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# Preface

These are the proceedings of the second international workshop on Smart Material Interfaces` (SMI 2013), held in Sydney, Australia on December 13th. This second workshop is held in conjunction with the 15th ACM International Conference on Multimodal Interaction (ICMI 2013). The first workshop on Smart Material Interfaces (SMI 2012) was held during ICMI 2012, in Santa Monica, California, USA.

The objective of this workshop is to draw attention to the emerging field of smart material interfaces which spans the areas of design, engineering and architecture. These novel composites, which in some cases are already celebrated as the answer for the 21st century's technological needs, are generally referred to as materials that are capable of sensing the environment and actively responding to environmental changes by changing their physical properties. This allows the control of physical properties such as shape, size and color by using certain stimuli (electric or magnetic fields, light, temperature or stress). Some common smart materials appear in the form of polymers, ceramics, memory metals or hydro gels. The workshop aims at stimulating research and development in interfaces that make novel use of such smart materials, and will provide a platform for state-of-the-art design of smart material interfaces.

The proposed topics for the workshop included but were not limited to the following: reality-based interfaces, tangible interfaces, organic user interfaces, programmable matter, electronic textiles, computational textiles, smart textiles, robotics, and relevant developments in materials science, mechanical engineering, chemistry, biological engineering, nanotechnology, electrical engineering, textile engineering, and other fields, coupled with thoughtful speculation about applications.

Many of these topics were covered by the first workshop (see ACM Digital Library for these papers), and are again covered by this second workshop. In addition to a methodological survey of Smart Materials and how to use them in interfaces, the topics that are covered by the current papers include the use of thermo-chromic and conductive ink for the design of 'electronic' Origami, the design of smart hair controlled by shape memory alloys, the use of silk as a programmable biomarker for on-body and in-body health monitoring, and the use of deformable Smart Materials that interact with the human skin.

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