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This meeting marked the 40th year from the first SPIE Medical Imaging meeting. This paper presents a brief summary of the 40-year history of the meeting, with an emphasis on the Physics Conference. That is, when the meeting split into multiple conferences, data are presented mostly for the Physics conference only.

The first conference was held in 1972 in Chicago and it was called: *Application of Optical Instrumentation in Medicine*.

“We have endeavored, by way of the seminar, to provide a communication link between those with expertise in the various technologies associated with image forming devices and those in the medical field who rely on the fruits of these technologies for many of their diagnostic tools...there is a genuine interest among those in the medical field for a better understanding of the fundamental technology of imaging systems.” William C. Zarnstropp, General Chairman

For the next 40 years, with the exception of 1978 the meeting was held annually.

The first 13 conferences were entitled: *Application of Optical Instrumentation in Medicine*, appended with a roman numeral. The 14th meeting (1986) was modified to recognize the growing importance of PACS to the meeting: *Application of Optical Instrumentation in Medicine XIV and Picture Archiving and Communication Systems (PACS IV) for Medical Applications*. The following year, the conference name changed to “Medical Imaging” as it is known today, although the first 6 were denoted by roman numerals. Starting in 1993, the year was appended to the title.

The meeting started as a single track, two-day conference, and now has 8 distinct conferences covering five days plus an additional day of courses.

In 1988, the proceedings were published in two volumes, 914A and 914B. The former covering physics, image processing, and perception and the latter display and PACS. The following year (1989) each of those two split in two so that there were now four conferences:

1. *Medical Imaging III: Image Formation*
2. *Medical Imaging III: Image Capture and Display*
3. *Medical Imaging III: Image Processing*
4. *Medical Imaging III: PACS System Design and Evaluation*

These sessions were partially overlapping and, thus, for the first time, the meeting had parallel session.

This configuration of conferences remained until 1994 when Image Perception and Physiology and Function from Multidimensional Images were added. In 1997, Ultrasonic Transducer Engineering was added. In 2007, Computer-Aided Diagnosis was added.

From 1976 to 1983, the meeting was held in conjunction with or preceding the American Roentgen Ray Society. As a result, the location of the meeting changed annually. Starting in 1985, the meeting was held in Newport Beach, CA, and this was home for the next 10 years, except in 1991, the meeting was held in San Jose in conjunction with the Electronic Imaging meeting. In 1995, the meeting was then moved to San Diego, and then returned once more to Newport Beach, before moving to San Diego till 2009. Since 2009 the meeting has been alternating between San Diego and Lake Buena Vista, FL.

In the Introduction to the proceedings in 1984, Chairman Roger Schneider wrote:

This meeting, the twelfth in the series ... was intended to be a change in direction from recent meetings in the series, a reversion to the attack on fundamental problems in imaging which earlier meetings represented. We also desired to bring onto the floor a recognition that the scientific interest in imaging

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is more broad and active now than it was a decade ago and that substantial progress has been made in formulating at least the structure of an understanding of the conveyance of information to human observers through imaging channels. ... We recognized the current intense interest in development of medical systems based upon the most contemporary image communication and storage technologies, and included that topic. The design goal was to address the physics and statistics of image encoding by modality; and the processing, display, archiving, management, and psychophysical considerations independently of modality, as far as possible.

It took 2 years for this new emphasis to flourish. Beginning in 1986, the attendance and the number of papers increased rapidly (as can be seen in the plots below).

Finally, it is important to note that every year for the past 40 years, the Center for Devices and Radiological Health, FDA (formerly, the Bureau for Radiological Health) has been a cosponsor or supporting organization. Further, many members of the CDRH/BRH have helped organize the meeting, such as Robert Wagner, Robert Jennings, Roger Schneider, David Brown and several others. Their contributions to this meeting mirror the impact that the CDRH/BRH have had on the field.

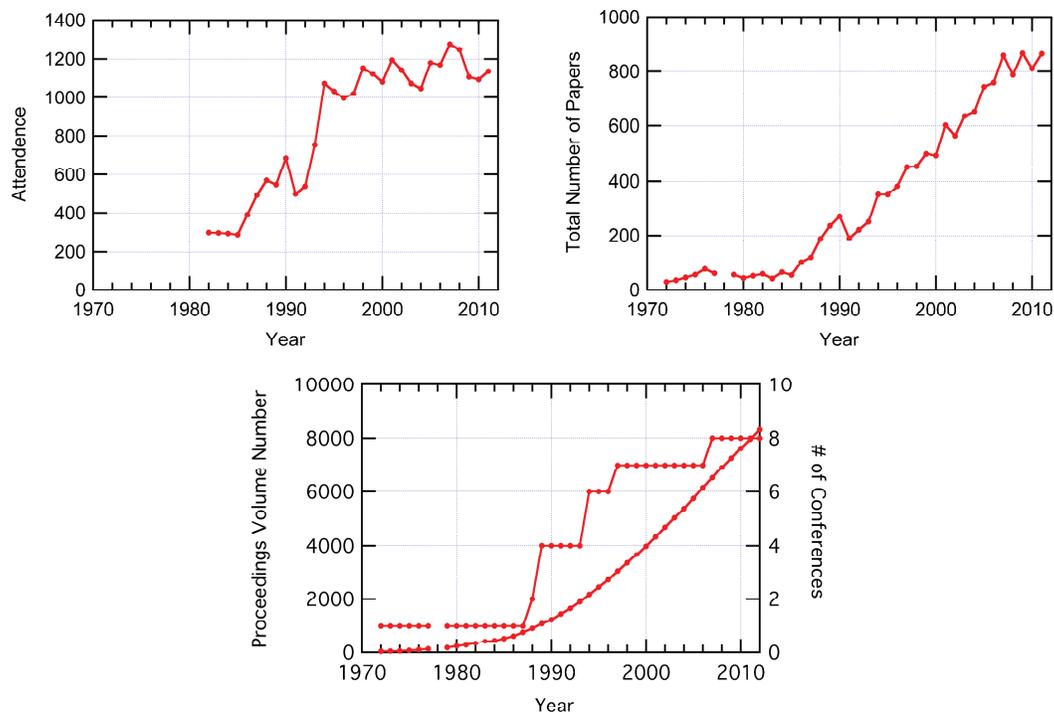


Figure 1. These plots capture some of the statistics from the meeting over time.

1.1 Fun Facts

Bob Wagner dubbed 1984-1987, the Palindrome Years.

The first digital mammography paper and the first dual-energy mammography paper were presented in 1983.

The first computer-aided diagnosis (CAD) paper was presented in 1985.

The first Proceedings (Vol. 35) had a black cover and was hard bound. All subsequent Proceedings had a yellow cover and were soft bound.

The first posters were in 1988. Each poster had 3 full poster boards and wine was served at the poster session.

Although there was no “Medical Imaging” meeting in 1978, there was another medical imaging themed conferences: Recent and Future Developments in Medical Imaging I; edited by Norman A. Baily.

In 2001, the proceedings were distributed on CD for the first time.

Table 1. Number of years serving as a Conference Chair (includes all Conferences) or serving on the Physics Committee (including being Chair). Years on Physics Committee includes committee membership when there was only a single conference and only the Physics Committee when there were multiple conferences.

Years Served as a Conference Chair		Years Served on Physics Committee	
Samuel J. Dwyer III	13	Robert F. Wagner	19
Roger H. Schneider	12	Hans Roehrig	13
R. Gilbert Jost	11	Martin J. Yaffe	12
Yongmin Kim	10	Robert J. Jennings	12
William R. Hendee	8	Harrison H. Barrett	11
Anne V. Clough	7	Arthur E. Burgess	10
Murray H. Loew	7	James T. Dobbins III	10
Joel E. Gray	6	John M. Boone	10
Kenneth M. Hanson	6	Richard L. Van Metter	10
Steven C. Horii	6	Rodney Shaw	10
Arthur G. Haus	5	Roger H. Schneider	10
Elizabeth A. Krupinski	5	John Yorkston	9
Eric A. Hoffman	5	Kunio Doi	9
Harold L. Kundel	5	Larry E. Antonuk	9
K. Kirk Shung	5	Stephen W. Smith	9
Seong K. Mun	5	Bruce R. Whiting	8
William F. Walker	5	Jacob Beutel	8
		Arthur G. Haus	7
		Ian A. Cunningham	7
		John A. Rowlands	7
		Judith M. S. Prewitt	7
		Kenneth M. Hanson	7
		Michael J. Flynn	7
		Murray H. Loew	7
		Robert A. Kruger	7
		Robert M. Nishikawa	7
		Samuel J. Dwyer III	7
		Stephen R. Thomas	7
		Steven C. Horii	7
		Thomas G. Flohr	7

1.2 Summary of Each Meeting

Following is a brief summary of each meeting from 1972-2012. When there were multiple conferences at the meeting, the summary focuses mainly on the Physics Conference. I also have most of this information in an excel spreadsheet. It is available from the author to those who would like it.

Overview of the 40-Year History of the SPIE Medical Imaging Meeting

1972

Application of Optical Instrumentation In Medicine (In-depth-Seminar)

Chicago Nov 29-30
Vol. 35 29 papers Attendance: n/a

Sponsors, Co-Sponsors & Supporting Organizations
SPIE; BRH; ASNR; SNM; UWMS; AAPM

Chairs

William C. Zarnstorff, William R. Hendee, Paul L. Carson

Program Committee

Not listed

Sessions

Electro-Optical Instrumentation - William R. Hendee
Image Analysis, Enhancement and Evaluation - Paul L. Carson
Holographic and Video Images - William R. Hendee
Special Topics - William C. Zarnstorff
Panel Discussion - Jack S. Krohmer

1973

Application of Optical Instrumentation in Medicine II

Chicago Nov 29-30
Vol. 43 35 papers Attendance: n/a

Sponsors, Co-Sponsors & Supporting Organizations
SPIE; AAPM; ASNR; AAMI; BRH EMBG; OSA; SNM; SRE; SPSE;

Chairs

William R. Hendee, William C. Zarnstorff, Paul L. Carson

Program Committee

Not listed

Sessions

Nuclear Medicine Imaging
Image Enhancement and Pattern Recognition
Panel Discussion: Image Enhancement for Medical Diagnosis Can It Be Effective?
Special Topics
Image Intensifier Systems
Transmission, Storage, Retrieval and Reconstruction of Images
Panel Discussion Performance Standards and Possible Field Evaluation of Image
Intensifiers Performance Standards of Image Intensifiers

1974

Application of Optical Instrumentation in Medicine III

Kansas City, MO Aug 1-2
Vol. 47 45 papers Attendance: n/a

Sponsors, Co-Sponsors & Supporting Organizations
SPIE; BRH; AAPM, ARRS; EMBG

Chairs

Paul L. Carson, Edward L. Chaney, William R. Hendee

Program Committee

Not listed

Sessions

Transmission 3-Dimensional Image Reconstruction and Computerized Axial
Tomography - William R. Hendee, Joseph Gallagher
Advanced Techniques of Imaging With Ultrasound - Paul L. Carson
Acoustic Exposure Determination In Diagnostic Ultrasound - James A. Rooney
Noise, Objective, and Psychophysical Measures - Joel E. Gray
Special Topics - Jacques Ovadia
Ray Tube Focal Spot Size and Intensity Distributions: Important Practical
Considerations - Bengt E. Bjarngard
Automatic Brightness Control In Image-Intensified Fluoroscopy - William R. Hendee

1975

Application of Optical Instrumentation in Medicine IV

Atlanta, GA Sept. 25-27
Vol. 70 55 papers Attendance: n/a

Sponsors, Co-Sponsors & Supporting Organizations
SPIE; BRH; AAPM, ARRS, ACR; SRE

Chairs

Joel E. Gray, William R. Hendee

Program Committee

Not listed

Sessions

Quality Assurance, Film Handling & Film Processing - Joel E. Gray
Loading, Heat Rating, Other Characteristics of X-Ray Tubes - Edward L. Chaney
Information Extraction & Utilization From Radiologic Images - Marvin E. Haskin
Quality Assurance In Diagnostic Radiology: Why Doesn't Every Department Have A
Complete Program? Panel Discussion -
Quality Assurance for Diagnostic Radiologic Instrumentation - James J. Vucich
Exposure Initiation/Termination Mechanisms and Automatic Exposure Timers In
Diagnostic Radiology - Robert G. Waggener
Rare-Earth Intensifying Screens - E. Dale Trout
Panel Discussion: Performance Specifications for Diagnostic Radiologic Equipment -
Gray-Scale Ultrasound Imaging & Tissue Identification - Paul L. Carson
Physical Evaluation of Computerized Axial Tomography - Raymond P. Rossi
Special Topics - Robert Rohrer
Performance Evaluation of Mammographic Imaging Systems - Gregory L. Dubuque

1976

Application of Optical Instrumentation in Medicine V

Washington, DC Sept. 16-19
Vol. 96 76 papers Attendance: n/a

Sponsors, Co-Sponsors & Supporting Organizations
SPIE; BRH; ARRS; SRE

Chairs

Robert K. Cacak, Paul L. Carson, Gregory Dubuque, Joel E. Gray, Arthur G. Haus, William R. Hendee, Raymond P. Rossi

Program Committee
Same as Editors

Sessions

Quality Assurance in Diagnostic Radiology I - Raymond P. Rossi
Quality Assurance in Diagnostic Radiology II - Thomas Stone
Computed Tomography I - Norman A. Baily
Radiographic Images and Dose - Arthur G. Haus
Computed Tomography II - Rodney A. Brooks
Computed Tomography III - Kenneth Weaver
Diagnostic Ultrasound I - Paul L. Carson
Quality Assurance in Diagnostic Radiology III - Robert K. Cacak
Current Topics in Mammography - Gregory Dubuque

1977

Application of Optical Instrumentation in Medicine VI

Boston, MA Sept. 25-27
Vol. 127 60 papers Attendance: n/a

Sponsors, Co-Sponsors & Supporting Organizations
SPIE; BRH; ARRS; SRE

Chairs

Joel E. Gray, William R. Hendee

Program Committee

Robert F. Wagner, William Properzio, Arthur G. Haus, Joie Pierce Jones, Raymond Rossi

Sessions

The Laboratory/Clinical Interface in Image Evaluation - Robert Wagner
Sensitometry Up-Date - Joel Gray
Screen Film Systems and Photosensitive Materials - Arthur G. Haus
Approaches to Equipment Service, Equipment Specification and Performance Evaluation - Raymond P. Rossi
New Developments in Medical Imaging - William Hendee
Quality Control in Medical Imaging - William S. Properzio
Performance Characteristics of CT Scanners - Robert K. Cacak
Small Group Sessions on Special Topics - Joint Session with ARRS

1978

No Meeting

1979

Application of Optical Instrumentation in Medicine VII

Toronto, Canada Mar 25-27
Vol. 173 55 papers Attendance: n/a

Sponsors, Co-Sponsors & Supporting Organizations
SPIE; SPSE; ARRS; BRH; SRE

Chairs

Joel E. Gray

Program Committee

Arthur G. Haus, William R. Hendee, Raymond P. Rossi, William Properzio

Sessions

Imaging Systems: Physical Evaluation - Joel Gray
Imaging Systems: Perception Evaluation - Joel Gray
Imaging Systems: Special Topics - Arthur Haus
Mammography - William Properzio
Special Topics - Raymond Rossi
Computed Tomography: Practical Considerations - William R. Hendee
Computed Tomography: Theoretical Considerations - William R. Hendee
X-Ray Imaging Research in Toronto - K. W. Taylor
Joint Session with the ARRS - Joel Gray, William R. Hendee, Harry Z. Mellins

1980

Application of Optical Instrumentation in Medicine VIII

Las Vegas, NV Apr 20-22
Vol. 233 43 papers Attendance: n/a

Sponsors, Co-Sponsors & Supporting Organizations
SPIE; SPSE; ARRS; BRH; SRE

Chairs

Joel Gray, Arthur G. Haus, William R. Hendee, William S. Properzio

Program Committee

Same as Editors

Sessions

Screen-Film Evaluation - Arthur G. Haus
Unconventional Imaging Techniques - Joel Gray
Special Topics - Gerald Cohen
New Concepts in Conventional Imaging Techniques - James A. Mulvaney
How Might Exposure Values Be Determined for Radiological Exams? - William S. Properzio
Joint Session with the ARRS - Joel Gray; Joseph Calhoun

1981

Application of Optical Instrumentation in Medicine IX

San Francisco, CA Mar 22-24
Vol. 273 51 papers Attendance: n/a

Sponsors, Co-Sponsors & Supporting Organizations
SPIE; SPSE; AAPM; ARRS; BRH; SRE

Chairs

Joel E. Gray, Arthur G. Haus, William S. Properzio, James A. Mulvaney

Program Committee

Same as Editors

Sessions

Special Session: Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Imaging: Current Status - Leon Partain; A. Everette James, Jr.
Conventional Imaging Systems Evaluation - Arthur G. Haus
Digital Radiography - William S. Properzio
Quality Control - James A. Mulvaney
Nuclear Medicine - Joel E. Gray
Break-Out Session A: Nuclear Magnetic Resonance - C. Leon Partain
Break-Out Session B: Computerized Tomography - Gary D. Fullerton
Break-Out Session C: Digital Imaging - William S. Properzio
Break-Out Session D: Conventional Imaging Systems Evaluation - Joel E. Gray
Joint Session with the ARRS - Arthur G. Haus; James F. Martin
Computerized Tomography - Gary D. Fullerton
Recording, Storage, and Processing of Images - Joel E. Gray

1982

Application of Optical Instrumentation in Medicine X

New Orleans May 9-12
Vol. 347 58 papers Attendance: 300

Sponsors, Co-Sponsors & Supporting Organizations
SPIE; ARRS; AAPM; BRH; SPSE; SRE

Chairs

Gary D. Fullerton, Arthur G. Haus, William S. Properzio, James A. Mulvaney

Program Committee

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Sessions

Special Session on Digital Radiography - Benjamin A. Arnold; Andrew B. Crummy
Conventional Imaging Systems Evaluation - Arthur G. Haus
Digital Radiography - William S. Properzio
Computed Tomography - James A. Mulvaney
Conventional Imaging Systems Evaluation - Charles A. Kelsey
Break-Out Session A-Digital Radiography - William S. Properzio
Break-Out Session B-Conventional Imaging - James A. Mulvaney
Break-Out Session C-Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Imaging - Gary D. Fullerton
Joint Session with The ARRS - John Tampas; Gary D. Fullerton
Digital Radiology (Cosponsored by The ARRS and SPIE) - M. Paul Capp; William R. Hendee
Integrated Systems for Analysis and Display of Radiological Images - Michael J. Flynn
Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) - Raymond L. Nunnally
Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) (Cosponsored by ARRS and SPIE) - A. Everette James; Raymond L. Nunnally

1983

Application of Optical Instrumentation in Medicine XI

Atlanta Apr 17-20
Vol. 419 41 papers Attendance: 298

Sponsors, Co-Sponsors & Supporting Organizations
SPIE; ARRS; AAPM; BRH; SPSE; SRE

Chairs

Gary D. Fullerton

Program Committee

Arthur G. Haus, James A. Mulvaney, William Properzio

Sessions

Advances in Breast Imaging - Roger S. Powell
Conventional Imaging Systems Evaluation - Arthur G. Haus
Digital Radiography I - James A. Mulvaney
Image Performance Evaluation and Quality Assurance - William S. Properzio
Digital Radiography II - Stewart C. Bushong
Breakout Session A-Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Imaging - Gary D. Fullerton
Breakout Session B-Digital Radiography - William S. Properzio
Breakout Session C-Conventional Imaging - James A. Mulvaney
Joint Session with SPIE and The ARRS - Melvin M. Figley; Gary D. Fullerton
Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Imaging - Gary D. Fullerton
New Modalities and Computers in Medical Imaging - Michael J. Flynn

1984

Application of Optical Instrumentation in Medicine XII

San Diego, CA Feb 26-29
Vol. 454 64 papers Attendance: 295

Sponsors, Co-Sponsors & Supporting Organizations
SPIE; EFOMP; JPL; CDRH; SRE

Chairs

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David G Brown; Arthur Burgess; Kunio Doi; Andre J Duerinckx; Melvin Figley;
Kenneth M. Hanson; Steven C Horii; Robert J. Jennings; Leon Kaufman;
James L Lehr; Murray Loew; G Poretti; Judith M S Prewitt; Stephen W Smith;
Vincent J Sodd; Michel M Ter-Pogossian; Robert F Wagner

Sessions

The Physics and Statistics of Imaging I - Kenneth M. Hanson
The Physics and Statistics of Imaging II - Arthur Burgess
Non-ionizing imaging modalities - Robert J. Jennings
Management of Image Data - Judith M. S. Prewitt
Performance Analysis of X-Ray Screen-Film Systems - Robert F. Wagner
Data Processing for Image Formation, Enhancement, & Mensuration I - James L. Lehr
Image Display Systems I - Steven C. Horii
Data Processing for Image Formation, Enhancement, & Mensuration II - Kunio Doi
Data Processing for Image Formation, Enhancement, & Mensuration II - Murray Loew
Image Display Systems II - Samuel J. Dwyer III
Photoelectronic imaging devices - Hans Roehrig
Data Processing for Image Formation, Enhancement, and Mensuration III - Melvin M. Figley
Computerized Tomography and Nuclear Medicine - Roger H. Schneider

1985

Application of Optical Instrumentation in Medicine XIII

Newport Beach, CA Feb 3-6
Vol. 535 54 papers Attendance: 289

Sponsors, Co-Sponsors & Supporting Organizations
SPIE; CDRH; SRE; IEEE-CS

Chairs

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Jennings; James L. Lehr; Murray Loew; Albert Macovski; Judith M. S. Prewitt;
Rodney Shaw; Stephen W Smith; Michel M Ter-Pogossian; Robert F Wagner

Sessions

Image Statistics & Perception: I - Kunio Doi
Image Statistics & Perception: II - Robert F. Wagner
Image Statistics & Perception: III - Arthur Burgess
Computing Images From Data - Kenneth M. Hanson
Detector Physics I: Scatter - H. K. Huang
Detector Physics II: Film Screen Systems - Rodney Shaw; Robert J. Jennings
Detector Physics III: Digital - Albert Macovski
Detector Physics IV: Semiconductors & Photoconductors - Roger Schneider
Detector Physics V: Ultrasound & NMR - Stephen W. Smith
Photography: Stuart I. Brown - University Hospital
Image Processing I: General - James L. Lehr
Image Processing II A: Task Oriented Cranial - Murray Loew
Image Processing II B: Task Oriented-Chest - Gordon Johnson
Image Processing II C: Task Oriented-Gastro Intestinal - Steven C. Horii

1986

Application of Optical Instrumentation in Medicine XIV and Picture Archiving and Communication Systems

Newport Beach, CA Feb 2-7
Vol. 626 101 papers Attendance: 391

Sponsors, Co-Sponsors & Supporting Organizations
SPIE; AAPM; CDRH

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C. Horii; H. K. Huang; Robert J. Jennings; Bruce Laskin; Robert A. Kruger;
James L Lehr; Thomas K. Lewellen; Murray H. Loew; Albert Macovski; William
C. Mortimore; Judith M. S. Prewitt; Roland W. Redington; Stephen Riederer;
Rodney Shaw; Stephen W. Smith; Edward Staab; Stephen R. Thomas; Henry
N. Wagner Jr.; Robert F. Wagner; Jason S. Zielonka

Sessions

New Signals in Medical Imaging I & II - Roger H. Schneider & Stephen J. Riederer
Image Formation I - IV - Kunio Doi; Robert J. Jennings; H. K. Huang; Stephen R. Thomas
Image Perceptions - Robert F. Wagner
Image Processing I - III - Murray H. Loew; Robert A. Kruger; Arthur E. Burgess
Digital Image Capture and Formatting I & II - David R. Pickens & Thomas K. Lewellen
Digital Image Display I-III - James L. Lehr; Steven C. Horii; Stephen M. Pizer
PACS System Design and Evaluation I - V - Ronald L. Arenson; Edgar Alzner; R. Gilbert
Jost; Roger A. Bauman; B. G. Thompson
Archives for PACS - Judith M. S. Prewitt
Operations Analysis and Modeling of Radiology Departments I & II - Shakar S. Hegde &
Samuel J. Dwyer III

1987

Medical Imaging

Newport Beach, CA Feb 1-6
Vol. 767 (two volumes) 119 papers Attendance: 494

Sponsors, Co-Sponsors & Supporting Organizations
SPIE; AAPM; CDRH

Chairs

Samuel J. Dwyer III, Roger H. Schneider

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Steven Horii; H.K. Huang; Robert Jennings; Robert Kruger; Bruce Laskin;
James L. Lehr; Thomas Lewellyn; Murray Lowe; William Mortimore; Laura Lee
Murphy; Stephen M. Pizer; Judith M. S. Prewitt; Ronald R. Price; Stephen J.
Riederer; Hans Roehrig; Rodney Shaw; Stephen W. Smith; Edward Staab;
Stephen R Thomas; Henry N Wagner Jr; Robert F Wagner; Jason S Zielonka

Sessions

Future Potential of Several Candidate Signals for Medical Imaging I & II - Roger H.
Schneider / Stephen R. Thomas
Tomographic Reconstruction - Harrison H. Barrett
Radiography I & II - Robert J. Jennings / Hans Roehrig
Fluoro/Angio - Ronald R. Price
Imaging Performance Measures - Kunio Doi
Image Formatting and Compression - H. K. Huang
Perception - Arthur E. Burgess
Image Processing I-VI - Stephen J. Riederer / Rodney Shaw / David G. Hill / Robert A.
Kruger / Yongmin Kim / Edward Staab
Printers, Displays, and Digitizers - Roger A. Bauman
PACS at the UCLA / PACS at Univ of Arizona - H. K. Huang / William J. Dallas
3-D Display - James L. Lehr
Workstations and the Display - Observer Interface I & II - Stephen Pizer / Steven C. Horii
Networking Issues - Chris Stockbridge
PACS I - III - Laura Lee Murphy / Samuel J. Dwyer III / Steven C. Horii

1988

Medical Imaging II: Part A--Image Formation, Detection, Processing, and Interpretation

Newport Beach, CA Jan 31-Feb 5
Vol. 914A 188 papers (102 in Physics) Attendance: 570

Sponsors, Co-Sponsors & Supporting Organizations
SPIE; AAPM; ACR; CDRH

Chairs

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Ronald L. Arenson; Gary T. Barnes; Harrison H. Barrett; Roger A. Bauman; Arthur Burgess; Arthur N. Carson; Jerry Cohen; Kunio Doi; Aaron Fenster; Leonard A. Ferrari; Kenneth M. Hanson; William R. Hendee; David G. Hill; Steven C. Horii; H. K. Huang; Robert J. Jennings; Robert A. Kruger; Bruce Laskin; James L. Lehr; Thomas K. Lewellyn; Murray H. Loew; William C. Mortimore; Laura Lee Murphy; Orhan Nalcioglu; Stephen M. Pizer; Judith M.S. Prewitt; Ronald R. Price; Stephen J. Riederer; Hans Roehrig; Roger H. Shannon; Rodney Shaw; Stephen W. Smith; Edward V. Staab; Stephen R. Thomas; Robert F. Wagner; Henry N. Wagner, Jr.; Jason S. Zielonka

Sessions

Future Potential of the Several Candidate Signals for Medical Imaging - Roger H. Schneider
Image Formation I - VII - Robert F. Wagner / Harrison H. Barrett / Kunio Doi / Robert A. Kruger / Aaron Fenster / Hans Roehrig / Gary T. Barnes
Image Processing I - Arthur Burgess
Image Processing II: Chest and Cardiological - Jerry Cohen
Image Processing III: Cardiological - Kenneth M. Hanson
Image Processing IV: Tomography and 3D Mapping and Interpretation - Orhan Nalcioglu
Image Processing: Microscopy - Judith M. S. Prewitt
Digital Medical Photography - Roger A. Bauman

Other Conferences

Vol #	Title	Editor/Conference Chair	# of papers
914B	Part B--Image Data Management & Display	Samuel J. Dwyer III, Roger H. Schneider	86

1989

Medical Imaging III: Image Formation

Newport Beach, CA Jan 29-31
Vol. 1090 235 papers (51 in Physics) Attendance: 547

Sponsors, Co-Sponsors & Supporting Organizations
SPIE; AAPM; ACR; CDRH; IRS

Chairs

Samuel J. Dwyer III, R. Gilbert Jost M.D., Roger H. Schneider

Program Committee

Ronald L. Arenson; Harrison H. Barrett; Gary T. Barnes; Roger A. Bauman; David G. Brown; Arthur E. Burgess; Arthur Carson; Gerald Cohen; Kunio Doi; Aaron Fenster; Kenneth M. Hanson; William R. Hendee; David G. Hill; Steven C. Horii; H. K. Huang; Robert J. Jennings; Robert A. Kruger; James L. Lehr; Thomas K. Lewellyn; Murray H. Loew; Orhan Nalcioglu; Stephen M. Pizer; Judith M. S. Prewitt; Ronald Price; Stephen J. Riederer; Hans Roehrig; Roger H. Shannon; Rodney Shaw; Stephen W. Smith; Edward Staab; Stephen R. Thomas; Robert F. Wagner

Sessions

Future Potential of the Several Candidate Signals for Medical Imaging - Roger H. Schneider
Image Formation I - Stephen J. Riederer
Image Formation II - Robert J. Jennings
Image Formation III - Arthur E. Burgess
Image Formation IV - Robert A. Kruger
Image Formation V - Kunio Doi
Image Formation VI - Ronald R. Price

Other Conferences

Vol #	Title	Editor/Conference Chair	# of papers
1091	Image Capture and Display	Samuel J. Dwyer III, R. Gilbert Jost, Roger H. Schneider	44
1092	Image Processing	Samuel J. Dwyer III, R. Gilbert Jost, Roger H. Schneider	71
1093	PACS System Design and Evaluation	Samuel J. Dwyer III, R. Gilbert Jost, Roger H. Schneider	69

1990

Medical Imaging IV: Image Formation

Newport Beach, CA Feb 4-6
Vol. 1231 270 papers (60 in Physics) Attendance: 686

Sponsors, Co-Sponsors & Supporting Organizations
SPIE; AAPM; ACR; CDRH; NEMA

Chairs

Roger H. Schneider

Program Committee

Ronald L. Arenson; Harrison H. Barrett; Roger A. Bauman; David G. Brown; Arthur E. Burgess; Gerald Cohen; William Dallas; Kunio Doi; Samuel J. Dwyer III; Aaron Fenster; Kenneth M. Hanson; David G. Hill; Robert Hindel; Steven C. Horii; H. K. Huang; Robert J. Jennings; R. Gilbert Jost; Yongmin Kim; Robert A. Kruger; Pei-Jan Paul Lin; Murray H. Loew; Richard L. Morin; Seong Ki Mun; Orhan Nalcioglu; Thomas R. Nelson; David R. Pickens; Stephen M. Pizer; Judith M. S. Prewitt; Hans Roehrig; Roger Schneider; Roger Shannon; Rodney Shaw; Stephen W. Smith; Edward V. Staab; Stephen R. Thomas; Robert F. Wagner

Sessions

Future Potential of Bioelectromagnetic and Ultrasound Imaging - Roger H. Schneider
Future Potential of Ultrasound, CT, and Optical Imaging - Stephen W. Smith
Future Potential of Optical Imaging - William J. Dallas
MRI - Stephen R. Thomas
Calculated Images - Rodney Shaw
CT - Orhan Nalcioglu
Film Screen Systems - Kunio Doi
Digital Quantum Imagers I - Hans Roehrig
Digital Quantum Imagers II - Aaron Fenster
Clinical Systems and Issues - Robert J. Jennings

Other Conferences

Vol #	Title	Editor/Conference Chair	# of papers
1232	Image Capture and Display	Yongmin Kim	43
1233	Image Processing	Murray H. Loew	54
1234	PACS Systems Design and Evaluation	Samuel J. Dwyer III, R. Gilbert Jost	113

1991

Medical Imaging V: Image Physics

San Jose, CA Feb 25-26
Vol. 1443 190 papers (26 in Physics) Attendance: 500

Sponsors, Co-Sponsors & Supporting Organizations
SPIE; AAPM; ACR; CDRH; IS&TNEMA

Chairs

Roger H. Schneider

Program Committee

Harrison H. Barrett; David G. Brown; Arthur E. Burgess; William J. Dallas; Kunio Doi; Aaron Fenster; Robert J. Jennings; Robert A. Kruger; Pei-Jan P. Lin; Richard L. Morin; Orhan Nalcioglu; Hans Roehrig; Rodney Shaw; Stephen W. Smith; Stephen R. Thomas; Robert F. Wagner

Sessions

Magnetic Imaging - Roger H. Schneider
Acoustic Imaging - David G. Brown
Radiographic and Fluoroscopic Detectors and Systems - Hans Roehrig
Decision Makers and Displays - Arthur E. Burgess
Computing Images: CR, CT, and PET - Kenneth M. Hanson
Cone Beam CT - Aaron Fenster
Optical Imaging - Aaron Fenster

Other Conferences

Vol #	Title	Editor/Conference Chair	# of papers
1444	Image Capture, Formatting, and Display	Yongmin Kim	48
1445	Image Processing	Murray H. Loew	59
1446	PACS Design and Evaluation	R. Gilbert Jost	57

1992

Medical Imaging VI: Instrumentation

Newport Beach, CA 23-24 February
Vol. 1651 221 papers (27 in Physics) Attendance: 539

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Newport Beach, CA 14-15 February
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San Diego, CA 26-27 February
Vol. 2432 348 papers (60 in Physics) Attendance: 1034

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Newport Beach, CA 11-13 February
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Medical Imaging 1997: Physics of Medical Imaging

San Jose, CA Feb 23-25
Vol. 3032 451 papers (57 in Physics) Attendance: 1021

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Medical Imaging 1998: Physics of Medical Imaging

San Diego, CA Feb 22-24
Vol. 3336 454 papers (86 in Physics) Attendance: 1153

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Medical Imaging 1999: Physics of Medical Imaging

San Diego, CA Feb 21-23
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Medical Imaging 2001: Physics of Medical Imaging

San Diego, CA Feb 17-23
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Medical Imaging 2002: Physics of Medical Imaging

San Diego, CA 23 - 28 February
Vol. 4682 564 papers (90 in Physics) Attendance: 1142

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4685	PACS and Integrated Medical Information Sys: Design & Evaluation	Elliot L. Siegel, H. K. Huang	54
4686	Image Perception, Observer Performance, and Technology Assessment	Dev P. Chakraborty, Elizabeth A. Krupinski	40
4687	Ultrasonic Imaging and Signal Processing	Michael F. Insana, William F. Walker	47

2003

Medical Imaging 2003: Physics of Medical Imaging

San Diego, CA Feb 15-20
Vol. 5030 636 papers (108 in Physics) Attendance: 1073

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Novel Imaging Methods - Harrison H. Barrett
Breast Imaging II - John Yorkston
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X-Ray Detectors III - Tom J. C. Bruijns
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5032	Image Processing	Milan Sonka, J. Michael Fitzpatrick	205
5033	PACS and Integrated Medical Information Sys: Design & Evaluation	H. K. Huang, Osman M. Ratib	57
5034	Image Perception, Observer Performance, and Tech Assessment	Dev P. Chakraborty, Elizabeth A. Krupinski	59
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Medical Imaging 2004: Physics of Medical Imaging

San Diego, CA 14 - 19 February
Vol. 5368 653 papers (102 in Physics) Attendance: 1048

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5371	PACS and Imaging Informatics	Osman M. Ratib, H. K. Huang	48
5372	Image Perception, Observer Performance, and Tech Assessment	Dev P. Chakraborty, Miguel P. Eckstein	60
5373	Ultrasonic Imaging and Signal Proc	William Walker, Stanislav Emelianov	39

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Medical Imaging 2005: Physics of Medical Imaging

San Diego, CA 12-17 February
Vol. 5745 745 papers (144 in Physics) Attendance: 1180

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Tomosynthesis and Dual Energy Imaging - James T. Dobbins III

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5747	Image Processing	Michael Fitzpatrick, Joe Reinhardt	231
5748	PACS and Imaging Informatics	Osman M. Ratib, Steven C. Horii	63
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Medical Imaging 2006: Physics of Medical Imaging

San Diego, CA 11-16 February
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Innovative Imaging - Jiang Hsieh
X-ray Imaging - Michael Overdick
Dual Energy X-ray Imaging - Michael J. Flynn
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Cone Beam Reconstruction - Jeffrey A. Fessler
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6144	Image Processing	Joseph Reinhardt, Josien Pluim	243
6145	PACS and Imaging Informatics	Steven C. Horii, Osman M. Ratib	43
6146	Image Percept., Obs Perform. & Tech Assess	Yulei Jiang, Miguel P. Eckstein	44
6147	Ultrasonic Imaging and Signal Processing	Stanislav Emelianov, William Walker	35

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San Diego, CA 17-22 February
Vol. 6510 858 papers (201 in Physics) Attendance: 1278

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6513	Ultrasonic Imaging and Signal Processing	Stan. Emelianov, Stephen McAleavey	50
6514	Computer-Aided Diagnosis	Maryellen L. Giger, Nico Karssemeijer	131
6515	Image Perception, Obs Perform & Tech Assess	Yulei Jiang, Berkman Sahiner	59
6516	PACS and Imaging Informatics	Steven C. Horii, Katherine P. Andriole	49

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Medical Imaging 2008: Physics of Medical Imaging

San Diego, CA 16-21 February
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Breast Imaging - John A. Rowlands
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6918	Visualization, Image-Guided Procedures & Modeling	Michael I. Miga, Kevin R. Cleary	106
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Medical Imaging 2009: Physics of Medical Imaging

Lake Buena Vista, FL 9-12 February
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AAMI	Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation
AAPM	American Association of Physicists in Medicine
ACR	American College of Radiology
APS	American Physiological Society
ARRS	American Roentgen Ray Society
ASNR	American Society of Neuroradiology
BiOS	Biomedical Optics Society
BRH	Bureau of Radiological Health, Department of Health, Education And Welfare
CARS	Computer Assisted Radiology and Surgery
CDRH	Center for Devices and Radiological Health, FDA
DICOM	The DICOM Standards Committee
EFOMP	European Federation of Organizations for Medical Physics
EMBG	IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Group
EMBS	IEEE—The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers/Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society
IEEE-CS	IEEE Computer Society, Technical Committee on Computational Medicine
IRS	Institute for Regulatory Science
IS&T	The Society for Imaging Science and Technology
JPL	Jet Propulsion Laboratory
MIPS	Medical Image Perception Society
NEMA	National Electrical Manufacturers Association/Diagnostic Imaging and Therapy, Systems Division
OSA	The Optical Society of America
RISC	Radiology Information System Consortium
RSNA	Radiological Society of North America
SCAR	Society for Computer Applications in Radiology
SIIM	Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine
SMI	The Society for Molecular Imaging
SNM	The Society of Nuclear Medicine
SPIE	The Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers
SPSE	The Society of Photographic Scientists and Engineers
SRE	Society for Radiological Engineering
UWMS	University of Wisconsin Medical School
WMIS	World Molecular Imaging Society

Image Perception at SPIE – Did You See What I Saw?

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ABSTRACT

The Image Perception & Performance Conference has not been a track in the SPIE Medical Imaging Meeting for 40 years, but has been an integral part of the meeting since its inception in 1994 in a variety of ways. Everything discussed at the SPIE Medical Imaging meeting, whether overtly discussed or implied, relates back to one fundamental idea – developing better tools for radiologists and other clinicians to render more effective and efficient diagnostic decisions. Thus image perception and observer performance issues are fundamental to the medical imaging field. This poster highlights some of the trends observed since 1994 years at the SPIE Medical Imaging meeting as they relate specifically to the Image Perception & Performance Conference. The Image Perception track has covered a wide variety of areas, including Methods for Assessing Performance, Mathematical Observer Modeling, Human-Computer Interface & Ergonomics, Eye-Tracking & Visual Search, and Clinical Decision Making. Investigation of the perceptual and cognitive factors underlying medical image interpretation is an important and valuable endeavor that contributes significantly to our continuing efforts to improve the detection, diagnosis and treatment of diseases to improve patient care and well-being. Collaborations between medical physicists, workstation design engineers, image processing and image analysis scientists, and vision and cognitive psychologists should be encouraged to facilitate and promote further research in medical image perception so that patient care can be improved.

Keywords: image perception, 40th anniversary

INTRODUCTION

The Image Perception & Performance Conference has not been a track in the SPIE Medical Imaging Meeting for all 40 years, but it has been an integral part of the meeting since its inception in 1994. Initially it was called the “Image Perception” conference. In 1999 the name was changed to “Image Perception and Performance”, and in 2002 it was changed to “Image Perception, Observer Performance, and Technology Assessment” which is its current title. These changes in the title since 1994 reflect not only the growth of the conference and its participants, but also the recognition that perception goes far beyond simply trying to understand the role of the visual system and visual processing in medical image interpretation. In order to fully appreciate and comprehend the interpretation process, observer performance (what decisions are rendered, the accuracy of those decisions, the efficiency with which they are made etc.) must also be taken into account. Additionally, the technology involved in the acquisition and display of the image data as well as the task to be undertaken by the user with those images (e.g., detection, diagnosis, measurement, treatment recommendation, etc.) is critical to the outcome of the interpretation process.

WHY AN IMAGE PERCEPTION CONFERENCE?

The Image Perception Conference was established by Harold L. Kundel, MD (Department of Radiology, University of Pennsylvania) in 1994. He was the Chair of the conference from 1994 – 1998 and from 1999 – 2000 Elizabeth Krupinski, PhD (University of Arizona) was the Chair. Starting in 2001, the conference had grown enough to warrant two chairs and Dev Chakraborty, PhD (University of Pittsburgh) joined Dr. Krupinski until 2003. Since 2004 the Chairs have rotated on and off and have included: Miguel Eckstein, PhD (University of California Santa Barbara), Yulei Jiang, PhD (University of Chicago), Berkman Sahiner, PhD (FDA), David Manning, PhD (the first international Chair; Lancaster University), Craig Abbey, PhD (University of California Santa Barbara), and Claudia Mello-Thoms, PhD (University of Pittsburgh).

Since an independent Perception conference was not part of the Medical Imaging meeting in the early years, the question is why was one established? Dr. Kundel describes the rationale for establishing this conference track and some of his observations from attending over the years.

“Until 1964, papers about image perception submitted to the SPIE Medical Imaging Meeting were assigned mainly to the Physics and Image Processing Conferences. At the 1963 meeting Sam Dwyer suggested that the perception papers should be grouped together and he asked me to organize a Perception Conference for the 1994 meeting. I relied on submitted papers and a little recruitment to put together the first conference. The participants, whom I will not name for fear of either intimidating or omitting someone, included investigators from Canada, France, the Netherlands, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States. They represented universities, industry and government. The papers were grouped into five sections by topics that I believe are still relevant today.

1. Performance on Noise Limited Imaging Tasks;
2. Visual Search and Object Recognition;
3. Factors Determining Image Acceptance;
4. Measuring Observer Performance on Imaging Tasks;
5. Modeling the Human Observer.

Since its inception the simple title “Image Perception” has evolved into “Image Perception, Observer Performance, and Technology Assessment” perhaps to better reflect the subject matter. Imaging has also advanced from plain, projection images to computed tomography (CT), three dimensional imaging and, amazingly, stereoscopy, which was almost completely abandoned in the 1960s. Technological advances have not eliminated the need for humans to interpret images. Indeed, the problems of misinterpretation have not gone away. Computer aided diagnosis is still in its infancy and has a long way to go despite the arrival of the IBM Watson Supercomputer. Meanwhile it is both challenging and productive to try to understand the working of that exquisite pattern recognition apparatus - the human brain.”

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SOME FACTS & FIGURES

Everything discussed at the SPIE Medical Imaging meeting, whether overtly or implied, relates back to one fundamental idea – developing better tools/images for radiologists and other clinicians to render more effective and efficient diagnostic decisions to improve patient care. Thus image perception and observer performance issues are fundamental to the medical imaging field. The Image Perception track has covered a wide variety of areas over the years, including Methods for Assessing Performance, Mathematical Observer Modeling, Human-Computer Interface & Ergonomics, Eye-Tracking & Visual Search, and Clinical Decision Making.

The SPIE Medical Imaging Conference itself brings together a wide variety of people, but it is perhaps in the area of image perception that we have seen the greatest variety and change. The Image Perception track generally includes those investigating the process of extracting diagnostic information from medical images and rendering diagnostic decisions, and this therefore includes radiologists, psychologists, statisticians, physicists, engineers, and others in this growing research community. The investigators have come from universities, hospitals, private companies, and government agencies (e.g., NIH, FDA, military).

It is interesting and revealing to examine some of the facts and figures associated with the Image Perception Conference. The first conference in 1994 was chaired by Hal Kundel and the Program Committee included David Beard, Larry Cook, David Gur and Elizabeth Krupinski. There were 5 sessions at that meeting, and although the conference has expanded and the titles changed, these core sessions clearly served as the foundation for future meetings with the themes still present in today's 2012 conference. The sessions as noted above were: "Performance on Noise-Limited Tasks", "Observer Performance – Visual Search & Object Recognition", "Factors Determining image Acceptance", "Image System Evaluation – Performance Indices", and "Modeling the Human Observer". There were 24 talks across these 5 sessions. Participation in the poster session did not start until 1995.

For the 2012 conference there are two chairs and the Program Committee has 14 members, 6 of whom are international! There are now 8 sessions with 41 presentations plus 29 presentations in the poster session. As can be seen, the session topics, although broader, are still focused on the same key issues: "Technology Assessment", "Image Display", "ROC Analysis" "Image Perception", "Digital Pathology I & II", "Model Observers", and "Observer Performance". The notable addition in 2012 is the Digital Pathology sessions organized jointly with the Image Processing and Computer-Aided Diagnosis Conferences. The focus on Digital Pathology brings to the forefront the growth not only of the Perception Conference but the entire meeting as a whole, as it recognizes the importance of imaging in other clinical specialties and emphasizes the benefits derived from cross-fertilization of fields and sharing of ideas, tools, methods and results.

The first Keynote Address occurred at the 1998 meeting and was given by Art Burgess, PhD. The title of his talk was "From Light to Optic Nerve: Optimization of the Front End Visual Systems". Since then the Keynotes have spanned a range of topics from pure perception to performance measurement to clinical applications and implications of image perception research. To pay tribute to the Conference founder and his significant contributions to medical image perception over the years, the Keynote lecture was named the "Harold Kundel Honorary Lecture" in 2007 and Hal gave the first keynote with the new title called "How to Minimize Perceptual Error and Maximize Expertise in Medical Imaging". The Keynote Address for 2012 illustrates again the expanding scope of medical image perception, with Michael Becich, MD presenting "Pathology: Why the Future of Medicine's Gold Standard is to go Digital".

Workshops were not a part of the conference at the beginning, but have evolved into an integral part of the meeting for those interested in medical image perception. The focus of the workshops has varied over the years, but some of the more exciting ones have involved researchers bringing their "tools of the trade" to the meeting for others to view and interact with. For example, one year participants brought eye-position recording systems to the meeting, allowing many researchers to see first-hand for the first time the equipment used in many of the core visual search studies that had been presented at the SPIE Medical Imaging meeting in previous years. It is impossible to say definitively that this workshop and others that have highlighted eye-position recording tools caused researchers to get involved in eye-tracking, but there has been a steady growth in the use of these tools since these workshops were held with a significant amount of new and exciting research results produced.

The number of papers published in the SPIE Proceedings has naturally fluctuated over the years, but as Figure 1 shows there has been a steady increase in the Perception conference papers with 2012 reaching an all time high of 70! To some extent the number of papers presented in the Perception conference today is a function of the number of slots available and the time allotted to the conference during the meeting. Today the oral presentations span two full days of the meeting, with the workshop starting things off the night before Session I and the poster session taking place on the night of the first full day. In contrast, the first conference had no workshop, no keynote speakers and essentially took place in a single day. It has grown considerably over the years and we look forward to expanding even further in future years.

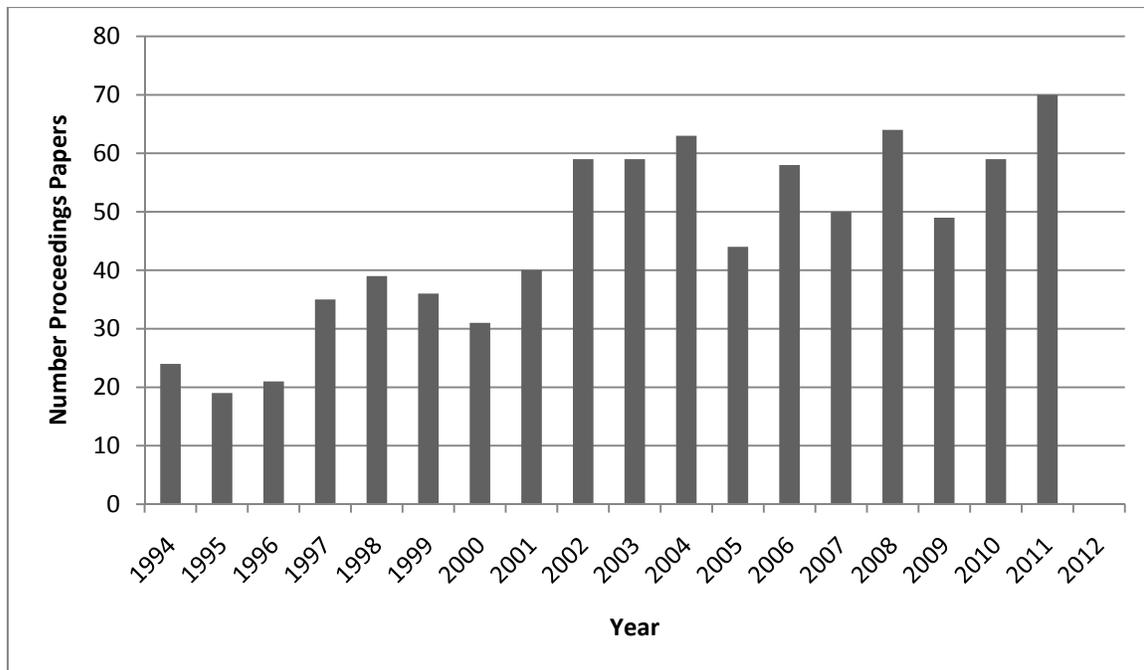


Figure 1. Number of SPIE Medical Imaging Proceedings papers in the Image Perception Conference since 1994.

IMAGE PERCEPTION FOSTERING GROWTH

The SPIE Medical Imaging meeting and the Image Perception Conference in particular has fostering the growth of the medical image perception field in a number of key ways. The first “Far West Image Perception Conference” actually preceded the establishment of the SPIE Perception Conference as it was first held in 1985. Today it is called the “Medical Image Perception Meeting” and is hosted by the Medical Image Perception Society (MIPS). However, the two meetings over the years have complimented each other and brought together an array of researchers whose goal is to improve our understanding of the medical image interpretation process. The value of the SPIE Perception Conference is that it allows those researchers from other diverse fields (physics, ultrasound, robotics, CAD, image processing, PACS, etc.) to get a better idea of what medical image perception is all about by providing the ready opportunity to attend talks and view posters within the context of the greater Medical Imaging meeting. The 2012 meeting with the joint Digital Pathology sessions highlights the way that the various tracks, although independent, are also quite integrated and together foster new directions and improved understanding of medical imaging in general.

Another way that the SPIE meeting has fostered growth in medical image perception is through its efforts to foster and promote student participation. It is safe to say that nearly all of the subsequent Conference Chairs and Program Committee members since Dr. Kundel were at one time student presenters at the SPIE Medical Imaging Meeting in the Perception Conference! The value of the meeting in terms of providing opportunities for students to not only present their research, but also to interact with the experienced experts in the field is immeasurable. The Perception Conference provides a unique opportunity for students to attend a variety of sessions that cover everything from basic perception to vision modeling to technology evaluation and evaluation methods to clinical applications of perception research. The poster sessions in particular have provided burgeoning perception students with a valuable opportunity to present their research findings in an extended (and hopefully non-threatening!) environment where they can receive one-on-one feedback from experienced investigators. It also provides them

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design engineers, image processing and image analysis scientists, and vision and cognitive psychologists should be encouraged to facilitate and promote further research in medical image perception so that patient care can be improved.

Radiology services, especially high-technology modalities, second opinion and teleradiology have increased significantly in recent years. Fewer radiologists now read more studies, each containing more images, in less time. The same is true in many of the other image-based clinical specialties, especially with the increase in telemedicine services being provided nationally and internationally. The visual tasks faced by radiologists and other imaging clinicians have continuously changed as new imaging techniques have arrived. As new technologies continue to evolve so will the demands placed on the diagnostic image interpretation process and thus on the interpreting clinicians. The effort required to process and manipulate images at the point of interpretation will continue to be at the forefront of medical imaging research. The need to understand how the clinician interacts with the images presented to them, how to enhance the development of expertise in interpretation, and how to optimize the images as well as the interpretation environment continues to grow. Image perception researchers will continue to lead the way in these efforts and will hopefully continue to have a home at the SPIE Medical Imaging Meeting to present their research findings, interact with the peers, and foster and find the mentorship and inspiration needed to take the field of medical image perception into the future.

