

Curriculum Vitae

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Research Interests

Computer vision, 3D reconstruction and Optical projection tomography, Steganography, Medical image analysis, Quantitative imaging bio-markers, Pattern localisation and recognition, Characterization and validation of imaging bio-markers, Evaluation of the association between image-based phenotypes and genomic biomarkers, Algorithms for the computer-guided analysis of multi-dimensional microscopy-data sets, Computational support for tissue-related target/ biomarker discovery, development and analysis, and machine learning applications.

Education

Level : PhD (Awarded with distinction)

Grade : N/A (Research Based)
Field of Study: Computer Science
Major : Computing and Intelligent Systems
Location: United Kingdom
Means of Sponsorship: Full research scholarship from the attended University
(Vice Chancellor's Research Studentship)
Starting Date: 01/11/2006
Graduation Date: 27/11/2009
Name of Institution: University of Ulster, Londonderry, United Kingdom.
Title of thesis: "Strengthening Steganography in Digital Images"
External examiner: Professor Fionn Murtagh, Royal Holloway, the University of London.

Level : Master of Science (MSc)

Grade : N/A (Research Based)
Field of Study: Computer Science
Major : Computer Graphics (Pattern Recognition Group)
Location: Malaysia
Means of Sponsorship: Full research scholarship from the attended University.
Starting Date: 01/July/2003
Graduation Date: 16/April/2005
Name of Institution: UTM, Johor.

Level : Bachelor Degree (BSc)

Grade : CGPA: 3.279/4.000
Field of Study: Information system

Major : Computer Networking
Location: Malaysia
Means of Sponsorship: Full scholarship from the attended University.
Graduation Date: 03/2003
Name of Institution: IIUM, Kuala Lumpur.

Employment

2015 (October) - Present:

Associate Professor (Permanent Position)
Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Blekinge Institute of Technology, SE-371 79 Karlskrona, Sweden.

2012 – 2015 (September):

I joined Karolinska Institutet (Department of Medical Epidemiology and Biostatistics) in Stockholm as a Postdoc working on risk assessment of breast cancer via statistical image processing. More explicitly, I was working on extracting additional biomarkers, apart from mammographic density, from mammographic images which can boost risk prediction of breast cancer. I was also involved in the automation of the semi-automatic software Cumulus on the digitised analog **screen films** for area-based density measurement and also on the automation of volumetric mammography density on **processed** full field digital mammography (FFDM).

2010 - 2012:

Post-doc Researcher: I worked at Umeå Centre for Molecular Medicine (UCMM), Umeå University, Sweden. I was responsible for developing imaging algorithms to enhance the reconstruction quality of OPT (Optical Projection Tomography) data. This work culminated in the provision of a software package called DSPOPT which is now provided free of charge to the research community for non-commercial use. Several research centres in Australia (Monash University), Finland (Oulu University), UK (MRC University Unit For Human Genetics, University of Edinburgh- and Imperial College London), Denmark (Novo Nordisk Company), Czech Republic (the Academy of Sciences) and Sweden (Umeå University and Lund University) are now using this software, integrating it into commercial OPT scanners in their respective laboratories. *The above OPT algorithms generally contribute to increase acquisition speed and quality of pancreatic OPT data. The contributions will be exploited in the context of the OPTiSPIM instrument, developed by the Center for Genetic Regulation, Barcelona (CGR) and their spin-off company (BIOPTONICS). See: VIBRANT: PROJECT FINAL REPORT (pp 58-59 and TEMPLATE B1 (p.53)):*
<http://cordis.europa.eu/docs/results/228933/final1-vibrant-executive-summary-final-v2.pdf>

03-Apr- 2006 until 21- Oct-2006:

University Lecturer at the school of computer & communication engineering, Universiti Malaysia Perlis, Malaysia (see more details in the pedagogic qualifications section).

10-2005 until 12-2005:

I was hired as a web developer by *Techmy Sdn Bhd*, a private multinational company based in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia).

2-2005 until 07-2005:

I worked also as a Research Assistant (RA) at the faculty of GIS and Engineering (Universiti Teknologi Malaysia). I was involved with the Medical Imaging Research Group for 3D reconstruction of hard and soft tissues for medical purposes (surgery). This project was funded by IRPA (Intensive Research in Priority Areas) grant of RM 3.5 Millions. This interdisciplinary huge project comprised also the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Science of Malaysia and SIRIM, a government body set for industrial standardization and quality inspection.

7-2003 until 12-2003:

I worked as a research assistant, under the department of information system (IIUM) upon my BSc graduation, on a project entitled “Developing and Testing Online Survey Instrument” for teaching quality assessment. The project was implemented throughout the university and was published as a work paper in a conference listed in the publications section; the system uses PHP and MySQL technologies. The project was funded by the Research Center with RM 12000 (3.04RM =1 US\$).

Pedagogic qualifications

- Teaching and Learning in Higher Education spring 2013: I successfully finished the teacher’s course entitled “*Teaching and Learning in Higher Education*” at Karolinska Institutet. The course was equivalent to 5 weeks university studies.
A copy of the certificate: <http://www.abbascheddad.net/TeachingCertificate.pdf>
- 9 November and 8 December 2016: Conceiving-Designing-Implementing-Operating (CDIO - <http://www.cdio.org/>) Framework Workshop. Seminars for teachers (Utbildningsseminarium CDIO).
- September 2012: I gave a crash course to Master Degree students at Karolinska Institutet (Department of Learning, Informatics, Management and Ethics) on the topic of medical image processing.
- December 2012: An introductory course to data security in relation to health informatics was given to Master Degree students at Karolinska Institutet (Department of Learning, Informatics, Management and Ethics).
- Since 2015, I am giving several courses in programming and data structures and algorithms.

Supervision qualification

I successfully completed the supervision training course here at BTH in Aug 2016. The course is mandatory to get the corresponding right to become an examiner of doctoral students and consequently to be eligible to apply for the Docent position.

Teaching/Supervision at BTH

At BTH, I have been involved in teaching the following courses:

- Maskininläring - Machine Learning - (MSc) DV2542
- Datastrukturer o alg –Data Structure and Algorithms- (BSc, B.Eng) DV1549
- Masterarbete i datavetenskap – Supervision of MSc thesis in computer science- DV2566
- Examensarbete för civilingenjörer- Degree Project in Master of Science in Engineering- TE2501
- Inledande programmering i Java - Initial Programming in Java- DV1453/DV1487/ DV1498/ DV1559
- Applied Java Programming (Tillämpad programmering i java) DV1558

Supervised students

PhD students

- Dr. Pratheepan Yogarajah (School of Computing & Intelligent Sys, University of Ulster, UK) defended his PhD thesis in 2015. Currently a Lecturer at the same University.
- Dr. Christoffer Nord (Umeå Center for Molecular Medicine –UCMM-, Umeå Universitet, Sweden), defended his PhD thesis on the 26th May 2016. Currently a Postdoc at UCMM.
- Mr. Fredrik Strand (Department of Medical Epidemiology and Biostatistics –MEB-, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden).

MSc Theses

Supervision

- Vishnu Manasa Devagiri –defended- (Oct 2015/ Jan 23 2017): “*Splicing Forgery Detection and the Impact of Image Resolution.*”
- Patrik Eliasson -defended- (Oct 2016/ Jan 23 2017): “*Historical Handwritten Digits Classification using PHOG Features and Random Forest.*”
- Vaishnavi Annavarjula -defended- (Oct 2016/ April 27 2017): “*Computer-Vision Based Retinal Image Analysis for Diagnosis and Treatment.*”
- Oskar Carlsson and Daniel Nabhani -defended- (Jan 2017 / June 2017): “*User and Entity Behavior Anomaly Detection using network traffic.*”
- Edward Fenn and Fornling Erik -defended- (Jan 2017 / June 2017): “*Mapping and identifying device types on a network by use of metadata.*”
- Hassam Bin Masood -**Ongoing**-: “...”
- Satya Vardhini -**Ongoing**-: “...”
- Xusheng Liang -**Ongoing**-: “...”

Examining

- Oskar Henriksson and Michael Falk, -defended- (Jan 2017 / June 2017): “*Static Vulnerability Analysis of Docker Images.*”
- Andreas Holmqvist and Fredrik Lycke, -defended- (Jan 2017 / June 2017): “*Vulnerability Analysis of Vagrant Boxes.*”
- John Bergsten and Konrad Öhman, -defended- (Jan 2017 / June 2017): “*Player Analysis in Computer Games Using Artificial Neural Networks.*”
- Lucas Holmqvist and Eric Ahlström, -defended- (Jan 2017 / June 2017): “*Comparing Traditional Key Frame Animation Approach and Hybrid Animation Approach of Humanoid Characters.*”
- Mr. Zeid Baker, Mousa –Ongoing- (Nov 2017 / -): “*Generation of Artificial Images using a Generative Neural Network*”.
- Mr. Johan Almeflo –Ongoing- (Nov 2017 / -): “*A comparison of precision between Google ARCore and Apple ARKit*”.

Reviewing

- Jakob Trusz, -defended- (Jan 2017 / June 2017): “*Content Management Systems and MD5: Investigating Alternative Methods of Version Identification for Open Source Projects.*”
- Ivar Björling and Albin Bernhardsson, -**Ongoing**-: “*Procedural collision geometry generation using photos and color labels*”.
- Andreas Persson - **Ongoing** -: “*High-quality real-time TIN creation*”.
- Mark Daniel Alexander Pejcinovski - **Ongoing** -: “*Mixed reality projection*”.
- Andreas Jonasson and Joakim Nilsson - **Ongoing** -: “*Using Machine Learning for Iterative Gameplay Testing*”
- Viktor Lundkvist - **Ongoing** -: “*Real Time Cumulonimbus Clouds Simulation*”.

Grant Award

- *Co-investigator*: Ref. PoP 08/186 (University of Ulster- Innovation centre). Start: 17th December 2008- End: 31st July 2009. Title: Identity Cards Employing Steganography. Award: **£7,430**. PI: Dr. Joan Condell.

- *Co-investigator*: Proof of Concept Programme (Invest NI & European Regional Development Fund): Start: October 2009- End: October 2010. Title: Secure Digital Watermarks (SDW): Secure Data Hiding in Image Frames using Steganography. Award: **£77074.20**. PI: Dr. Joan Condell.

Awards

- Scholarship award (Bachelor of Information Systems)
- Dean List Award for high academic performance during BSc (earned twice)
- Fellowship award from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (Msc degree).
- Vice Chancellor's Research Studentship from University of Ulster (PhD degree).
- Best Transfer Report of the Faculty of Computing and Engineering (2007). Award given by the University of Ulster in collaboration with McGraw-Hill to 2nd year PhD students. Hilton Hotel on 03-04-2008.
- Best paper award at the 8th International Conference on Information Technology and Telecommunication (2008). The award was given by IET (The Institution of Engineering and Technology). Galway, GMIT, Ireland on 24-October-2008.
- 25K Award for New Entrepreneurs (best project in the high-tech category)
- Best PhD thesis award of the Faculty of Computing and Engineering (2009). The award was in the form of a trophy and £300.

Entrepreneurship

25K Award for New Entrepreneurs: The award was for the best project in the Hi-Tech category sponsored by Northern Ireland Science Park (NISIP), 24th Sept 2009. The event was covered by BBC Northern Ireland (Mrs. Wendy Austin). The project is entitled Secure Digital Watermark (SDW).

URL: <http://abbascheddad.net/25K.jpg>

ActionSense Co. Ltd (formerly known as HidInImage Co. Ltd) - Company Number. NI612943-: I am the *co-founder* and one of the *shareholders* of *ActionSense*, a University spin-out company based in the UK. This initiative is trying to exploit our patented technology and encryption methods which enable the encryption and embedding of secret information (text or images) inside other multimedia files using Steganography techniques. Our award winning Steganography-based hiding solution plays a vital role in securing digital media content. *ActionSense* won the Hi-Tech category at the Belfast 25K Investment awards, 2009.

External International Collaboration

- **Research Collaboration (mammography and imaging physics):** Dr. John Shepherd, Department Radiology, the University of California, San Francisco, USA.
- **Research Collaboration and Entrepreneurship (Digital Watermarking):** Dr. Joan Condell and Dr. Kevin Curran (Computing and Intelligent Systems, University of Ulster, UK).
- **Research Collaboration (Wireless Communications):** Dr. Nasreddine Lagraa, Laboratoire d'Informatique et de Mathématiques, University of Laghouat, Algeria.
- **Industrial/Research Collaboration:** Provided several clients, worldwide, with advanced customized software for their core research/businesses, using pattern recognition algorithms and machine learning techniques.

Professional membership

- IEEE Society, Senior Member
- Swedish Society for Automated Image Analysis membership
- Swedish Bioimaging membership
- Swedish e.Science Research Centre (SERC) <http://www.e-science.se/users/abbascheddad>
- NATURVETARNA: Swedish Association of Professional Scientists

- A member of the International Association of Science and Technology for Development (IASTED), Technical Committee on Image Processing and on Biomedical Engineering

International Advisory Appointments- Reviewer (*Frequently*)

Journals

- Transactions on Image Processing, IEEE Signal Processing Society.
- IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security, IEEE Signal Processing Society.
- Signal Processing, Elsevier Science.
- Signal Processing: Image Communication, Elsevier Science.
- Digital Signal Processing, Elsevier Science.
- Journal of Systems and Software, Elsevier Science.
- Information Sciences, Elsevier Science.
- Signal Image and Video Processing, Springer.
- Pattern Recognition Letters, Elsevier.

International Advisory Appointments- Reviewer (*Occasional or Conferences*)

Journals

- IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics, Part B: Cybernetics.
- Journal of Signal Processing Systems, Springer.
- Journal of Visual Communication and Image Representation, Elsevier Science.
- IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology.
- IEEE Signal Processing Letters.
- Academic Radiology, Elsevier Science.
- Information Fusion, Elsevier Science.
- Neurocomputing, Elsevier Science.
- Journal of the Institution of Engineers (India): Series B. Springer.
- PLOS ONE
- Journal of Information Security and Applications
- Journal of Real-Time Image Processing, Springer
- Multidimensional Systems and Signal Processing, Springer.
- International Journal of Image and Graphics, World Scientific.
- Wireless Sensor Network (WSN), Scientific Research Publishing Inc.
- IETE Technical Review, Medknow Publications and Media Pvt Ltd.
- The Imaging Science Journal, the Royal Photographic Society.
- IET Image Processing
- Cryptologia, Taylor & Francis.
- EURASIP Journal on Information Security
- Circuits, Systems & Signal Processing, Springer.
- Journal of Experimental & Theoretical Artificial Intelligence, Taylor & Francis.

Conferences (organisation and reviewing)

Chair

- Track Chair (Computer Graphics, Vision and Multimedia): International Conference on Advanced Computer Science Applications and Technologies – ACSAT2012.
- Executive Chair: The second Mediterranean Conference on Pattern Recognition and Artificial Intelligence, MedPRAI 2018.

PC member or Reviewer

- Reviewer: International Conference on Digital Information and Communication Technology and its Applications (DICTAP2011), Springer.
- Reviewer: International Conference on Software Engineering and Computer Systems, Springer.
- Reviewer: International Conference on Digital Information Processing and Communications, Springer.
- PC member: ACSAT 2012 (International Conference on Advanced Computer Science Applications and Technologies)

- PC member: ICCCT-2012 (3rd International Conference on Computer and Communication Technology)
- PC member: ICCCT-2014 (5th International Conference on Computer and Communication Technology)
- PC member: SICSA2010 (SICSA PhD Conference)
- Reviewer: WICT 2012(2nd World Congress on Information and Communication Technologies)
- Reviewer: International Conference on Intelligent Systems and Signal Processing, ISSP 2013.
- Reviewer: International Conference on Signal, Image, Vision and their Applications (SIVA'13).
- Reviewer: Scientific Committee: 3rd International Conference on Signal, Image, Vision and their Applications (SIVA'15), www.pimis.net/siva1.
- PC member: MEDPRAI 2016- the 1st Mediterranean Conference on Pattern Recognition and Artificial Intelligence. IAPR/ACM.
- PC member: ICCCS-2016- International Conference on Computer, Communication and Computational Sciences.
- PC member: International Conference on Man-Machine Interactions (ICMMI 2017). October 3-6, 2017 Cracow, Poland. Springer.
- PC member: MEDPRAI 2018- the 2nd Mediterranean Conference on Pattern Recognition and Artificial Intelligence. IAPR/ACM.

Invited Talks

Invited Lecture (6 January 2014): Delivered a talk entitled: “Digital Image Steganography” at the “Laboratoire d’Informatique et de Mathématiques, University of Laghouat, Algeria.”

Invited Keynote Speech (23-23 November 2016): Invited as a keynote speaker at the Mediterranean Conference on Pattern Recognition and Artificial Intelligence <https://medprai2016.sciencesconf.org/> Speech title: “Recent Trends in Image Processing from Medical Diagnosis to Document Analysis: Applications and Challenges.”

Invited Lecture (17 February 2017): Delivered a lecture to PhD students entitled: “Digital Image Processing” at Umeå University, Sweden. The lecture was a part of the course Bioimaging 1.5 ECTS; 13 - 17 February 2017.

Guest Lecture (26 May 2017): Delivered a lecture to MSc students entitled: “2D Data Science” at the department of Creative Technologies, Blekinge Institute of Technology, Sweden. The lecture was a part of the course DV2545 (Advanced Topic in Computing).

Guest Lecture (23 Nov 2017): Delivered a lecture to MSc students entitled: “Image Processing and Analysis in Data Science” at the department of Creative Technologies, Blekinge Institute of Technology, Sweden. The lecture was a part of the course DV2545 (Advanced Topic in Computing).

Workshops at Umeå University

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| 2010-11-12 | Umeå University: Mini-symposium, Imaging the Pancreas
- Nuclear approaches to pancreas imaging
- Optical approaches to pancreas imaging |
| 2011-09-(26-29) | Umeå University: IceLab Camp. An interdisciplinary workshop emphasising team work and grant proposal training. |
| 2017-09-(06-07) | Blekinge Institute of Technology: 3 rd annual workshop BigData@BTH |

Summer Schools

2007- 09- (20-21): Vision Video and Graphics (VVG) EPSRC Summer School. I won one of the student bursaries to attend the event. URL: <http://www.cs.bath.ac.uk/VVGschool/>

2012-07- (4-13): Summer School on Medical Image Processing 2012 (SSIP'12). Vienna, Austria from.
URL: <http://sites.google.com/site/ssip2012/>

Certificates

I gained two certificates from *Active Media Innovation SDN. BHD* (A private company based in Kuala Lumpur) upon the completion of a course taken with the following details:

- 1- 16 March 2004 MATLAB with Image Processing
- 2- 18 March 2004 MATLAB with GUI

Publications

Research Gate: RG Score 36.91 (as of 2017-09-08)

ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID): 0000-0002-4390-411X

Google Citation indices (*)

	All	Since 2013
Citations	1982	1551
h-index	15	14
i10-index	20	18

(*) Available from Google citation, accessed on 2018-03-08: <http://scholar.google.com/citations?user=U2AJTh0AAAAJ&hl=en>

Books (1)

Abbas Cheddad. "Digital Image Steganography: Concepts, Algorithms and Applications ". Publisher: VDM Verlag Dr. Müller (December 4, 2009), ISBN-13: 978-3639214567.

Invited Book Chapters (1)

- A. Cheddad, "Digital Forgery". In Albanese, Jay S., Editor-in-chief, *Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*, 2014. New Jersey: John Wiley & Sons, Inc. DOI: 10.1002/9781118517383.wbecj132

Patent Granted (2)

- Application Number 13125799 (granted on 11 December 2014), "An Encryption Method" University of Ulster, United Kingdom. URL: <https://patentscope.wipo.int/search/en/detail.jsf?docId=US73437065>

- Application Number 20110299771 (granted on 12 Nov 2013), "Method for Skin Tone Detection" University of Ulster, United Kingdom. URL: <https://patentscope.wipo.int/search/en/detail.jsf?docId=US73425794>

Peer-reviewed papers in scientific journals (21)

1. Ola Spjuth, Andreas Karlsson, Mark Clements, Keith Humphreys, Emma Ivansson, Jim Dowling, Martin Eklund, Alexandra Jauhiainen, Kamila Czene, Henrik Grönberg, Pär Sparén, Fredrik Wiklund, **Abbas Cheddad**, Þorgerður Pálsdóttir, Mattias Rantalainen, Linda Abrahamsson, Erwin Laure, Jan-Eric Litton, and Juni Palmgren. "E-Science technologies in a workflow for personalized medicine using cancer screening as a case study." *Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association*, 24(5): 950-957, 2017. doi: 10.1093/jamia/ocx038. Oxford University Press. PMID: 28444384. Impact Factor: 3.428.

2. **Cheddad A.** "Structure Preserving Binary Image Morphing using Delaunay Triangulation." *Pattern Recognition Letters*, (2017) 85, pp. 8-14. Elsevier. An official publication of the International Association for Pattern Recognition.

3. Fredrik Strand, Keith Humphreys, **Abbas Cheddad**, et. al. (2016) "Novel mammographic image features differentiate between interval and screen-detected breast cancer: a case-case study." *Breast Cancer Research* (2016) 18:100. DOI 10.1186/s13058-016-0761-x. Springer.

4. Brik B, Lagraa N, Lakas A and **Cheddad A**. DDGP: Distributed Data Gathering Protocol for vehicular networks. *Vehicular Communications*, 4(2016) 15-29. Elsevier.
5. **Cheddad A**, Czene K, Hall P and Humphreys K. Pectoral muscle attenuation as a marker for breast cancer risk in Full Field Digital Mammography. *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention (CEBP)*, 24(6)(2015) 985–991. American Association for Cancer Research. PMID: 25870223.
6. Brik B, Lagraa N, Lakas A, Cherroun H and **Cheddad A**. ECDGP: extended cluster-based data gathering protocol for vehicular networks. *Wireless Communications and Mobile Computing*, 16 (10)(July 2016), pp: 1238–1255. John Wiley & Sons, Ltd. DOI: 10.1002/wcm.2591.
7. Holm J, Humphreys K, Li J, Ploner A, **Cheddad A**, Eriksson M, Törnberg S, Hall P, Czene K. (2015) Risk factors and tumor characteristics of interval cancers by mammographic density. *Journal of Clinical Oncology*, 33(9)(2015)1030-1037. PMID: 25646195.
8. **Abbas Cheddad**, Kamila Czene, Mikael Eriksson, Jingmei Li, Douglas Easton, Per Hall and Keith Humphreys. “Area and volumetric density estimation in processed full-field digital mammograms for risk assessment of breast cancer.” *PLoS One*, 9 (10)(2014) 1-10.
9. **Abbas Cheddad**, Kamila Czene, John Shepherd, Jingmei Li, Per Hall, Keith Humphreys. “Enhancement of mammographic density measures in breast cancer risk prediction.” *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention (CEBP)*, 23(7)(2014) 1314-1323. American Association for Cancer Research. PMID: 24722754. PDF: <http://cebp.aacrjournals.org/content/23/7/1314.full.pdf+html>
Reviewer's comment: "This manuscript presents an interesting and novel approach to enhance mammographic density assessment from 2-dimensional images. It has been long been considered a weakness that the common assessment methods using film mammograms ignore the third dimension of breast thickness. Therefore, this paper makes a new contribution to the field of mammographic density research..."
10. Anna Eriksson, Christoffer Svensson, Andreas Hornblad, **Abbas Cheddad**, Elena Kostromina, Maria Eriksson, Nils Norlin, Antonello Pileggi, James Sharpe, Fredrik Georgsson, Tomas Alanentalo and Ulf Ahlgren. “Near Infrared Optical Projection Tomography for Assessments of β -cell Mass Distribution in Diabetes Research.” *J. Vis. Exp* 2013. (71), e50238. PMID: 23353681.
11. **Abbas Cheddad**, Christoffer Nord, Andreas Hörnblad, Renata Prunskaitė-Hyyryläinen, Maria Eriksson, Fredrik Georgsson, Seppo J. Vainio, and Ulf Ahlgren. “Improving signal detection in emission optical projection tomography via single source multi-exposure image fusion.” *Optics Express* 2013. 21(14)16584-16604. PMID: 23938510.
12. **Abbas Cheddad**, Christoffer Svensson, James Sharpe, Fredrik Georgsson and Ulf Ahlgren. “Image Processing Assisted Algorithms for Optical Projection Tomography.” *IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging*, January 2012, 31(1)1-15. PMID: 21768046. *It was featured "In the news", TrAC Trends in Analytical Chemistry, Volume 30, Issue 10, Pages v-xi (November 2011) Edited by Janusz Pawliszyn.*
13. Andreas Hörnblad, **Abbas Cheddad** and Ulf Ahlgren, “An improved protocol for Optical Projection Tomography imaging Reveals Lobular Heterogeneities in Pancreatic Islet and β -Cell Mass Distribution.” *Islets*, 3(4)(2011) 1-5. PMID: 21633198.
14. Pratheepan, Y., Condell, J.V., Curran, K., **Cheddad, A.**, Mc Kevitt, P. “A Dynamic Threshold Approach for Skin Tone Detection in Color Images.” *Int. J. Biometrics*, 4(1)(2012)38-55. Inderscience.
15. Pratheepan, Y., Condell, J.V., Curran, K., **Cheddad, A.**, Mc Kevitt, P., “An Improved Self-Embedding Algorithm: Robust Protection against Lossy Compression Attacks in Digital Image Watermarking.” *Image Processing and Communications*, 15(1)(2010) 47-59.
16. **A. Cheddad**, J. Condell, K. Curran and P. Mc Kevitt, “A Hash-based Image Encryption Algorithm.” *Optics Communications*, 283(6)(2010) 879-893. Elsevier Science.
17. **A. Cheddad**, J. Condell, K. Curran and P. Mc Kevitt, “Digital Image Steganography: Survey and Analyses of Current Methods.” *Signal Processing* 90 (3) (2010) 727-752, Elsevier Science. *The most cited article published since 2009 in Signal Processing, Elsevier.*
18. **A. Cheddad**, J. Condell, K. Curran and P. Mc Kevitt, “Information hiding-enabled data transmission framework.” *International Journal of Information Studies*, 1(3)(2009)159-164.

19. **A. Cheddad**, J. Condell, K. Curran and P. Mc Kevitt, "A Skin Tone Detection Algorithm for an Adaptive Approach to Steganography." *Signal Processing* 89 (12) (2009) 2465-2478, Elsevier Science.
20. **A. Cheddad**, J. Condell, K. Curran and P. Mc Kevitt. "A Secure and Improved Self-Embedding Algorithm to Combat Digital Document Forgery." *Signal Processing* 89 (12) (2009) 2324-2332, Elsevier Science. Special Issue: Visual Information Analysis for Security.
21. **A. Cheddad**, D. Mohamad and A. Abd Manaf. "Exploiting Voronoi Diagram Properties in Face Segmentation and Features Extraction." *Pattern Recognition* 41 (12)(2008) 3842-3859, Elsevier Science.

Refereed Conference Publications (29)

1. Abbas Cheddad, Huseyin Kusetogullari and Håkan Grahn, (2017). "Object Recognition using Shape Growth Pattern," 10th *International Symposium on Image and Signal Processing and Analysis* (ISPA 2017). 18-20th September 2017, pp.47-52, Ljubljana, Slovenia.
2. V. M Devagiri and A. Cheddad. "Splicing Forgery Detection and the Impact of Image Resolution," 5th International Workshop on Systems Safety and Security (IWSSS 2017). Targoviste, România, 29-30 June 2017.
3. Cheddad, A. "Towards Query by Text Example for Pattern Spotting in Historical Documents." 7th International Conference on Computer Science and Information Technology (CSIT'16), July 13-14, 2016, IEEE Computer Society.
4. Akser, M., Bridges, B., Campo, G., Cheddad, A. et al. (2017). "SceneMaker: Creative Technology for Digital StoryTelling". In: Brooks A., Brooks E. (eds) *Interactivity, Game Creation, Design, Learning, and Innovation*. ArtsIT 2016, DLI 2016. Lecture Notes of the Institute for Computer Sciences, Social Informatics and Telecommunications Engineering, vol 196. Springer, Cham. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-55834-9_4.
5. Pratheepan Yogarajah, Joan Condell, Kevin Curran, Paul Mc Kevitt and Abbas Cheddad. (2010) "Video Authentication: A Self Embedding Steganography approach". International Machine Vision and Image Processing Conference, IMVIP'10, 8-10 September 2010, Ireland.
6. Yogarajah Pratheepan J. Condell, K. Curran, P. Mc Kevitt and Abbas Cheddad. "An Improved Self-Embedding Algorithm: Digital Content Protection against Compression Attacks in Digital Watermarking". 2nd International Conference on Image Processing and Communications, Poland. 20-23 October 2010. Also appears as a monograph by Springer-Verlag in *Advances in Soft Computing Series* book, Volume 84, *Image Processing and Communications Challenges 2*, Pages 59-66.
7. Pratheepan Yogarajah, Joan Condell, Kevin Curran, Abbas Cheddad and Paul Mc Kevitt, "A dynamic threshold approach for skin segmentation in color images", IEEE International Conference on Image Processing , IICIP 2010, Hong Kong, 26-29 Sept. 2010, pp: 2225-2228.
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