Message from the Area Chairs
I3A Workshop 2014

It is with great pleasure that that we welcome you to the First Workshop on Pattern Recognition Techniques for Indirect Immunofluorescence Images. This workshop aims to provide a solid platform for the practitioners in Indirect Immunofluorescence Image analysis, one of the emerging fields in the pattern recognition community. The workshop received 15 paper submissions with two being withdrawn, leaving 13 papers to consider. These 13 papers comprised 7 papers submitted in short paper format and 6 in full paper format. Whilst the general topic in Indirect Immunofluorescence image analysis is covered in the full papers, the short papers are intended to document the top performing systems in the International contest on performance evaluation of Indirect Immunofluorescence Image Analysis. The contest itself had 24 algorithm submissions.

We thank the reviewers and the members of program committees from around the world who put their effort into reviewing the submissions. The workshop employed the standard double-blind peer-review protocol for the full paper format. However we selected the short papers based on superior performance of the corresponding algorithm in the contest as well as the quality of the submission. From the 24 contest submissions, we sent 12 short paper invitations to the best teams. The submitted papers were then reviewed based on their quality and clarity of presentation. Finally 12 papers were accepted comprising 5 full papers and 7 short papers.

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