sarasota, Florida, during December 2-4, 1996. In keeping with the tradition established by WACV '92 and WACV '94, the goal of WACV '96 is to provide a relaxed forum in which an international group of industrial, government, and academic researchers can present and discuss the application of computer vision techniques to problem domains of practical significance.

The program consists of 44 contributed papers that were selected from 119 submissions, all of which were considered carefully by the Program Committee and supplemental reviewers. Each paper received at least two reviews, and was evaluated in terms of its content as well as its appropriateness to the workshop. All who were involved in this process made every effort to keep the review process as fair as possible. Naturally, because of the need for a competitive selection process during a short period of time, it is likely that some very good submissions were not chosen. We encourage the authors to pursue other opportunities for presenting their results.

In addition to the contributed papers, the program includes an invited keynote presentation, an invited panel discussion, and a Demo Session. The 1996 Technical Achievement Award of the IEEE will also be presented at the Workshop.

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