

**Preface**  
**Message from the Guest Editors-In-Chief**

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We are pleased to present the special issue of papers selected from the 9th Asian Conference on Computer Vision (ACCV), held in Xi'an, China on September 23-27, 2009. ACCV is the largest computer vision conference held in the Asia/Oceanic region. The participants in ACCV come from many different countries across the world, making ACCV a truly international conference.

This special issue contains extended versions of four of the papers chosen for oral presentation at ACCV2009. Submissions to the conference underwent a rigorous and highly selective review process, as a result of which only 35 papers from 670 submissions were 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 the computer vision field.

In addition, the authors Sosuke Matsui, Takahiro Okabe, Mihoko Shimano and Yoichi Sato have received the 50th Anniversary Paper Award from The Information Processing Society of Japan for their paper "Image Enhancement of Low-Light Scenes with Near-Infrared Flash Images," which is included in this special issue. Congratulations!

We thank all the authors who submit their excellent papers to the special issue and finally we also thank all the reviewers who dedicated their time and who helped to improve the quality of the papers.

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