

Welcome to the year 2016

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Welcome to 2016. I wish you a very active and fruitful academic year.

The *Visual Computer Journal* is one of the most successful journals in the world. We have received during the year 2015 more than 600 submissions. After careful review by at least 3 reviewers, 132 papers have been accepted. The Visual Computer publishes 12 issues a year, each containing around 10 papers. The acceptance rate is about 20 per cent. As we can see, it is an incredible number of papers we have to deal with and I take this opportunity to thank our associate editors and reviewers for their tremendous work.

Throughout 2015, some associate editors left the Editorial Board. I would like to thank them for their great contribution to The Visual Computer:

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I would also like to welcome the new Associate Editors who have joined the editorial board this year:

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