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We congratulate Drs. Sanderson and Paliwal for accomplishing this great achievement.

Biographical sketches

Conrad Sanderson is currently a researcher at NICTA and an adjunct research fellow at the Australian National University. He received the Bachelor of Engineering degree with 1st Class Honours in 1996 and the Ph.D. in 2003 from Griffith University, Queensland, Australia. He has previously worked on robust speech recognition at the Advanced Telecommunication Research Laboratories (Japan), audio-visual biometrics and non-frontal face recognition at the IDIAP Research Institute (Switzerland), ship classification in infra-red images at the Centre for Sensor Signal and Information Processing (Australia), and natural language processing and bioinformatics at NICTA. He has served as a reviewer for a number of international conferences and scientific periodicals (such as the *Proceedings of the IEEE* journal). His current research interests include applied areas of machine learning, pattern recognition, and computer vision, with applications such as intelligent surveillance.

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