

# Message from the General Co-Chairs

## AIVR 2022

We express a warm welcome to everyone involved in IEEE AIVR 2022, the fifth conference on Artificial Intelligence and Virtual Reality, including the people handling the organization, the authors who contributed with their work, and the attendants who will partake in the event. Despite the ongoing restrictions imposed by the COVID pandemic, the program co-chairs were able to put together an exciting program, featuring technical and special session papers, posters and late-breaking-work contributions, and interactive demos. In addition, the conference will feature two stimulating workshops – one on XR technologies in museums, and one on AR & XR for learning, education, and serious gaming. We are deeply thankful for everyone who made this happen – the program co-chairs, the program committee members, the workshop organizers, and everyone who submitted their work to IEEE AIVR. We thank everyone at IEEE who provided technical and administration support, including the teams who managed the proceedings and registrations. Finally, we want to express our thanks and appreciation to the team who is setting up the online environment for this year’s event.

For the third time now, we will hold the event virtually. In the face of this limitation, we are very happy to see that after five years now, a solid community has developed around the topic of AI and VR/AR. When we started this event five years ago, our main aim was to connect people with these backgrounds and foster fruitful collaborations by bringing together these two communities with this unique event. Conferences are all about making connections, meeting each other, and exchanging knowledge and ideas. Although again being virtual, we are sure that this will happen again and that we will all enjoy an exciting conference with great presentations and intensified and newly created contacts.

We are looking forward to seeing you at IEEE AIVR 2022!

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