

Special Issue

Recent Advances in Handwritten Text Recognition

Message from the Guest Editors

In the last two decades, the progress in handwritten text processing has allowed us to increment the performance of the systems devoted to the transcription, indexing, and semantic interpretation of handwritten text documents. The progress has covered all the steps in this field, from image capture and enhancement to information extraction based on the contents of the documents. As a result, lots of data that were difficult to process from the natural language perspective have become available for specialized researchers and the general public, especially when dealing with the contents of historical archives. The aim of this Special Issue is to attract world-leading researchers in the handwritten text processing field in an effort to show recent progress in the area, including the development of new paradigms and models and new applications of the state-of-the-art technology.

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