

# ICIP 2007

## General Chair's Message

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The ICIP 2007 Organizing Committee is excited to welcome this year's attendees to the 14th IEEE International Conference on Image Processing in San Antonio, Texas. ICIP 2007 is being held at the Hyatt Regency San Antonio, which is in the heart of the city and within easy walking distance to numerous sights. Just step outside the hotel and you will find San Antonio's famous River Walk. The 2.5 mile historic river district is lined on each side with cobblestone walkways, crossover bridges, restaurants, shops, and nightly entertainment, making it a must-see part of your stay.

San Antonio is probably best known for The Alamo. The Alamo was the site where defenders battled against the Republic of Mexico in a turning point of the Texas Revolution. To make sure that you do not miss this famous location, the ICIP 2007 Welcome Reception is scheduled to be held at Alamo Plaza, complete with food, beverages and entertainment, as well as tours of the Alamo. Whether you merely want to catch up with colleagues or soak in the historic past, this should be a fun event for everyone.

During your visit to San Antonio, you will soon learn that The Alamo is but one of the intriguing aspects of this city. You will be able to get a birds-eye view of the rest of San Antonio at the Conference Banquet. The Conference Banquet will be held at the 750-foot-tall Tower of the Americas, in the revolving restaurant that provides breathtaking, 360-degree views of the city. This tower was originally built in honor of the 1968 World's Fair. If you plan to attend the banquet, please be sure to register early because seating is limited.

You will also find that San Antonio offers numerous other interesting sights. For example, San Antonio has many cultural and historical museums where you can learn about the colorful history of Texas and its diverse people. If your trip to San Antonio includes a weekend, consider visiting the outstanding theme parks. Sea World, the world's largest marine life adventure park, offers a splashy line-up of more than 25 sensational shows, thrilling rides, animal attractions and educational experiences for all ages. Six Flags Fiesta Texas is another exciting theme park with shows, thrilling rides and games for all ages.

The focus of ICIP 2007 will be the technical program, which will feature three plenary sessions, six special sessions on timely and important topics, eight tutorials by experts in the field, and lecture presentations and poster sessions covering the gamut of image processing research. Topics will include image/video coding and transmission; image/video processing; image formation; image scanning, display, and printing; image/video storage, retrieval and authentication; and other applications.

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to the entire Organizing Committee and

Conference Management Services, whose tireless efforts have been essential in making ICIP'07 a reality. Finally, I would like to acknowledge the contributions of the Technical Program Committee members, the reviewers, the session chairs, the student volunteers and the corporate supporters, all of whom are essential elements of this large, team effort.

Jeff Rodriguez, General Chair