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Preface

The Third International Workshop on Machine Learning in Medical Imaging (MLMI) 2012 was held at the Acropolis Convention Center, Nice, France on October 1, 2012, in conjunction with the 15th International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention (MICCAI).

Machine learning plays an essential role in the medical imaging field, including computer-aided diagnosis, image segmentation, image registration, image fusion, image-guided therapy, image annotation, and image database retrieval. With advances in medical imaging, new imaging modalities and methodologies such as cone-beam/multi-slice CT, 3D ultrasound imaging, tomosynthesis, diffusion-weighted MRI, positron-emission tomography (PET)/CT, electrical impedance tomography and diffuse optical tomography, and new machine-learning algorithms/applications are demanded in the medical imaging field. Single-sample evidence provided by the patient's imaging data is often not sufficient for satisfactory performance. Because of large variations and complexity, it is generally difficult to derive analytic solutions or simple equations to represent objects such as lesions and anatomy in medical images. Therefore, tasks in medical imaging require learning from examples for accurate representation of data and prior knowledge.

MLMI 2012 was the second in a series of workshops on this topic. The main aim of this workshop is to help advance scientific research within the broad field of machine learning in medical imaging. This workshop focuses on major trends and challenges in this area, and it presents work aiming to identify new cutting-edge techniques and their use in medical imaging. We hope the series of workshops becomes a new platform for translating research from bench to bedside.

The range and level of submissions for this year's meeting were of very high quality. Authors were asked to submit full-length papers for review. A total of 67 papers were submitted to the workshop in response to the call for papers. Each of the papers underwent a rigorous double-blinded peer-review process, with each paper being reviewed by at least two (typically three) reviewers in the Program Committee composed of 51 known experts in the field. Based on the reviewing scores and critics, a total of the 33 best papers (49%) were accepted for presentation at the workshop and chosen to be included in this Springer LNCS volume. The large variety of machine learning techniques necessary for and applied to medical imaging was well represented at the workshop.

We would like to thank our invited keynote speaker, Anand Rangarajan, Department of Computer and Information Science and Engineering, University

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of Florida, whose keynote address was a highlight of the workshop. We are grateful to the Program Committee for reviewing submitted papers and giving constructive comments and critiques, to the authors for submitting high-quality papers, to the presenters for excellent presentations, and to all those who supported MLMI 2012 by attending the meeting.

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