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# Introduction

This volume contains papers presented at the 16th Document Recognition and Retrieval Conference held in January 2009, in San Jose, CA. The conference is part of the Electronic Imaging Symposium, which brings together researchers from various backgrounds related to electronic imaging for an exciting research event.

In that light we are fortunate to include invited talks on two very diverse topics into our conference. Prof. Xiaoqing Ding of Tsinghua University (China) will give an overview for the field of recognition of modern handwritten documents in Asian languages, whereas Uwe Bergmann and Keith Knox will speak about their work on deciphering a rather ancient document, the Archimedes Palimpsest.

Framed by these two presentations, this volume contains state-of-the-art research covering areas such as document recognition in presence of degradations, handwriting recognition, document image processing, and writer identification.

This year we continue the tradition of giving an award for the Best Student Paper to a paper whose lead author is a full-time student. We gratefully acknowledge Ricoh Innovations for generously sponsoring this award.

We thank the program committee of DRR and the SPIE conference organizers for their help in organizing the conference and facilitating the review. Many thanks go also to the external reviewers for assisting in the review process. At last, we thank all the participating authors of the papers for their contributions to this conference.

As always, we welcome any feedback from readers of this volume and we encourage you to approach any member of the program committee with suggestions for further improvements. The landscape of document processing is constantly changing with a lot of research questions to be discovered in the future. We encourage you to actively search for those questions and use this conference as an opportunity for discussions on your topic of interest with colleagues in a unique interdisciplinary setting.

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