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Introduction

Welcome to conference proceedings from the 11th International Symposium on Medical Information Processing and Analysis (SIPAIM 2015)!

This year, SIPAIM was held, for the first time, in Cuenca, Ecuador. The symposium was organized with the participation of three universities: the Universidad Nacional de Colombia, the Universidad Politécnica Salesiana de Cuenca and the Universidad de Cuenca. The organization has also the support from the Prometeo Project of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation of the Republic of Ecuador as well as the Education and Research National Network from Ecuador (CEDIA).

The SIPAIM symposium has evolved from a regional event to an international symposium with participation of researchers from several countries and the collaboration of SPIE. This collaboration allows improving the quality and diffusion of the proceedings as well as their indexation. SIPAIM is becoming an important event where international participants can report their research work as well as participating in discussions about scientific trend topics in the areas covered. The symposium is also an opportunity for establishing networks aiming at performing joint projects in several topics. SIPAIM is addressed to researchers, students and professionals in a wide range of disciplines including Engineering, Physics, Mathematics, Computer Science, Biology and Health Sciences, and includes keynote lectures by recognized experts on issues related to acquisition, digitization, visualization, processing, analysis and interpretation of medical information. There are also several tutorials aimed at the complementary education of students concerning the topics of the conference.

We received 78 submissions, and after a very strict revision process, 50 papers were accepted for presentation. The conference included the participation of eight internationally recognized keynote speakers and six workshops. The symposium included the following tracks: Medical and Biomedical Imaging, e-Health, Digital Pathology, Gait Analysis and Biosignals, Representation Based Biosignal Analysis, and Analysis of Medical Procedures through Imaging.

SIPAIM's venue was organized in the beautiful city of Cuenca, Ecuador. Cuenca is the third largest city and the economic center of the southern sierra. The city has long been known for a rich intellectual, artistic, and philosophical tradition that matches its colonial architecture, and is famous for its colorful festivals, distinct food, and breathtaking scenery. Because of Cuenca's history and state of preservation, it is one of Ecuador's three UNESCO World Heritage Trust sites (the others are Quito and the Galapagos Islands).

We hope that all the attendees enjoyed SIPAIM 2015, its technical program, and the city of Cuenca!

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