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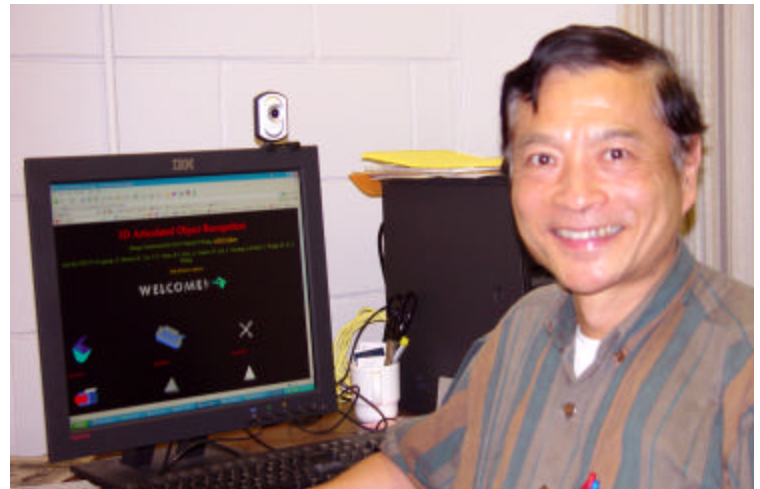
TAKING U of C BIOMETRICS TO THE WORLD STAGE

Visiting Professor Recognizing a Pattern of Success

Dr. Patrick Wang, a professor at Northeastern University College of Computer Science & Information Science, is spending his 2006-07 year at the Schulich School of Engineering's Biometric Technologies Laboratory as a sponsored iCORE Visiting Professor, working on pattern recognition research.

Dr. Wang first became familiar with the U of C lab while attending the first International Workshop "Biometric Technologies: Modeling and Simulation" organized by the Biometric Technologies Laboratory, at which he was invited as a speaker, by Dr. Svetlana Yanushkevich, Director of the Biometric Technologies laboratory.

During his period of visiting professorship, Dr. Wang plans to attend international conferences and meetings around the world in Europe, Asia and North America, including the one he has just attended, the IAPR (Int. Assoc. of Pattern Recognition) ICPR 2006 (Int. Conf. on Pattern Recognition), in which he served as General Conference Co-Chair, and participated by over 1,200 top experts and professionals from over 50 countries in August 2006 at Hong Kong, China.



Dr. Patrick Wang of Northeastern University is working to bring more recognition to the SSE Biometrics Laboratory

Later in the year Dr. Wang will be traveling to various biometric leading institutions across the world, including Beijing, Austria, and Moscow, looking to highlight the profile of the U of C laboratory with these institutions.

"This laboratory is very young verses others in this area", says Dr. Wang, "These visits will emphasize the strengths of the laboratory to some of the world's best biometric research centres".

Dr. Svetlana Yanushkevich recognizes the impact of Dr. Wang's influence with other institutions in the Biometrics field.

"Dr. Wang is a well-respected expert in the area of pattern recognition and his work with leaders in this field is a great benefit to our laboratory."

With any luck the U of C's young laboratory will soon be entering the world stage in biometric research.

Biometrics is the study of measurable biological characteristics that can be used to identify individuals – including fingerprinting, facial recognition, and hand writing recognition among others.

For more information on the Schulich School of Engineering Biometric Technologies Laboratory please contact visit: <http://btlab.enel.ucalgary.ca/>