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ICVGIP 2004

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Founded by late Prof. P. C. Mahalanobis in 1931, the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) has all along been playing a pioneering role in theoretical and applied research, promoting teaching and training in the fields of Statistics, Mathematics, Computer Science, Quality, Reliability, Operations Research, Economics and other related disciplines. It has made significant contributions to social and economic planning of the government of India, research and development in pure and applied Computer Science and in disseminating scientific quality control and quantitative management techniques for the industry. By the special act of parliament, the institute was declared an Institution of National Importance as early as in 1959.

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Indian Unit for Pattern Recognition and Artificial Intelligence (IUPRAI) is the India country affiliate of International Association of Pattern Recognition (IAPR). In India there are a 300 strong close-knit PR community dedicated in developing algorithms and systems related to Pattern Recognition, Artificial Intelligence, Image Processing, Soft Computing and Knowledge based Computing Systems. The Indian PR community is active in publishing numerous articles in international journals and conferences. It was during the International Conference on Advances in Pattern Recognition and Digital Techniques (ICAPRDT) of 1982 IUPRAI was affiliated to IAPR in presence of Prof. King Sun Fu, former president of IAPR, Prof. Azriel Rosenfeld and Prof. Pierre Devijver, the then president and secretary of IAPR and a host of other dignitaries. IUPRAI is associated with a number of conferences in India in areas related to PR. IUPRAI has been organizing the Indian Conference on Vision, Graphics and Image Processing (ICVGIP) and Workshop on Vision, Graphics and Image Processing (WVGIP) in every alternate year in collaboration with premier institutes and research labs.
Foreword

Welcome to the fourth Indian Conference on Computer Vision, Graphics and Image Processing (ICVGIP 2004). The Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata in association with the Indian Unit for Pattern Recognition & Artificial Intelligence (IUPRAI) is organizing the ICVGIP 2004 at Science City, Kolkata. This conference is one of the most focused and well-attended events in the field of Computer Vision, Graphics and Image Processing. More than 110 papers are going to be presented in the next three days. More than 300 papers from 22 different countries were submitted giving the conference a true international flavour. You are aware that only about 40% of the total submitted papers are accepted in this conference. We are confident that you are going to have a technically rich experience at ICVGIP. We thank Programme Chairs and the Programme Committee members for their untiring efforts to select an excellent set of papers and a well-organized programme. The conference is preceded by tutorials presented by eminent international experts in the field of Vision and Image Processing. We thank the Tutorial Chair for organizing it.

We are indebted to a number of organizations for technical and financial support. We must note that because of their generous support we could provide fellowships to more than forty young scientists and senior faculty members. We thank the fellowship committee for making ICVGIP accessible to a wider audience. We are also thankful to our Advisory Committee without whose active input it would have been impossible to organize a conference of this stature.

No conference is successful without the active participations of conference attendees, especially those, who are coming to Kolkata for the first time. We welcome you all to Kolkata and we are sure you are going to have an exciting time here in this City of Joy. Should you need any assistance, do not hesitate to contact the registration desk or any one of us.

Enjoy ICVGIP 2004! Enjoy Kolkata!

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The International Association for Pattern Recognition
Wednesday, December 15, 2004
Venue: Geology Auditorium, ISI, Kolkata

Registration: 9:00 - 10:00

Inauguration: 09:45 - 10:00  
Sankar K. Pal

Tutorial Session

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| *Image Registration with Applications to Medical Imaging* |

| **Tutorial-III**                  | **Time:** 14:15 - 15:45                |
| Larry Davis, University of Maryland, USA |
| *Detection and Tracking for Surveillance* |

| **Tutorial-IV**                   | **Time:** 16:00 - 17:30                |
| J. K. Aggarwal, University of Texas, Austin, USA |
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   DR. J. B. S. Haldane Avenue  
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Paper Presentation Details

Audio Visual Equipment available includes PC/Laptop (with USB Port, CD-ROM) equipped with Windows O/S, MS Power Point, PDF viewer and LCD and Overhead Projector.

Poster Size

During the poster presentation you are expected to explain your work orally to interested participants. For presentation only one poster area per accepted paper is allowed. The size of the poster area should be 38 inches x 44 inches (width x height). Poster should be legible from a distance (~ 5 feet) to permit viewing by more than one person at a time. There are poster boards available for display and board pins to put up your posters. It is acceptable to pin smaller sheets (e.g., A4 size papers) together to tile the poster area. The header of your poster should state the title of the paper followed by the names of the authors and their affiliations.

All posters should be displayed in the pre-numbered locations at The Cafeteria Hall of the Science City. For example, if your poster paper number is CV1.12, then please put your poster on the location marked 12 (in the first poster session on computer vision CV1). The poster should be dismounted immediately after the poster session.

Note: CG 1.1 – 1.8 posters are to be displayed in poster location 9 to 16, respectively.

Oral Presentation: Instruction for Speakers

♦ Time allotted for each plenary talk is 40 minutes. The speaker is requested to finish the presentation within 35 minutes leaving 5 minutes for open discussion.

♦ Time allotted for each contributed talk is 20 minutes. The speaker is requested to finish the presentation within 15 minutes leaving 5 minutes for open discussion. A warning bell will ring after 13 minutes, 15 minutes and finally after 20 minutes.

The speaker is requested to contact the chairperson of the respective session well in advance so that the session can be conducted efficiently.

Instructions for Chairpersons

♦ Time allotted for each plenary talk is 40 minutes. The speaker should be requested to finish the presentation within 35 minutes leaving 5 minutes for open discussion.

♦ Time allotted for each contributed talk is 20 minutes. The speaker should be requested to finish the presentation within 15 minutes leaving 5 minutes for open discussion. A warning bell will ring after 13 minutes, 15 minutes and finally after 20 minutes.
♦ Please note that there is no specific time slot for pre and post session moderation, which is certainly very important. Please apply your judgment to adjust/monitor this so that overall time limit for the session could be maintained.

♦ Representative of the organizing committee will try to inform you about any change of schedule/non-availability of speakers for any particular session.

♦ In case of any difficulty the chairperson should communicate with any of the following persons:
  **B. Chanda and D. P. Mukherjee**
  The chairperson may seek assistance of registration desk for contacting these persons.
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Perception and Recognition of Faces – Human Capacities of Possible Relevance for Artificial Systems  
*Ken Nakayama, Harvard University, USA*

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## Oral Session

### Computer Vision

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1. **CV1**  
   Geometric Structure Computation from Conics  
   *Pawan Kumar Mudigonda, C. V. Jawahar and P. J. Narayanan, India*

2. **CV2**  
   A Framework for Activity Recognition and Detection of Unusual Activities  
   *Dhruv Mahajan, Nipun Kwatra, Sumit Jain, Prem Kalra and Subhashis Banerjee, India*

3. **CV3**  
   Activity Representation Using 3D Shape Models  
   *Amit K. Roy-Chowdhury, Rama Chellappa and Umut Akdemir, USA*

4. **CV4**  
   High-Resolution Multiscale Panoramic Mosaics from Pan-Tilt-Zoom Cameras  
   *Sudipta N. Sinha, Marc Pollefeys and Seon Joo Kim, USA*

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   Spatio-Temporal Grouping Models and Prominence Models in Perceptual Organization for Semantic Interpretation of Video Shot  
   *Gaurav Harit and Santanu Chaudhury, India*

2. **CV1.2**  
   Active 3-D Object Recognition Using Appearance-Based Aspect Graphs  
   *Sumantra Dutta Roy and Nirupama Kulkarni, India*

3. **CV1.3**  
   A Robust and Computationally Efficient Motion Detection Algorithm Based on $\hat{0}$- $\hat{\Lambda}$ Background Estimation  
   *A. Manzanera and J. C. Richefeu, France*

4. **CV1.4**  
   Handling Occlusions in Monocular Surveillance Systems  
   *Prithwijit Guha, Nisarg Vyas, Amitabha Mukerjee and K. S. Venkatesh, India*

5. **CV1.5**  
   Estimating 3D Hand Position and Orientation Using Stereo  
   *Afshin Sepehri, Yaser Yacoob and Larry S. Davis, USA*

6. **CV1.6**  
   Modeling Signs Using Functional Data Analysis  
   *Sunita Nayak, Sudeep Sarkar and Kuntal Sengupta, USA*

7. **CV1.7**  
   IRIS Recognition Method Using Random Texture Analysis  
   *Ali Ajdari Rad, Reza Safabakhsh and Navid Qaragozlou, Iran*

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### Mathematical Morphology Based Corner Detection Scheme: A Non-Parametric approach

*R. Dinesh and D. S. Guru, India*

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### Poster Session

**Computer Graphics – I**  
Chair: A. K. Das

**Thursday, December 16, 2004**  
14:00—15:30

**Venue:** Cafeteria

1. A Proposed Glass-Painting Filter  
*Priti Sehgal and P. S. Grover, India*

2. Encoding Quadrilateral Meshes in 2.40 bits per Vertex  
*Pawel Kosicki and Asish Mukhopadhyay, Canada*

3. Stylistic Reuse of View-Dependent Animations  
*Parag Chaudhuri, Ashwani Jindal, Prem Kalra and Subhashis Banerjee, India*

4. MoCap Based New Walk and Climb Synthesis  
*Shrinath Shanbhag and Sharat Chandran, India*

5. Animation of Lip Motions and Facial Expressions using 3D Homeomorphic Models  
*Erdem Akagunduz and Ugur Halici, Turkey*

6. Depth+Texture Representation for Image Based Rendering  
*P. J. Narayanan, Sashi Kumar P and Sireesh Reddy K, India*

7. The Fast Multipole Method for Global Illumination  
*Alap Karapurkar, Nitin Goel and Sharat Chandran, India*

8. Markerless Motion Capture from Monocular Videos  
*Vishal Mamania, Appu Shaji and Sharat Chandran, India*

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### Plenary – II

Chair: B. C. Vemuri

**Thursday, December 16, 2004**  
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**Venue:** Mini Auditorium

2. Document Image Understanding and Digital Libraries  
*Henry S. Baird, Lehigh University, USA*

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### Oral Session

**Image Processing**  
Chair: S. K. Pal

**Thursday, December 16, 2004**  
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*Vinay P. Namboodiri and Subhashis Chaudhuri, India*

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*C. V. Jiji and Subhashis Chaudhuri, India*

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*Santi P. Maity, Malay K. Kundu and Tirtha S. Das, India*

4. Multi Example Based Image Retrieval: An ICA Based Approach  
*Jayanta Basak, Koustav Bhattacharya and Santanu Chaudhury, India*
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**Computer Vision – II**

Chair: J. K. Mukherjee

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Kolkata - 700108
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Kolkata - 700 106,
Phone: +91 33 2337-0479, 2337-4125

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(Formerly Bengal Engineering College)
College Road, Sibpur
Howrah 711 103
Phone: +91 33 26682223

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34-B, Belvedere Road,
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CALCUTTA

On August 24, 1690, an Englishman on his travels, took a "mid-day halt". And since then, from the stopover of Job Charnock "grew a city......... so it spread................chance directed, chance erected.........".

Bustling with trade, shimmering with colours and jewels, it was till 1911 the capital of British India. The Indian renaissance started here and India’s struggle for freedom was born here. Even today, Calcutta retains its splendour and glory. It is the nerve centre of cultural ferment and the home of many modern movements in art, cinema and theatre in India.

Calcutta, with its ten million people, is a fascinating city vibrating with life.

Calcutta is indescribable. Life never stops in Calcutta. At any time of the year there is something going on - a festival, a wedding, a match, a demonstration, a concert or a party. One has to live it, breathe it, love it and eventually when it is time to go, leave behind a bit of one's heart.

AIR CONNECTIONS

Calcutta is internationally connected by air directly to New York, London, Paris, Frankfurt, Rome, Moscow, Dubai, Bangkok, Singapore, Tokyo and others.

Within India it is linked with Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bangalore, Guwahati, Dibrugarh, Nagpur, Bhubaneswar, Hyderabad and other important cities.

PLACES TO VISIT

Academy of Fine Arts

Established in 1933, the Academy is a place where the city's culturally conscious intellectuals converge. Its art galleries feature exhibitions by contemporary artists throughout the year. The Rabindra Gallery contains personal belongings, manuscripts and paintings by Tagore. Situated near Victoria Memorial, its galleries are open daily from 3 pm to 8 pm (except the Rabindra Gallery which remain open from 12:00 noon to 6 pm daily, closed on Mondays).

Belur Math

Founded by Swami Vivekananda, the world famous yogi and disciple of Sri Ramakrishna Paramhansa, it is the Headquarters of the Ramakrishna Mission. This International tourist attraction is located on the banks of the river Hooghly near Belur, 6.4 kms. from Howrah Station. Its sprawling prayer hall with a statue of Ramakrishna is remarkable. Connected by train and bus.
**Birla Industrial & Technological Museum**

Established in 1959, it is located at 19A Gurusaday Road. It features permanent exhibition on scientific and technological progress. Has workshop which designs and produces much of its exhibits. Entry by ticket, Monday closed.

**Birla Planetarium**

One of the largest in Asia, it is located at 96 Jawaharlal Nehru Road, Daily programmes in English, Bengali and Hindi from 12 noon to 7 pm. It can accommodate 500 persons. Entry by ticket, Monday closed.

**Botanical Garden**

The largest and oldest of its kind in India, it was laid out in 1787. It covers an area of 109.27 ha and is famous for the over 250 years old Great Banyan tree which covers 382 m in its circumference, with over 600 aerial roots. There are more than 30,000 varieties of trees and plants. Situated about 9 km from Calcutta, across the Hooghly river, it is a lovely picnic spot, best reached by a ferry across the Hooghly river from Metiabruz. Open from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. Entry by ticket.

**Dakshineswar**

Built by Rani Rasmoni in the 19th century on the bank of the river Hooghly, in the northern suburb of Calcutta. It is here that Sri Ramakrishna Paramhansa, the renowned spiritual personality and the guru of Swami Vivekananda had worshipped the goddess Kali. A world famous place of pilgrimage.

**Eden Gardens**

A sprawling garden set up by the British in the early 20th century with a band stand and a beautiful pagoda. An attractive picnic spot on Strand Road. A stadium has been built adjacent to it for cricket test matches which can accommodate about 100,000 people.

**Indian Museum**

A National Museum housing rare antiques, armaments, armour, fossils, stones, paintings of Mughal India, regal dresses/uniforms, rare animal skeletons, mummies, etc. Entry by ticket. Situated on J L Nehru Road.
**Kalighat Temple**

Legend goes that the name of Calcutta, is derived from the famous Kali deity of this temple located at Kalighat in South Calcutta. A great attraction for Hindu pilgrimage.

**Metro Rail**

The underground railway system is the main traffic artery of the city, running from Dum Dum in the North to Tollygunge in the South. Stations are placed at all major junctions along the length of the city.

**National Library**

Previously vice-Regal House, it is one of the largest libraries in Asia with a collection of rare books and manuscripts. Located opposite the Zoological Gardens, Alipore.

**Nicco Park**

An amusement park with a variety of enjoyable games and rides. Located at Salt Lake. Entry by ticket.

**Saheed Minar**

Previously known as Ochterloney Monument, it resembles the Qutab Minar of Delhi. Located near Esplanade on the Maidan and seat of many memorable political meetings.

**St. Paul's Cathedral**

The Anglican Cathedral of Calcutta built in 1847, adjacent to the Birla Planetarium. Its tower is 65 m high and is famous for the serene service conducted on Christmas Eve.

**Science City**

One of the few such facilities in the World, the Science City on the Eastern Metropolitan Bypass has a Convention Center and Science Theme Park. Here, hitech combines with impressive visuals to bring science closer to people. Entry by ticket.

**Victoria Memorial**

Built in memory of Queen Victoria, between 1906 and 1921, imitating the Taj Mahal, topped with an angel, this memorial faces the Calcutta maidan. It houses paintings, manuscripts, and other objects of historic value in its Museum and Art
Gallery. Two regular sound and light shows are held in the evening. Entry by ticket, Monday closed.

**Zoological Garden**

One of the biggest zoological gardens in India, it has a vast collection of animals, birds, snakes and reptiles. It also has a section for children. It remains a favourite picnic spot during winter and attracts a large number of emigrant birds. Directly across the main zoo is an aquarium, with a variety of aquatic life from around the world. Entry by ticket.

**ESSENTIAL INFORMATION**

**Hospitals Nursing Homes**

Advanced Medicare & Research Institute Ltd.: 440-4102/9753/54
Assembly of god Hospital & Research Centre: 229-4853/4886
Belle Vue Clinic: Ambulance with medical facilities including oxygen, 24-hr doctor/nurse available: 247-7473/6925/7920/7918/6921
B. M. Birla Heart Research Centre: 456-7900/7100/7705/7102-5
CMRI: 456-7700/02/03/04, Fax: 456-7880
Calcutta Medical College: 241-49012-4/3953/3177/2962
Kothari Medical Centre: 456-7051/7055/7059
Lansdown Nursing Home: ideal place with life saving equipment: 217-1001 to 04, Tel./Fax: 217-7860
Peerless Hospital: 462-0955/0766/6394/2394/2462
SSKM Hospital: 223-9692
Woodlands Nursing Home: 456-7079/7080

**Ambulance & Other Medical Services**

East West Medical Complex: Ambulance Services: 476-2252/2280
Happy Calcuttans: Ambulance available with oxygen and emergency drugs: 440-0160
Life Aid: Ambulance available: 473-5807/417-1845
Lokenath Divine Society of India: 24-hour hours service: 479-3301
Nightangle Ambulance Service: 475-4169
Meera Seva Kendra: Ambulance, Oxyge, Medical care, nurse available: 411-9400/0968/8316
Medicare Services: 247-6111 to 12, 247-6223
St. John Ambulance Association: 24-hour ambulance with oxygen Sealdah: 350-4199
Trains / Flights

Howrah Station (inquiry) : 660-2581/3542/7412
Fairlie Place (inquiry) : 220-4025
Reservation : Manual : 135 (05 lines) Computerised : 136 (Eng) 137 (Hindi) 138 (Bengali)
Howrah (New Complex) : 660-2217
Train information : Central Enquiry Manual : 1310, Recorded : 1331
Sealdah Station (inquiry) : 350-3537/3535
Public Information Centres/Sealdah : 3503536
Air India : 282-2356-59/282-1187 Airport : 511-9031
Indian Airlines : 236-4433 (24 hours)/236-0810/0730 Reservations : 141, 236-6869 (1900 to 0900 hrs)
Sahara India Airlines : 282-7685 (City Office) Airport : 511-8357/8442
Singaport Airlines : Reservations/Ticketing : 280-9898/8882/8883, Airport : 511-9179/8978
British Airways: 288-3451/32/53/54, 288-9161/62 (City Office) Airport: 511-8262/8424
Bangladesh Biman: 229-2844 Airport: 511-8787 extn.: 4207
Druk Air: 280-5376, 240-2419, Airport: 511-9894/9895 Telecheck in 511-8836

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