

Welcome all to the year 2012

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First of all, I would like to thank all authors for their strong interest and participation in The Visual Computer journal. Between the 1st of November 2010 and the 31st of October 2011, we received 149 original research submissions. We accepted 30 papers out of these 149 submissions. The acceptance rate is 20.13%. I take this opportunity to ask authors to cite The Visual Computer papers when writing their own papers. Our journal meets high standards but needs to be more cited. It is then important to cite each time excellent published papers in The Visual Computer.

This year, we have some changes in the editorial board members. I take this opportunity to thank the following members for their constant commitment and hard work for the journal:

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- January: Regular Issue
- February: Regular Issue
- March: Regular Issue
- April: Regular Issue
- May: Regular Issue
- June–August: Special Issue: CGI 2012 (Triple Special Issue, Computer Graphics International 2012, Bournemouth University, UK)
- September: Special Issue: 3DOR 2011 (Eurographics Workshop on 3D Object Retrieval 2011, Llandudno, UK)
- October: Special Issue: SIBGRAPI 2011 (Conference on Graphics, Patterns and Images 2011, Alagoas, Brazil)
- November: Special Issue: CAD/Graphics 2011 (International Conference on CAD/Graphics 2011, Jinan, China)
- December: Regular Issue

I would like warmly to thank our reviewers for the tremendous jobs they do to carefully review papers. Without devoted reviewers, no paper could be published. You will find below the list of reviewers who kindly accepted to review The Visual Computer papers.

I would like also to thank the publisher, Ms Beverley Ford for her constant support. I also appreciate the collaboration of Beate Uhl, Rachel Roberts and Ronila Gamatero at Springer on a daily basis. It is really a pleasure to work with Springer people who are so dedicated to the journal and help to solve many issues.

Finally, I would like to introduce our new associate editor-in-chief, Prof. Shi-Min Hu, from Tsinghua Univer-

sity. He will help greatly to increase the ranking of the journal by collaborating on the selection of the reviewers, reducing the reviewing time and proposing special issues of utmost interest.

I wish all of you a Happy New Year, a lot of academic success and a good health.

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