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The conference is organized by four chairs (Pak Chung Wong, David L. Kao, Ming C. Hao, and Chaomei Chen) and four co-chairs (Christopher G. Healey, Mark A. Livingston, Ian Roberts, and Thomas Wischgoll). David Kao and Ming Hao serve as the paper chairs and Chaomei Chen serves as the best paper chair. Ian Roberts manages the VDA conference website at <http://vda-conference.org>. The entire conference committee supports all aspects of conference organizing activities including paper review, publicity and sponsorship development, and keynote speaker invitation.

VDA 2014 received 34 submissions from around the world. Each submission received at least three peer reviews. The two paper chairs examined the reviewers' comments and selected 20 manuscripts as full papers for conference presentation. The best paper chair independently selected the five best conference papers from the accepted full papers. A special issue of extended versions of the best papers will be published in a major data visualization journal, *Information Visualization (IVI)*. The five best VDA 2014 papers are:

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The conference also accepted 12 poster papers for interactive presentation on Tuesday evening from 5:30pm to 6:45pm.

The conference program for this year includes two keynote addresses on Monday and Tuesday. The two keynote speakers are Dr. Pak Chung Wong of Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and Dr. Eser Kandogan of IBM Alameda Research Center. Wong's presentation will focus on cybersecurity visualization, and Kandogan's presentation will address "just-in-time visual analytics."

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