Announcement

Most Cited Paper Award

The Publisher presents the second annual "Most Cited Paper Award" for Computer Vision and Image Understanding. Our most cited paper award offers an alternative to committee-selected "best papers". The only objective and transparent metric that is highly correlated with the quality of a paper is the number of citations. We hope that the design of this most cited paper award will ensure fairness and equal opportunity for all authors published in the Journal. It is our hope that this award will stimulate the best minds to release their best work.

Papers for this distinction are determined solely based on the highest number of cites, excluding self-citations, received for all journal articles published between the years 2005 and 2007 [data culled from SCOPUS reports (www.scopus.com) created on January 15, 2008]. The winning paper, for the second year in a row, is "Recent advances in visual and infrared face recognition—A review", by S.G. Kong, J. Heo, B.R. Abidi, J. Paik, M.A. Abidi, Comput. Vis. Image Understanding 97 (2005) 103–135. Kong et al. was referenced 40 times between the date of publication and December 31, 2007 when measured by the above-referenced methodology. We also extend honorable mention to K.W. Bowyer, K. Chang, P. Flynn for their article entitled "A survey of approaches and challenges in 3D and multi-modal 3D + 2D face recognition", Comput. Vis. Image Understanding 101 (2006) 1–15, which received 38 cites.
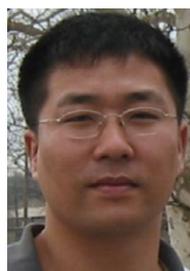
We once again congratulate Drs. Kong, Heo, Abidi, Paik, and Abidi for this great achievement.

Biographical sketches

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