ICDAR 2013 – Competitions Rules

1. Date of brief update (upon close of evaluation) - we can check the number of participants and if anything has changed.

2. Date of complete paper describing the competition - for review. Dataset must be publicly available at that point (and access details given in the paper).

3. Paper must provide adequate discussion and insight of the behavior of participating methods, given the results obtained ("added value" of competition to researchers).

4. Name of competition must be standardized by starting with "ICDAR2013" e.g. "ICDAR2013 Competition on ..."

5. Minimum number of competition entrants for a competition to be reported at ICDAR 2013: 5

6. Organizers should also run (alongside the submitted methods) and report results on existing state-of-the-art (or commercial) systems if available. This can serve as a benchmark overall and especially from one edition to the next of the competition.

7. Each competition has to be presented with a poster at a prominent place at the conference venue.

8. During the session with the competition presentation a short oral discussion of 5 competitions with most participants will be organized.

9. Participants have to be motivated to present their algorithms (if not already done) in a conference paper at ICDAR 2013.

Important Dates:

- **April 30th, 2013**: Deadline for submission (for review) of full papers describing the competition protocol. Papers must be sent directly to the Competition Chairs.
- **May 15th, 2013**: Camera ready papers describing the competition protocol.

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