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Preface

Following the highly successful conferences held in Antibes (ECCV '90), Santa Margherita Ligure (ECCV '92), Stockholm (ECCV '94), and Cambridge (ECCV '96), the Fifth European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV '98) will take place from 2–6 June 1998 at the University of Freiburg, Germany. It is an honour for us to host this conference which has turned out to be one of the major events for the computer vision community. The conference will be held under the auspices of the European Vision Society (EVS) and the German Association for Pattern Recognition (DAGM).

ECCV is a single track conference consisting of highest quality, previously unpublished, contributed papers on new and original research on computer vision presented either orally or as posters. 223 manuscripts were reviewed double-blind each by three reviewers from the program committee. Forty-two papers were selected to be delivered orally and seventy to be presented at poster sessions.

Based on a generous donation from the OLYMPUS Europe Foundation "Science for Life" 10,000.- DM will be awarded for the best papers.

ECCV '98 is being held at the University of Freiburg, located in the lovely surroundings of the Black Forest. It is one of the oldest universities in Germany, founded in 1457, with an outstanding international reputation. This university with a long tradition has been recently enriched through the foundation of a new 15th Faculty for Applied Sciences consisting of two Institutes: the Institute of Computer Science which will host the ECCV '98 and the Institute of Microsystem Technology.

We wish to thank the members of the program committee and the conference board for their help in the reviewing process. It is their competence and hard work which provides the key for the continuing success of this conference series.

Our thanks are extended also to the University of Freiburg and its rector W. Jäger for hosting this conference; to Springer-Verlag in Heidelberg for their support of this conference through the proceedings; and to k&k for the local organization.

Finally we would like to express our appreciation to the members of our institutes and especially to Nikos Canterakis, to Christoph Schnörr, and to Helen Brodie for their never-ending patience and humour.

We wish all participants a successful and inspiring conference and a pleasant stay in Freiburg.

Freiburg, March 1998 Hans Burkhardt and Bernd Neumann

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