

Editor's Note

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THE success of a journal relies heavily on the quality of submissions and of their reviews. The latter is primarily the work and efforts of the associate editors and of the anonymous reviewers. The dedication of associate editors and of external reviewers is essential to the continuing growth of the journal. To continue recognizing these “unsung heroes” who drive the scientific peer review process for the *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics (TVCG)*, it is my pleasure to announce the *2015 Best Associate Editor Award* and the *2015 Best Reviewer Award*.

Three associate editors (AEs) are recognized for their dedication and hard work in 2015: Gennady Andrienko, Enrico Gobbetti, and Tao Ju. They handled a large number of submissions efficiently with the quickest turnaround (averaging less than 50 days) and provided consistently high-quality, thoughtful recommendation summaries to the authors. In recognizing their distinguished service to the *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics*, the 2015 TVCG Best Associate Editor Award goes to Gennady Andrienko, Enrico Gobbetti, and Tao Ju.

After some very difficult deliberation, the *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics* presents the 2015 TVCG Best Reviewer Award to Stefan Bruckner, Ingrid Hotz, Mark Livingston, and Ye Zhao. Several other external reviewers also deserve special mentioning of their excellent contribution in supporting the *Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics* review process: Weiwei Cui, Hongbo Fu, Lin Gao, Christoph Garth, Kiyoshi Kiyokawa, Yu-Kun Lai, Robert Laramée, Heike Leitte, Vincent Lepetit, Ligang Liu, Ross Maciejewski, Heidrun Schumann, Cagatay Turkey, Tatiana Van Landesberger, Chaoli Wang, Yu-Shuen Wang, and Caroline Ziemkiewicz. They have either reviewed a large number of submissions and/or provided their reviews within the shortest turnaround time, while offering detailed, constructive comments that significantly improved the final published manuscripts.

There are many more associate editors (including those who have completed their term) and reviewers, whose work and commitment to the scientific peer review process is commendable and not mentioned here. The *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics* will continue to recognize them in the future years. At this time, I would like to express my personal gratitude to all the members of the *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics* Editorial Board and to the anonymous reviewers of the visualization, computer graphics and virtual and augmented reality communities for their constant support and commitment to the peer review process. Effective, fair, and timely review of scientific work is absolutely critical for a vibrant technical journal to publish important and ground-breaking innovative results.

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