

Preface

These volumes contain the written contributions to the EuroHaptics 2016 conference, which was held at Imperial College London, UK, during July 4–7, 2016. The articles cover key areas of this constantly evolving field: neuroscience, perception and psychophysics, hardware and devices, software, control, and applications.

We received 162 submissions. Each was evaluated by at least three reviewers. Based on these reviews, 36 manuscripts were selected for oral presentations and 64 as posters. The meeting was single track and, in addition to contributed papers, included three keynote speakers, work in progress presentations, and interactive demonstrations. The geographical distribution of the different institutions presenting their research was: Austria, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Finland, France, Germany, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, South Korea, Spain, Turkey, UK, and USA. The quality and breadth of the contributions indicate that the EuroHaptics conference continues to be the primary European conference in the field of haptics, and an important forum for our rapidly growing field attracting researchers from all over the world.

We are very grateful to the Program Committee members and reviewers for volunteering their time to review and discuss the submitted articles and doing so in a timely and professional manner. We are also thankful to all members of the Organizing Committee for their dedication and commitment, the student volunteers for their hard work and always being willing to help, and the Advisory Committee for their assistance throughout the conference. We acknowledge the institutions that supported this event (Bristol Robotics Lab, Imperial College London, University of Birmingham, University College London and University of Reading) and our Gold (CEA, EPSRC UK-RAS Network, Force Dimension, Lofelt, Moog, Shadow Robot, Valeo), Silver (Generic Robotics, Haption, Optoforce Ltd., Prototouch), and Bronze (Actronika, Disney Research, IET Robotics & Mechatronics TPN, Springer, Ocado Technology, Right Hand Robotics, Tactile Labs Inc., Tanvas) sponsors. Last but not least, we would like to thank all authors for presenting their work at the conference. It was a pleasure hosting EuroHaptics 2016 and we hope that all participants enjoyed the intense and stimulating discussions, as well as the opportunity to establish or renew fruitful interactions.

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