

# NEWSLETTER

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# FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Colleagues,

The last editorial appropriately was from the new IAPR president,  $J.\mathcal{C}.$  Simon.

This time I will be rather brief because, as I observe, the IAPR community has retreated for a while to do more work than noise. We do not have any flashy announcements to make! Hopefully, we are going to use this time for tackling the more difficult problems (the easy ones are already solved), which take more time and patience but yield more lasting results.

There is just one problem that I would like to mention. Recently I received several disturbing reports, especially from overseas about delays and inadequate distribution of the Newsletter. I do not know how many of you realize, but I am only the editor who puts it together. Once it is typed it goes to the IEEE Computer Society, in Silver Springs, Maryland, and they are responsible for printing and distributing the Newsletter.

In order to rectify the distribution situation I have: updated the distribution list and requested that the Newsletters be mailed by airmail to overseas. Hopefully this issue will reach you on time!

By the way, we heard from  $\mathcal{D}\text{t.}$  R. Klette from the German Democratic Republic who, in an effort to promote our association, has reported about the IAPR activities and its membership in their professional magazine.

Finally, I am very pleased to let you know that our Japanese correspondent, Prof. Nagao, has established a periodic report about the seminars in pattern recognition and computer vision in Japan. This way we all are more informed about the current Japanese activities in these areas. The list of the presentations is published later in this issue. We hope that in the future we shall receive similar information from other parts of the world!

I wish you all a pleasant and productive  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Spring}}\,!$ 

Sincerely yours,

Ruzena Bajcsy

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# REPORTS

REPORT FROM
6th International Conference on
PATTERN RECOGNITION
Munich, Germany
October 19-22, 1982

# Press Release - ICPR 82

Pattern recognition is the subject of scientists and engineers who set their goal in developing means and methods with which computers will be able to recognize, to process and to interpret informations in forms as they are familiar to us, such as text and graphics; images and scenes; voice signals and sounds. This will not just render new capabilities for information processing automats but also an essential contribution to an (almost) natural man-machine-dialogue will be made. Therefore, pattern recognition plays a major role for the development of future information processing systems.

The 6th International Conference on Pattern Recognition, ICPR, took place at the Technische Universitaet Muenchen from October 19 to 22, 1982. The conference was organized by the International Association for Pattern Recognition, IAPR, and the Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Musterer kennung, DAGM, under the guidance of Prof. Dr.-Ing. H. Marko.

The IAPR is an association with 20 national member societies from 15 countries, the Federal Republic of Germany being represented by the DAGM - a study group of 7 German scientific societies. Of a series of six this was the first conference to take place in Germany, earlier conferences were held in Washington, D.C. (1973), Copenhagen (1974) Coronado (1976), Kyoto (1978) and Miami (1980), the next one will be in Montreal, Canada (1984). The Munich conference was sponsored by the Federal Ministry of Research and Technology, the Free State of Bavaria, the City of Munich, the Technische Universitaet Muenchen, the Gesellschaft fur Strahlen- und Umweltforshung m.b.H and the SIEMENS AG.

With an attendance of almost 700 participants from 27 countries, the Munich ICPR was the largest so far. In parallel sessions 251 papers were presented which were selected from 337 submitted papers. Furthermore, the program included 15 invited introductory papers for the scientific sessions, 4 panel discussions with experts from various countries and an exhibition of 50 chosen posters. The participants presenting papers came from 23 countries, the majority of them (about 75%) from the USA, the Federal Republic of Germany, Japan and France.

A remarkable feature of the Munich conference was that special care was not just given to the scientific standard of the program, but that the application of pattern recognition was emphasized, too. For the first time the ICPR was accompanied by a technical exhibition - where fifteen companies and major research institutions were represented - and visits to research and development facilities - where 9 institutions including the Technische Universitat, local research facilities and industry could be visited.

The conference program covered all fields of pattern recognition and its applications. The main interest was focused on computer-aided picture processing with all its aspects. Contributions from the field of artificial intelligence, particularly methods for the representation and usage of knowledge as well as search and control strategies, mark a new epoch for the topic of image understanding. Remarkable progress has been achieved also with regard to the scientific penetration of this complex subject and the development of standardized theories and strategies.

Concerning practical applications, industrial and medical applications were predominant. Pattern recognition techniques offer advantage, where data from repetitive measurements at the present is evaluated and interpreted by persons; for example, inspectorial and diagnostic work. Automatic recognition of workpieces and components in quality control, production and fault detection, as well as the automatic inspection and analysis of integrated circuits are typical areas of

applications of pattern recognition in the industrial environment. Methods for automatic character recognition, computer-aided analysis, document processing and text interpretation aim for clerical occupations, enhancing the efficiency of the workflow in management, office organization and administration. In the medical field the main objectives are automated detection and classification of pathological cell structures (e.g., preventive cancer tests) as well as computer-aided evaluation of blood pressure curves, electrocardiograms and electroencephalograms.

The conference provided an excellent survey of the field of pattern recognition; to the expert it offered the opportunity for profound and detailed discussions with colleagues from all over the world and for potential users it supplied access to comprehensive information on the future expectations. The conference proved clearly that the findings and methods of pattern recognition will have significant influence on the further development of information and communication technology.

The PROCEEDINGS of the 6th International Conference on Pattern Recognition, IEEE Catalog No. 82 CH 1801-0, Computer Society Order No. 436, contained in 2 volumes with just over 1200 pages the papers and posters presented at the conference. They may be ordered from the IEEE Computer Society, P.O.B. 80452, Worldway Postal Center, Los Angeles, CA 90080, USA.

Manfred Lang
Publications Chairman 6th ICPR

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### CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SIMULATION IN ENGINEERING SCIENCES IMACS '83 Symposium Nantes (France) 9-11 May 1983

This international symposium is organized by IMACS (International Association for Mathematics and Computers in Simulation) with the help of AFCET (Association Francaise pour la Cybernetique Economique et Technique) and ENSM (Ecole Nationale Superieure de Mecanique de Nantes). Local organization is achieved by the Automatic Control Laboratory, a research team linked with the CNRS.

The purpose is to bring together the engineers and researchers concerned with the automation of mechanical and energetic processes, in order to take stock of their knowledge in the field of simulation.

The program of the symposium, available on request from AFCET, includes four plenary sessions in which current subjects will be dealt with, such

as PARALLEL CALCULATION, SIMULATION SOFTWARE, SIMULATION OF THE ENERGETIC, ECONOMIC AND ECOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF AN INDUSTRIAL SYSTEM, AND SIMULATION OF FLUID OUTFLOW. The international program committee has accepted about sixty original papers presented by authors from all the highly industrialized nations. Only one out of three papers are of French origin.

The themes studied during the sessions will deal with the methods and techniques of simulation and control, the simulation tools, hardware and software, the applications to various fields such as energetics, biology, chemistry, mechanics and vehicles. It is also worth noting that two sessions will be devoted to manipulators and robots.

All along the symposium scientific demonstrations will be performed close by the lecture rooms, their purpose being to display simulation hardware and software.

For further information and detailed programme:

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Ecole Franco-Allemande de Robotique ROBOTIQUE: PERCEPTION ET INTELLIGENCE ARTIFICIELLE Bonas (Gers-France) 16-21 Mai 1983

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SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM OF 11th I.C.A.
TOULOUSE JULY 15-16 1983
Process of Phonetic Encoding
and Decoding of Speech

Chairman: Professor G. Perennou
Universite Paul Sabatier,

Venue: Universite Paul Sabatier, Toulouse

Objectives and programme: This symposium will attempt to clarify the mechanisms which make it possible to pass from an acoustic signal to its phonologic description and vice versa, both with the human being and in systems of synthesis and systems of automatic recognition of human speech. This symposium will bring together the various approaches of phonetics, experimental psychology and automated speech recognition. The two-day session will proceed through a succession of plenary papers, invited contributions, poster sessions and round tables.

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## **WORKSHOPS**

Specialist Workshop
PATTERN RECOGNITION IN PHOTOGRAMMETRY
27-29 September 1983 (Tuesday-Thursday)

Grazer Congress
Schmiedgasse 2, A-8010
Graz, Austria

Main Topics

RECONSTRUCTION OF 3-D OBJECT SHAPE
Parallax Detection, Shape from Shading,
Determination of Sensor Orientation,
Image Transformation (Rectification,
etc.), Aircraft and Satellite Images,
Radar, Medical and Industrial, etc.

KNOWLEDGE-BASED IMAGE ANALYSIS AND IMAGE UNDERSTANDING

Knowledge Models and Digital Maps, Image-Based Information Systems, Map-Guided Image Analysis, Computer-Assisted Photo-Interpretation, Use of Terrain Data and of Image Simulation, etc.

DATA STRUCTURES AND CONVERSIONS
Line Following, Vectorization in Scanned
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Vectorized Data, Effect of Data
Structures, Data Compression.

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Abstracts of Proposed Papers: 30 April 1983

THIRD ASSP WORKSHOP ON
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Stanford Sierra Camp
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The Workshop is sponsored by the IEEE Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing Society.

The objective of the Workshop is to provide a forum for discussion of new theoretical developments in multidimensional digital signal processing and of applications to "real world" problems. The intent is to attract researchers from many diverse fields who ordinarily do not have such an opportunity for discussions together.

The Workshop will consist of plenary sessions of a tutorial character, poster sessions where each participant will make a presentation, and parallel sessions of a traditional workshop nature. Three main themes have been identified for the Workshop:

DSP ALGORITHMS
Spectral Estimation, Interaction Between Signal
Processing and Artificial Intelligence, Signal
Modeling and System Identification, Fast
Algorithms for Signal Processing

IMAGE APPLICATIONS
Image Models, Image Reconstruction from Incomplete
Observations, Computerized Imaging and Tomography,
Computer and VLSI Architecture for Image
Processing

GEOPHYSICAL APPLICATIONS
Satellite Data Processing and Imaging, Seismic
Modeling, Wave Equation Migration, Seismic Inverse
Problems

Attendance at the Workshop will be by both invitation and application. For information concerning participation, please contact the Registration Chairman prior to June 1, 1983:

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JAPANESE DOMESTIC ACTIVITIES
IN PATTERN RECOGNITION AND IMAGE PROCESSING

The Institute of Electronics and Communication Engineers of Japan has an interest group on "pattern recognition and learning". The group holds a meeting once for every month and a few papers are presented. The papers listed here were presented at the October, November, January, and February meetings. In December the group had a special topic of knowledge engineering and the papers were a little remote from IAPR interest, so they have not been included.

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