The 10th International Workshop on Digital Mammography (IWDM) was held between June 16-18, 2010 in Girona, Catalonia, organized by the Computer Vision and Robotics Group at The University of Girona. The scientific sessions were held at the Girona Auditorium and Conference Centre during the two and a half days along with a Technical Exhibition.

Tuesday 15th June

The Welcome Reception took place on Tuesday afternoon at the Sala de Descans of the recently redesigned Theatre of Girona, next to the Girona Town Hall. After a short speech by Dr. Joan Martí as the Workshop Chair, the Girona Tourism Councillor Ms. Cristina Alsina welcomed the workshop delegates and highlighted some interesting touristic places in Girona. The Welcome Reception continued with a cocktail where cava (the catalan champagne) and montaditos (bread toasts with different toppings) were served. Later, an hour of walking tour through the Girona old quarter revealed the unexplored and picturesque views of the city OR offered the possibilities to explore the picturesque views of the city.

Wednesday 16th June

The Workshop started early on Wednesday, the 16th June at the Auditorium and Conference Centre of Girona. The event also included a technical exhibition with stalls of Barco, Hologic, Planmed, Philips, Dexela, GE Healthcare, Totoku, and X-Ray Imatek.

The ceremony was inaugurated by Dr. Joan Martí and Dr. Josep Cabó, the Research Vice-Chancellor of the University of Girona, that led to the start of the scientific sessions with the oral session about Computer Aided Diagnosis (CAD). The duration of the morning coffee break allowed the attendees to visit the Technical Exhibition as well as to view the scientific posters displayed next to the exhibitors. After the break, Dr. Melcior Sentis (UDIAT Sabadell) and Dr. Cristina Romero (Hospital de Toledo) discussed "Transition to Digital mammography. Challenges and future trends" through their plenary talk. The last oral session in the morning was devoted to Image Processing and Analysis I.

After the morning sessions, a buffet lunch was served in the conference centre enabling interactions between the delegates.

Thursday 17th June

The second day of the workshop comprised of the same schedule as the previous day: it started with an oral session about Clinical Experiences, followed by a simultaneous coffee break, poster viewing session and the Technical Exhibition. After the break, the plenary speech was delivered by Dr. Ingvar Andersson, from Malmö University Hospital (Sweden), who raised the question: "Breast Tomosynthesis - Mammography of the future?" An oral session about Breast Density was followed by the lunch break. During the afternoon, two more oral sessions (Digital Breast Tomosynthesis and Image Processing and Analysis II) were interleaved by the second Poster session during the coffee break.

On Thursday night, the Conference Gala Dinner twas organized at Mas Marroch. This restaurant is owned by “El Celler de Can Roca” which has been recently awarded with the 3rd Michelin star. Mas Marroch is a restored typical Catalan farmhouse located near Girona. During the dinner, two of the most renowned members of the IWDM Scientific Committee, (Michael Brady and Heinz-Otto Peitgen) announced their retirement from this Committee after several years of activity. In addition, Joan Martí announced that the next edition of the IWDM (in 2012) will be hosted by Andrew Maidment of the Physics Section at the Radiology Department of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

Friday 18th June

The last workshop day started with the oral session devoted to Lesion Detection. At the end of this session, a short overview about Philadelphia and its main attractions were presented by Andrew Maidment. The morning coffee break gave the final opportunity to the attendees to interact with the exhibitors at the Technical Exhibition and with the authors of the posters. Later, a plenary talk was delivered by Prof Sir Michael Brady (University of Oxford, UK), who elaborated on “Information from Breast Images”.

Afterwards, the oral session about Registration concluded the scientific activities of the workshop. The closing remarks were presented by Dr Joan Guanyabens (Health Department of the Government of Catalonia), Dr Josep Cabó (University of Girona) and Dr. Joan Martí.

The IWDM organization would like to thank all the attendees as well as the sponsors and exhibitors for their extended support during the conference days.
IWDM 2010 in Pictures, complete picture gallery in: http://iwdm2010.org/

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