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FOREWORD

This book contains the abstract proceedings of **WSCG'2008**, the 16th International Conference in Central Europe on Computer Graphics, Visualization and Computer Vision 2008.

Since its starting point in 1992 with about 20 participants from the former Czechoslovakia, it has become an important event on the international Computer Graphics conference calendar.

Submissions to WSCG'2008 came from five continents, including 16 countries in Europe. From these 186 submissions, 159 papers were sent to reviewers, each to be reviewed by at least three experts from the large International Program Committee or external members of the Board of Reviewers. Of these, 47 papers have been accepted to be presented as full papers at WSCG'08, representing a 29,6 % acceptance ratio. The best 20 of these papers have been selected to be published in a special issue of the Journal of WSCG (http://wscq.zcu.cz/jwscq).

There were many very good papers reporting on projects in progress submitted and they were accepted as Communication or poster papers as they present research ideas with high research potential.

All the papers accepted will be available through the conference Digital Library at http://wscg.zcu.cz/DL/wscg_DL.htm. The published papers are also listed on the major international scientific indexes.

WSCG'2008 features three keynote lectures:

- The Visual Computing of Projector-Camera Systems, Oliver Bimber, University of Weimar, Germany
- Perception-Based Integration of Vision and Touch in Virtual Environments, Anatole Lecuyer, INRIA, Rennes, France
- Virtual Iraq: Initial Results from a VR Exposure Therapy Application for Combat-Related Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Albert Rizzo et al., University of Southern California, USA

Finally, we would like to express our thanks to all the authors who submitted technical papers to WSCG'2008, and to the reviewers whose work and dedication made it possible to put together a very exciting program of high technical quality.

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