Preface

The 2nd International Workshop on Statistical Methods in Video Processing, SMVP 2004, was held in Prague, Czech Republic, as an associated workshop of ECCV 2004, the 8th European Conference on Computer Vision.

A total of 30 papers were submitted to the workshop. Of these, 17 papers were accepted for presentation and included in these proceedings, following a double-blind review process. The workshop had 42 registered participants.

The focus of the meeting was on recent progress in the application of advanced statistical methods to solve computer vision tasks. The one-day scientific program covered areas of high interest in vision research, such as dense reconstruction of 3D scenes, multibody motion segmentation, 3D shape inference, errors-in-variables estimation, probabilistic tracking, information fusion, optical flow computation, learning for nonstationary video data, novelty detection in dynamic backgrounds, background modeling, grouping using feature uncertainty, and crowd segmentation from video.

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We hope you will find these proceedings both inspiring and of high scientific quality.

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