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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

Please join me in congratulating Professors Joaquim Jorge and Václav Skala on their 2010 induction into the EUROGRAPHICS Fellowship of the Association.

Prof. Jorge and Prof. Skala are editorial board members of *Computers & Graphics* (C&G), and their contributions to the advancement of the art, service to the community, and tireless commitment and dedication to the Journal are well known to their peers. As the Publisher of C&G, I am in admiration of their accomplishments, humbled by their modesty, and honored to have the opportunity to work with esteemed members of the computer graphics community.



Prof. Joaquim Jorge

Prof. Joaquim Jorge, Editor in Chief of C&G, is a Full Professor of Computer Science at Instituto Superior Técnico (IST/UTL), the School of Engineering of the Technical University of Lisboa, Portugal. He received PhD and MSc degrees in Computer Science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, in 1995 and 1992, respectively,

and a BsEE from IST/UTL in 1984. His research interests are in calligraphic and multimodal user interfaces, visual languages, and pattern recognition techniques applied to human-computer interaction. He is an author or co-author of over 150 papers published in peer-reviewed international conferences and publications. Prof. Jorge is a long-time member of EUROGRAPHICS, the ACM, and serves on the SIGGRAPH Educational Committee. He is also an active member of the IEEE Computer Society, IFIP TC13 (Human-Computer Interaction—National Contact Person), and IAPR.

Under Prof. Jorge's leadership, C&G has positioned itself as the natural outlet and resource for the graphics community. The Journal's overarching objectives are quality, speed, and community partnership. In 2009, C&G adopted a double-blind review process with a minimum of 3 referees per paper, ensuring that the Journal offers unbiased reviews and only publishes the highest quality research. Correspondingly, the editors strive continually to decrease submission to publication times. The board has successfully reduced the Journal's average submission to first decision to 8 weeks, a reduction of more than half in less than 3 years. And while this is an extraordinary accomplishment in itself, the C&G board has set a challenging goal to further reduce this average by 1 week in 2010. Most importantly, C&G has built bridges within the computer graphics community, and enjoys a partnership with the IEEE SMI conference. For the second year in a row, the Journal has published the top proceedings papers exclusively. C&G has experienced many positive changes under the careful guidance of Joaquim Jorge. Initial feedback from the community demonstrates support of the Journal's goals; in parallel, submissions to C&G are increasing annually. There is much more to come. Watch this space.



Prof. Václav Skala

Prof. Václav Skala is a Professor at the University of West Bohemia, Plzen, Czech Republic, and head of the Center of

Computer Graphics and Visualization (<http://Graphics.zcu.cz>). He studied Computer Science at the Institute of Technology in Plzen and received his PhD in Computer Science from the Czech Technical University in Prague in 1981. He became a Docent at the University of West Bohemia in 1989 and a Full Professor in 1996. Prof. Skala is a member of the EUROGRAPHICS Executive Committee, the Computer Graphics Society, IEEE, ACM SIGGRAPH, and an IPC member of several international conferences, workshops and symposia boards. He is the Editor in Chief of the *Journal of WSCG*, organizer of the WSCG conferences on Computer Graphics, Visualization and Computer Vision since 1992 (<http://wscg.zcu.cz>) and GraVisMa: Computer Graphics, Vision and Mathematics workshops (<http://GraVisMa.zcu.cz>). He is an author or co-author of over 100 research papers and he has been responsible for several large national research projects and research projects of the European Union including FP6 Network of Excellence projects. In May 2010, Skala celebrated 35 years of activities and service to the computer graphics community.

As an Editorial Board Member of C&G, Prof. Skala is instrumental in executing journal policies. He is a vocal and ardent supporter of the Journal, frequently serving as its ambassador. As with all C&G editors, community service is a matter of paramount

importance; thus, Skala currently serves as a board member of 9 journals!

It would be remiss not to mention here that distinguished researcher and former C&G editorial board member Professor Daniel Cohen-Or was inducted alongside Profs. Jorge and Skala. Prof. Cohen-Or is a Full Professor of Computer Science at Tel Aviv University. He presently serves on the editorial board of several notable publications, including *Computer Graphics Forum* and *ACM Transactions on Graphics*. Without the assistance of our editors, C&G would be unable to maintain the quality of publication the graphics community has come to expect from the Journal. The Publisher is forever indebted to Joaquim Jorge, Václav Skala, and Daniel Cohen-Or for services to the Journal.

Kudos, to them all on their fellowship.

To view the EUROGRAPHICS 2010 fellows announcement, please visit the EUROGRAPHICS website at <http://www.eg.org/EG/About/organisation/fellows/new-fellows-full-2010.htm>.

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