

Preface

The 2009 2nd International Congress on Image and Signal Processing (CISP'09) was held during October 17-19, 2009 in Tianjin, China. Tianjin is a financial and commercial center in Northern China. It has experienced a dramatic modernization in the past thirty years. At this dynamic city with a long and splendid history, CISP'09 turned out to be a big success. The conference attracted a total of 2030 submissions from over 30 countries and regions. After rigorous reviews, 1092 high-quality papers were accepted and included in the CISP'09 proceedings, which represents an acceptance rate of 53.8%.

CISP'09 was jointly held with the 2nd International Conference on BioMedical Engineering and Informatics (BMEI'09). CISP'09-BMEI'09 aimed to provide a high-level international forum for scientists and researchers to present the state of the art in various research areas, including multimedia, signal processing, biomedical engineering, and biomedical informatics. The joint conference received a total of 3048 submissions, of which 1591 papers were accepted and included in the CISP'09-BMEI'09 proceedings. The overall acceptance rate is 52.2%.

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