# Message from the General Chair
# and Program Chairs

Our heartiest welcome to DAS 2012, the 10th IAPR International Workshop on Document Analysis Systems being held on the Gold Coast, Australia.

DAS 2012 is the tenth workshop in the series. Previous DAS workshops were held in Kaiserslautern, Germany (1994); Malvern, PA, USA (1996); Nagano, Japan (1998); Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (2000); Princeton, NJ, USA (2002); Florence, Italy (2004); Nelson, New Zealand (2006), Nara, Japan (2008) and Boston, USA (2010).

DAS 2012 is a single-track peer-reviewed, 100% participation conference and it attempts to bring together industrialists and academics, as well as practitioners and theoreticians from numerous related disciplines involved in document analysis systems research and to provide opportunities for interactions between them.

On behalf of the organizing committee, we are happy to announce that we received 131 submissions from researchers of 32 countries around the world. The program committee Chairs invited 126 international reviewers (including the program committee members) to review the papers. All papers have been refereed by at least three reviewers (115 papers were reviewed by three reviewers and the other 16 papers were reviewed by four reviewers). Finally, 91 papers were accepted, of which 36 are for oral presentation and 55 are for poster presentation.

These accepted papers cover diverse areas of preprocessing, feature extraction, segmentation, recognition, signature verification, text classification, image retrieval techniques, video document processing, document image decoding, graphical document processing, performance evaluation, historical and handwriting documents,  different systems on document analysis etc. The final program consists of seven oral sessions, two poster sessions and one discussion session.

In addition, one distinguished speaker, Dr. Samy Bengio, Research Scientist in Machine Learning, Google Inc. California, USA has accepted our invitation to deliver a keynote talk at the workshop. He will deliver the keynote address on "Learning A Semantic Space: From Image Annotation to Music Similarity". We thank him sincerely for accepting our invitation to deliver the keynote. We would also like to express our sincere thanks to Professor Gernot Fink of Technische Universität Dortmund, Germany and Professor Koichi Kise of Osaka Prefecture University, Japan for their informative tutorials.

At this point we thank all the researchers who showed interest in this DAS by sending contributed papers. Thanks are also due to all chairs of various activities, program committee members, reviewers, and local organizing committee members including the Institute for Integrated and Intelligent Systems (IIIS) at Griffith University for their strong support and active participation. Griffith University, including the Science, Environment, Engineering and Technology Group, as well as Gold Coast Tourism and the Gold Coast City Council have extended their support in organizing the workshop to a great extent. We sincerely thank all of them for their kind help. Last but not the least; we would like to extend a special thanks to our valued sponsors of the workshop.

We hope you will find your stay fruitful and rewarding. We trust that you will enjoy the exchange of technical and scientific ideas during the three days of DAS 2012 as well as getting a flavour of the

Gold Coast city, which is one of the most famous and most beautiful tourist destinations in Australia. We extend our warmest welcome to you, and hope that your visit will be a memorable one!

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