The Ninth IEEE International Conference on Automatic Face and Gesture Recognition (FG 2011) will be held in Santa Barbara, California on March 21-23, 2011. The IEEE conference series on Automatic Face and Gesture Recognition is the premier international forum for research in image and video-based face, gesture, and body movement recognition. The conference presents research that advances the state-of-the-art in these and related areas, leading to new capabilities in areas such as biometrics, interactive systems, surveillance, healthcare, and entertainment. The FG conference plays an important role in shaping related scientific, academic, and higher-education programs. For FG 2011, we are soliciting papers in all areas of face and gesture recognition, including:

- Age-related change in facial appearance
- Human communicative behavior analysis
- Multimodal and context-sensitive interfaces
- Vision-based human robot interaction
- Ambient intelligence
- Multi-modal sensing and novel sensing technologies
- Human action recognition
- Face and feature tracking
- Facial animation
- Active appearance and active shape models
- Learning feature spaces and manifolds

Submissions. Paper submissions may be up to six pages in conference format. Substantially similar papers may not have appeared elsewhere or be in submission to another conference during the FG review period. Papers presented at FG 2011 will appear in the IEEE Xplore digital library. Demo submissions are also solicited for presentation at the conference. Submission details are available at the conference web site: http://www.FG2011.org/.

Workshops. Workshops associated with the conference may be held on March 24 and 25. See the conference web site for instructions regarding workshop proposals.

Conference Venue. [Tentative] FG 2011 will be held at the beautiful Doubletree Resort in Santa Barbara, a 24-acre, mission-style Santa Barbara hotel resort facing the Pacific Ocean, located on one of Southern California's most beautiful coastlines.

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