

PREMIA NEWSLETTER (ISSUE 2)

Members' Spotlight: Dr. Graham Leedham

Who needs PIN numbers and passwords when your face and vein patterns will do the trick? Welcome to the world of biometrics - the stuff of the new Forensics and Security (ForSe) Lab at the School of Computer Engineering. Read the full story on [NTU staff digest](http://www.ntu.edu.sg/corpcomms2/StaffDigest/2006/SD0406.pdf) <<http://www.ntu.edu.sg/corpcomms2/StaffDigest/2006/SD0406.pdf>> April issue (page 3).

If you would like to share your new research work with PREMIA members, please email to kanmy@comp.nus.edu.sg.

PREMIA short course

Following the success of our last short course, we are pleased to announce a short course for "Digital Image Processing Fundamentals: Theory and Applications", sponsored by [TechSource](http://www.techsource.com.sg/index.asp) <<http://www.techsource.com.sg/index.asp>> to be offered as follows:

Instructor: Dr Terence Sim

Date: 12-14 July (3x7 hours: 9.00 am-1.00 pm, 2.00pm-5.00pm)

Venue: Programming Lab 2, S15 02-14, School of Computing, NUS

Abstract:

This short course provides an introduction to basic image processing techniques with some exposure of the latest advanced development. The course aims at strengthening the attendees the fundamental principles in image acquisition, image processing and manipulation to better serve effective application of these techniques in real applications. Some real-life examples will be used to reinforce the teaching. Matlab/C instructions implementing the image processing techniques will be demonstrated to the attendees. Hands-on sessions are planned to reinforce the principles learned in the course. Attendees can contact the instructor before July if they wish their own images to be used in their hands-on session as well as the objective of processing these images.

Registration is limited and only a limited number of seats are still open for the course. Click [here](http://www.premia-sg.org/index.php?option=com_events&task=showevent&event_id=14) <http://www.premia-sg.org/index.php?option=com_events&task=showevent&event_id=14> to get more information and registration instructions.

AGM 2006 cum Members' Night in August

The 2006 Annual General Meeting (AGM) in August is approaching. This year, we would like to make it a special event by organizing it as a Members' Night. All members (full members as well as student members) are invited free of charge to the event which will be held on 11 August (Friday) at Antica Room I, level 2, Orchard Parade Hotel, 1 Tanglin Road.

We will begin the night with a talk entitled "Data Mining Demystified" by Prof. Koh Hian Chye, Dean, School of Business, SIM University. A limited number of copies of Prof. Koh's book on Data

Mining will also be given to attending members that night subject to availability of stock by courtesy of Prof. Koh. After the talk, members are invited to a buffet dinner while we will also conduct the AGM plus election at the same time. Further details about the registration the AGM/Members' Night will be sent to members nearer the date. Also, this is the election year for our AGM. Members will be invited in due course to nominate members for election to the board for the term 2006-2008.

Upcoming Asia/Pacific Rim IAPR conferences and events

[MVA 07]: 16-18 May 2007 Tokyo - 10th International Conference on Machine Vision Applications. Deadline 15 Dec 2006

[ICPR 06]: 20-24 August 2006 Hong Kong - 18th International Conference on Pattern Recognition.

[S+SSPR 06]: 17-19 August Hong Kong - International Workshops on Statistical, Syntactical and Structure Pattern Recognition

A full list of conferences is available directly from the IAPR website at:

<http://www.iapr.org/conferences>

IAPR newsletter

Get the latest issue from PREMIA website <http://www.premia-sg.org> or IAPR website <http://www.iapr.org/Newsletter06-02/>.

PREMIA Members' benefits

Join PREMIA, a chapter of the International Association of Pattern Recognition (IAPR) <<http://www.iapr.org/>>. Benefits of PREMIA membership include:

- All the benefits of IAPR membership, including the quarterly IAPR e- Newsletter, and a 10% discount in registration fees for all IAPR conferences and workshops <<http://www.iapr.org/conferences/>>.

- PREMIA Members enjoy discounted or free attendance at local PREMIA events, including industry outreach activities, focused seminars, conferences, courses, or lectures.

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