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## Introduction

The papers in this volume were part of those submitted to the 14th International Symposium on Medical Information Processing and Analysis - SIPAIM 2018. The event, that was to be held for the first time in Mazatlán, Mexico, has evolved from a small meeting to an international symposium in which researchers from Latin America meet and interact with each other and with their peers from around the world. Unfortunately, this year, the main conference had to be cancelled due to the emergency generated by hurricane Willa. In spite of this, and to honor the many high-quality contributions of our authors, we have been working with SPIE to publish papers that were to be presented at the conference.

SIPAIM is mainly focused on bringing together the Latin American medical image analysis and information processing communities and on creating a forum in which to discuss recent results, ongoing research and future projects and collaborations. SIPAIM is addressed to researchers, students and professionals in a wide range of disciplines including engineering, physics, mathematics, computer science, biology and health sciences. This year's meeting was to include keynote lectures by six internationally recognized experts in computer simulation, magnetic resonance imaging, signal and image analysis, computational anatomy and cognitive neuroimaging.

We had 45 papers accepted for oral presentations this year after being reviewed by experts in the area. The wide array of subjects, ranging from digital pathology to gait analysis and from e-health to fetal and pediatric brain imaging, bears witness to the growing importance of medical and biomedical research among the region's researchers, and points to many opportunities for international collaborations.

The editors would like to thank the authors, reviewers, and committee members, without whom the present volume would not have been possible. Likewise, we would like to thank SPIE whose sponsoring has improved the quality and visibility of the SIPAIM proceedings year after year. Finally, for the first time this year, we were also endorsed by the MICCAI society, and would like to thank them for their help in publicizing the conference.

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