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The First International Workshop on coMics Analysis, Processing and Understanding (MANPU2016)

December 4, 2016, Cancun Center, Cancun, Q.Roo, Mexico
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To be held in conjunction with the 23rd International Conference on Pattern Recognition (ICPR2016)

Comics is a medium constituted of images combined with text and other visual information in order to narrate a story. Nowadays, comic books are a widespread cultural expression all over the world. The market of comics continues to grow, for example, the market in Japan is about 4.25 billion USD in 2015. Moreover, from the research point of view, comics images are attractive targets because the structure of a comics page includes various elements (such as panels, speech balloons, captions, leading characters, and so on), the drawing of which depends on the style of the author and presents a large variability. Therefore, comics image analysis is not a trivial problem and is still immature compared with other kinds of image analysis.

Scope and Topics
The scope of this workshop includes, but is not limited to:
- Comics Image Processing
- Comics Analysis and Understanding
- Comics Recognition
- Comics Retrieval and Spotting
- Comics Enrichment
- Reading Behavior Analysis
- Comics Generation
- Copy protection - Fraud detection
- Physical/digital comics interfaces

Important dates
August 17, 2016 Paper submission deadline
September 8, 2016 Notification of acceptance
September 12, 2016 End of early bird registration
December 4, 2016 Workshop

Datasets
To evaluate the proposed works, participants will be able to use the following datasets that are publicly available. Researchers can request to download them at each website.
- eBDthèque consists of 100 images with ground truth for panels, speech balloons, tails, text lines, leading characters.
  http://ebdtheque.univ-lr.fr/
- Manga109 consists of over 20 thousand images of 109 volumes (21,142 images).

Paper Submissions
The proceedings of MANPU2016 will be published in the ACM Digital Library within its International Conference Proceedings Series. Manuscripts should be formatted using the ACM proceedings templates (http://www.acm.org/publications/artic-le-template/proceedings-template.html). The manuscript length is 6 pages maximum. Only PDF files are accepted. MANPU2016 follows a single-blind review process. Authors are required to include their names and affiliations in their papers. Dual submission or concurrent submission to the MANPU2016 workshop and other conference or journal are not allowed.

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