Image and video storage and retrieval continues to be one of the most exciting and fastest-growing research areas in the field of multimedia technology. However, opportunities for the exchange of ideas between different groups of researchers, and between researchers and potential users of image/video retrieval systems, are still limited. The International Conference on Image and Video Retrieval (CIVR) series of conferences was originally set up to illuminate the state of the art in image and video retrieval between researchers and practitioners throughout the world. This conference aims to provide an international forum for the discussion of challenges in the fields of image and video retrieval. CIVR2004 is seeking original high quality submissions addressing innovative research in the broad field of image and video retrieval.

A unique feature of the conference is the high level of participation from practitioners. Applications papers and presentations suitable for a wide audience are therefore particularly welcome.

**Important Dates:**
- **Paper Submission:** 6th February '04
- **Notification of Acceptance:** 19th March '04
- **Camera Ready Copy:** 16th April '04

**Topics of interest include but are not limited to:**
- Query models, paradigms, and languages for image/video retrieval
- Content-based indexing, search and retrieval of images & video
- Human perception based image/video retrieval
- Image/video search and browsing on the Web
- Similarity measures between images/video
- Multimedia content analysis and understanding
- Semantic retrieval of images and video
- Advanced descriptors and similarity metrics for audio and video
- Evaluation of image and video retrieval systems
- Studies of information-seeking behaviour among image/video users
- HCl issues in image/video retrieval
- Database architectures for image/video retrieval
- High performance image/video indexing algorithms
- Novel image data management systems and applications
- Affective/Emotional interaction or interfaces for image/video retrieval
- Interaction with medical image databases
- Satellite imagery analysis/retrieval
- Image/Video summarization and visualization
- Learning and relevance feedback in image/video retrieval

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