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| logoIAPR**Industrial Liaison Committee** | **CALL FOR IAPRINDUSTRIAL MEMBERSHIP**http://www.iapr.org/committees/ |
| **The IAPR-ILC Structure (2013-2014)****Jianying Hu,** chair,*IBM T.J. Watson Research Center (US)***Josep Lladós***Computer Vision Center, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (Spain)***Mariofanna Milanova***University of Arkansas at Little Rock (USA)***Dimosthenis Karatzas***Computer Vision Center, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (Spain)***José A. Rodríguez***Xerox Research Centre Europe, Grenoble (France)***L Venkata Subramaniam***IBM Research (India)***Jun Sun***Fujitsu Research and Development Center (China)* | **Rationale**There is a need of bridging the gap between academia and industry in the Pattern Recognition community at large. The International Association for Pattern Recognition (IAPR) is a renowned organization for pattern recognition researchers around the world. However so far formal participation from industries has been limited to ad-hoc events, or sponsorships for conferences and events that are set up each time. The IAPR Industrial Liaison Committee (IAPR-ILC) has established an IAPR Industrial Affiliation Program (IAPR-IAP) to encourage the affiliation of companies to IAPR. The general goal is to define a protocol to build lasting, strong and bilaterally fruitful ties with companies active in our field:* To foster the establishment of knowledge transfer pathways between the academia and the industry.
* To leverage R&D impact and innovation in applied domains through collaboration under the IAPR umbrella and the sponsored activities.
* To help keep research focused on problems that interest industry.
* To increase industry access to research publications, students and faculty.

**Who can join the IAPR Industrial Affiliation Program (IAPR-IAP)**Companies whose activity is related to products or services concerned with pattern recognition, computer vision, and image processing in a broad sense are encouraged to have a corporate affiliation. The affiliation is free of charge.**Benefits**Each IAPR-IAP member is offered the following privileges or benefits with the basic affiliation package:* IAPR Newsletter subscription.
* Display of company logo and url at IAPR web site.
* Publicity in an IAPR-ILC kiosk / leaflet during ICPR.
* Access (through IAPR-ILC) to the IAPR-endorsed conferences and workshops to define sponsorship programs for the conferences, awards, etc.
* Special notification of industry related events (e.g., special panel session on industry related research)

Additional packages include, but are not limited to:* Sponsorship of IAPR conferences or awards on a regular basis.
* Exhibition stands in IAPR Conferences.
* Sponsorship / organization of an industry-academia exchange event during ICPR.

**Expressions of interest to join the IAPR-IAP**Companies can send their expression of interest to join the IAPR-IAP to the contact addresses given below. They will be informed on the procedure, benefits, etc.**Contact information**Companies interested in the IAPR industrial affiliation and further information about the IAPR-ILC and its activities can contact the IAPR-ILC chair or the IAPR secretariat:

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