Editorial: EIC Farewell and New EIC Introduction

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As we begin the 13th year of TVCG, I am delighted to report that the journal has continued to sustain strong growth and leadership over the past four years. Our submission rate continues to grow at more than 20 percent per year. The average time from submission to decision continues to decrease with the diligent work of our editorial board and the IEEE Computer Society staff. In fact, for the 22 months ending 1 October 2006, this average time was just 79 days! Through the excellent work of the IEEE Computer Society staff and support of both the Publisher, Angela Burgess, and Vice President for Publications, Jon Rokne, we have succeeded in increasing the frequency and number of pages published each year within TVCG, while also decreasing the time from when a paper is accepted until it appears online in the Computer Society’s Digital Library. TVCG is a high-impact, efficient, and influential publication venue for the fields of computer graphics, visualization, virtual reality, and haptics.

The continued growth of the journal is the culmination of work by many individuals and groups. First of all, the success of the journal relies on the authors and readers of TVCG for their high-quality submissions and subscriptions. The journal cofounders and previous EICs started TVCG on a great course from its inception and have continued to provide valuable advice and guidance. The Associate Editors and reviewers over the past 12 years have succeeded in providing efficient, high-quality review and assistance in creating excellent archival papers.

I am indebted to my excellent Associate EICs, Charles Hansen and Thomas Ertl, as well as the Associate Editors that I have had the opportunity to work with over the past four years. Their work is invaluable to the success of TVCG.

The Computer Society publications staff, especially Alicia Stickley, Suzanne Werner, Selina Norman, Niki Gifford, Erin Espriu, and Kathy Santa Maria, have been incredible colleagues and I am extremely thankful for their guidance and hard work in making TVCG successful.

In reflecting on the changes and expansion of TVCG over my tenure as EIC, I am pleased to say that we have succeeded in increasing the publication frequency (four to six times per year), drastically increasing the number of published papers per year, and decreasing the time from submission to publication of material. We have also created open-call special issues on emerging topics in the field, expanded the scope, and embarked on a new partnership with the IEEE Visualization Conference and Symposium on Information Visualization that should continue to thrive. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to be a part of this successful growth of TVCG. It has been an extremely rewarding experience.

As my second term as EIC is ending, it is my pleasure to introduce Thomas Ertl as EIC. TVCG is very fortunate to have such an excellent researcher and leader to guide it. Dr. Ertl has been on the editorial board for the past four years and he was also an Associate EIC of TVCG. This past year, an international search for a new EIC was conducted. The search committee received nominations from several very well-qualified candidates and eventually made their recommendations to the IEEE Computer Society Publications Board, with the official appointment being made by the President of the IEEE Computer Society.

I look forward to watching TVCG continue to grow under Dr. Ertl’s guidance and expect many great advances in the journal over the next four years.

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