

Preface
Message from the Guest Editors-In-Chief

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We are pleased to present this special issue of invited papers from the Third Pacific-Rim Symposium on Image and Video Technology (PSIVT), held in Tokyo, Japan, on January 13-16, 2009. PSIVT provides a forum for presenting and exploring the newest research and developments in image and video technology, in topics ranging from imaging hardware and image/video analysis to computer vision applications, visualization and video communications. The continued success of this symposium attests to the dynamic progress and important contributions of the Pacific-Rim scientific community in this field.

This special issue contains eight extended versions of papers chosen for oral presentation at PSIVT2009. Submissions to the symposium underwent a rigorous and highly selective review process, with 39 of the 247 submitted papers accepted for oral presentation. The papers appearing in this issue passed through an additional review cycle, with each submission evaluated by an associate editor and three reviewers. We believe that this review process has yielded a fine collection of papers that provide valuable contributions to image and video technology.

We would like to thank the authors for submitting their excellent papers to the special issue. We also express our thanks to all the reviewers who dedicated a significant amount of time and helped to improve the quality of the papers.

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