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## Preface

It is our great pleasure to introduce the proceedings of VVG'05, the Second International Conference on Video, Vision and Graphics. This event follows the first, successful conference at Bath in July 2003.

There has never been a more exciting moment to work in this area. As technology moves forward relentlessly, memory becomes ever cheaper and more powerful, bandwidths larger, and processors faster and faster. It is now possible with relatively little effort and certainly limited costs to set up complex multi-view, multi-screen systems with large numbers of digital cameras and programmable graphics cards that process video data quantities unimaginable not that many years ago. At the same time, we are witnessing the emergence of new applications, from mobile and wireless communications to immersive collaborative environments, from reverse engineering of large-scale objects to video post-production.

VVG'05 confirms its position as an ideal opportunity to discuss and present convergence research. It remains a mainly academic forum, designed to attract high-quality presentations and ignite technical discussion among researchers moving through the fertile territory straddling computer vision, computer graphics and video communications.

We are indebted to all those who contributed in many different ways to VVG'05. Thank you to André Gagalowicz, Joern Ostermann, Hans-Peter Seidel, and Demetri Terzopoulos, the VVG'05 invited speakers, for their attendance and contributions. We thank Adrian Hilton, Min Chen and John Robinson, Area Chairs for Vision, Graphics and Video areas respectively, for their work on reviewing and publicity. A warm thank you to the whole technical committee for their work and time. We are fortunate to have the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications (IMA) as main sponsor of this event; we thank especially Lucy Nye for her assistance throughout the last year, David Youdan, and also Ralph Martin for starting the whole VVG adventure in 2002. Thank you to Stefanie Behnke and Dieter Fellner of Eurographics for taking care of proceedings production very efficiently. VVG'05 runs under the combined auspices of IMA, EPSRC, Eurographics and the British Machine Vision Association; we thank all these organisations for their support.

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We wish you all a successful, stimulating and enjoyable conference.

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