

# Message from the Chairs

On behalf of everyone involved in the organization of ICMI 2008 and the ACM Society, we would like to welcome all participants to the 10th International Conference on Multimodal Interfaces. ICMI is a truly interdisciplinary conference attracting contributions from both the computer science and engineering community. Following the example of recent successful ICMI conferences, we have tried to put together an exciting technical program with special sessions, keynotes and demos in both emerging and established research areas of multimodal processing and interaction.

This year the ICMI program includes 44 regular papers, 4 special session papers, 2 keynote presentations, 1 tutorial presentation and 7 demo presentations. The acceptance rate for regular papers was 48%; all papers received at least three reviews. The technical program is organized in five oral sessions, two poster sessions, one demo session and one panel discussion over three days. In addition, the program contains one special session in the exciting emerging area of social signal processing. The program includes keynote addresses in the area of multimodal interaction and multimedia processing by two distinguished researchers, Phil Cohen and George Drettakis. For more information, see the detailed technical program that follows.

ICMI takes place this year in an especially beautiful setting in a region rich in natural beauty, history, memories and culture. We hope that the setting will inspire creativity and brainstorming among participants. While at the conference, don't forget to visit the old city of Chania with its famed Venetian harbour and narrow colourful streets. If you are able to spend extra time in Chania, consider exploring the natural beauty of the region by taking excursions to the Samaria Gorge, Falasarna, Elafonisi or Gramvousa.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the members of the organizing committee for a great collaboration, the scientific review committee for the high quality review process and the staff at ACM for their help. Many thanks go to the staff at the Telecommunication Systems Institute and the Technical University of Crete, as well as the student volunteers, all of whom made the staging of this event possible. Finally we wish to offer our sincere thanks to our supporters: Nokia Research, Microsoft Research, and Dialogos Inc.

All in all, we hope that you will find that the 10th International Conference on Multimodal Interfaces a rewarding and fulfilling experience both at the scientific and personal level.

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*ICMI 2008 General Chairs*