The 6\textsuperscript{th} IAPR International Conference on Biometrics (ICB-2013), technically co-sponsored by both IEEE (Biometrics Council) and IAPR (Technical Committee on Biometrics - TC4), will have a broad scope and invites papers that advance biometric technologies, sensor design, feature extraction and matching algorithms, analysis of security and privacy, and evaluation of social impact of biometrics technology. Topics will include biometric systems based on fingerprint, iris, face, voice, hand, handwriting, gait and other modalities as well as biometric fusion and emerging biometrics based on novel sensing technologies.

All submissions must clearly articulate the novelty of the work and must report results on publicly available databases when possible. All papers will be carefully subjected to a double blind review process. Together with a top-ranked technical event, Madrid will also offer you the amazing mixture of a major modern and historical European city, its legendary social liveliness, and the appeal of the Mediterranean gastronomy and lifestyle.

Topics of interest include but are not limited to:

**Technologies:** Fingerprint, Iris / Periocular, Face, Speech, Handwriting, Multibiometrics, Palmprint / Fingertip-knuckle-print, Gait and Gesture, Ear, Soft Biometrics

**System Design:** Template selection and update, Smart-card, Large scale, Anti-spoofing, Template protection

**Applications:** Access control, Border control, Law enforcement, Entertainment, Finance, Healthcare, Forensics, Civil registry

**Evaluations:** Confidence interval estimation, Database performance modeling and prediction, Protocols and benchmarking, Usability studies, Social impact

**Important Dates:**
- Paper Submission: Dec 26, 2012
- Author Rebuttal: Feb 11 - 13, 2013
- Decision to Authors: Feb 25, 2013
- Final Manuscript Due: March 29, 2013
- Conference Date: June 4-7, 2013

Prospective authors should submit full-length papers in IEEE format. Submitted papers may not have been accepted or under review elsewhere. Accepted papers will be published by IEEE and will appear in IEEE Xplore.

Submission details and LaTeX/MSWord templates are available at: \url{http://atvs.ii.uam.es/icb2013/}

**Call for Competition Participants**

The availability of common benchmark databases and evaluation protocols has permitted significant gains made in biometrics in recent years. Unbiased evaluation mechanisms should be spread across the scientific community. ICB-2013 is supporting the organization of 8 competitions in fingerprint, iris, face and speaker recognition, indexing, liveness detection and counter measuring. Competitions will be running from Jan 7, 2013 to Mar 22, 2013; database and instructions will be available in late 2012 in the conference website.

**Call for Doctoral Consortium Participants**

The Doctoral Consortium (DC) of ICB-2013 is a networking event that will offer motivated near-completion or recently completed PhD students an opportunity to interact, receive mentoring, and discuss employment opportunities with senior researchers in academia, industry, and government. Student authors of rejected ICB-2013 papers, and those with a minimal publication record but accepted paper(s) are encouraged to participate.

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