

## Technical Chairman's Message



On behalf of the Technical Program Committee, I welcome you to the Eighth International Conference on Control, Automation, Robotics and Vision (ICARCV2004). We have assembled an interesting and exciting Technical Program covering the main theme of the Conference, namely control, automation, robotics, computer vision and emerging technologies. The Technical Program consists of many high quality papers that describe the state-of-art in these areas. We have received an overwhelming response with a total of 920 submissions including 159 invited papers, a record number of submissions in the ICARCV history.

The Technical Program Committee consists of 26 well known researchers in various research areas and from all over the world. Each submitted paper has gone through rigorous peer reviews to ensure the quality of accepted papers. We have selected 425 papers to be included in 54 oral sessions and 8 interactive sessions. This represents an overall acceptance rate of only 46%, or 37% for normal submitted papers, a lowest acceptance rate in the ICARCV history. We have also made significant efforts in organizing invited sessions in ICARCV2004. A total of 141 invited papers are included in 29 invited sessions. Also, for the first time of the ICARCV history, we introduce interactive sessions.

We shall be presenting a Best Paper Award during the conference. Nominated by reviewers and recommended by the Program Sub-Committee of each of the five areas, 12 papers have been selected by the Technical Program Committee. The selected papers are further evaluated by our distinguished members of the International Advisory Committee to produce five finalists. The Best Paper will then be chosen by the Best Paper Selection Committee after further evaluation of the oral presentations of the five finalists during the conference. The selection of the best paper is based on technical quality and presentations including both written and oral presentations. The Best Paper Award will be announced and presented during the Conference Banquet.

On behalf of the Technical Program Committee, I would like to thank all our reviewers for their expert reviews which are invaluable to the Committee in making a fair decision on the acceptance/rejection of each paper. I would also like to thank all the invited

session organizers for their great efforts in putting up high quality invited sessions. Thanks also go to the dedication, diligence and commitments of the two Technical Program Co-chairmen, three invited session co-chairs and the 26 members of the Technical Program Committee.

Thank you for your active participation of the conference. I trust that you will find the ICARCV2004 in Kunming of China rewarding, enjoyable and memorable.

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