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We are delighted to welcome you to the proceedings of the 1st International Conference on Semantic and Digital Media Technologies held in Athens. SAMT 2006 aims to narrow the large disparity between the low-level descriptors that can be computed automatically from multimedia content and the richness and subjectivity of semantics in user queries and human interpretations of audiovisual media — The Semantic Gap. SAMT started out as two workshops, EWIMT 2004 and EWIMT 2005, that quickly achieved success in attracting high-quality papers from across Europe and beyond. This year EWIMT turned into the full-fledged conference SAMT, bringing together forums, projects, institutions and individuals investigating the integration of knowledge, semantics and low-level multimedia processing, and linking them with industrial engineers who exploit the underlying emerging technology. In total, 68 papers were submitted to the SAMT 2006 conference and each was reviewed by at least two independent reviewers. We are grateful to the members of the Technical Program Committee who completed these reviews and allowed us to put together a very strong technical program of 17 papers. The selection process was very competitive with only 25% of papers being selected for oral presentation. The program also included two invited keynote talks from Alan Smeaton and Guus Schreiber, and we are very grateful to them for their insightful presentations.

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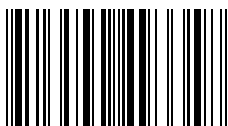
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