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Dear colleague, dear member of the Eurographics Association,

In my first letter as chairman a year ago one of my first tasks was to explain the problems we had with our *Computer Graphics Forum* Journal. Of course, that letter also explained the many steps the Association has decided to take to improve the overall services to its members.

Now, a year later, I am very pleased to report that by the joint effort of many volunteers Eurographics has mastered most of its problems, has successfully introduced new and attractive services, and has regained momentum to address the challenges of the new millennium.

Computer Graphics Forum

- ❑ we have a new team of Editors-in-Chief: a warm welcome David Duke, and many thanks to Hans-Peter Seidel for seven years of excellent service.
- ❑ Volume 18 made it back on track with the last issue delivered right before Xmas; thanks to our CGF managers (Editors *and* production team at Blackwell)
- ❑ Over the year EG has significantly expanded its online services available at <http://www.eg.org/> and has also introduced a new *Digital Library* at <http://diglib.eg.org/> offering full electronic access to the *Computer Graphics Forum* including all kinds of multimedia attachments.
- ❑ What all members with electronic subscription in 1999 receive with the printed version of this letter is the annual CD ROM of Volume 18; thanks to my team at the Univ. of Technology in Braunschweig, particularly to Marco Zens handling EG's Digital Library.
- ❑ The CD ROM for the 1999 volume of *Computer Graphics Forum* includes all articles published in Volume 18 and, als added benefit to our members, all other conference material such as State of the Art Reports (STARs), Tutorials and Short Papers including the multimedia attachments for the Conference issue of the Annual Event in Milano (Vol 18 No 3).

New Educational Package

For 250 SFr per year *all* students, faculty, and staff at one institution can get access to STARs, Tutorials, the full 'Best Paper Award' contributions from the Annual event and CGF's content pages.

(see http://www.eg.org/EG/organization/edu_member.pdf)

By the way, this year EG will follow the European currency developments and will start publishing all prices in instead of Swiss Francs.

New Organizational Membership

For 1290 SFr per year a *complete service package* offers *all* services and benefits previously known as 'Institutional Membership' with all options taken. We believe that this package is exceptionally attractive (not only because of its low price) and encourage you to have a look at the details at

➡ http://www.eg.org/organization/org_member.pdf

New Online services

- ❑ Forum papers are now becoming available online in EG's Digital Library at the time of acceptance – well before arriving in printed version (see <http://diglib.eg.org/>)
- ❑ An *Electronic Job Center* has been developed and is now under full operation at ➡ <http://www.eg.org/EG/JC>. In case you are trying to fill a vacant position or you are looking for interesting job offerings this site should become a must. Granted, a service like this needs some startup time to become well known *and* well used. Thus, please check the site and spread the word!
- ❑ Individual updating of *address records* – ➡ [please help us keeping our membership database up to date!](#)
- ❑ *New Conference Calendar*: a service provided by Helwig Hauser from TU Wien – accessible from EG's homepage

Scientific Events

In addition to cooperating with other organizations on scientific events (ten events in 1999) – thereby granting EG members membership rates for participation – Eurographics has organized its *Annual Event* in Milano plus *nine top-notch Eurographics Workshops* (on Visualization, Virtual Environments (VE), Design, Specification & Verification of Interactive Systems (DSV-IS), Rendering, Graphics & Visualization Education (GVE), Hardware, Multimedia, Animation & Simulation (CAS), Implicit Surfaces).

Details on these events together with announcements of upcoming EG Workshops can be found at the online pages of the Workshop Working Groups.

Of course, EG's Workshop Series which, by the way, is a widely acknowledged brand name for scientific meetings has also produced a set of Springer books publishing the results of the EG Workshops on Visualization, DSV-IS, Rendering, VE's, and CAS. The papers from the Hardware Workshop, jointly organized with SIGGRAPH, have been published by ACM Press but, of course, are also available through EG's bookshop.

Speaking of publications, please bear in mind that EG has discontinued the printed list of bookshop items and replaced it by the *online bookshop list*. The online list is updated as soon as new publications appear. Please check

☛ <http://www.eg.org/EG/publications>

Renewed Affiliation agreements

- ☐ ACM SIGGRAPH: The past year signaled a new level of cooperation between EG and SIGGRAPH. Further to renewing the cooperation agreement SIGGRAPH, for the first time at the SIGGRAPH Conference, offered EG a stand right next to their own in the lobby area (i.e., outside the exhibition floor) thereby giving Eurographics a special visibility at this most popular event.
 - ☐ Let me take this opportunity to invite all of you who plan to attend Siggraph'2000 to *drop by the EG stand* and mingle with your fellow EG colleagues.
 - ☐ NORSIGD – Norwegian Computer Society
 - ☐ GI -- Gesellschaft für Informatik (German Computer Society)
- See ☛ <http://www.eg.org/EG/Organization/affil.html> for details.

Feedback to Membership Questionnaire

- ☐ By the end of 1999 we could contact approx. 70% of our members by email: many thanks to those who already gave us their email address and, yet another time, would all members who have not given us their electronic contact address *please do so* at their earliest convenience?!
- ☐ The detailed analysis on the returned forms, too long for a chairman's letter, can be found as an online report under ☛ http://www.eg.org/EG/Docs/Misc/questionnaire_res.pdf

New composition of the Executive Committee

- ☐ Before welcoming the new members of the Executive Committee (EXC) I would like to thank *Peter Bono, Jose L. Encarnação, Paul ten Hagen, and Jarek Rossignac* for their contributions and continuous support of the Association – from the very first days of founding Eurographics until today. The colleagues decided not to stand for reelection in order to give way for fresh blood. Despite the sad fact of loosing them for the EXC I know that we can safely rely on their continued help and advice. Many thanks on behalf of all of us!
- ☐ A warm welcome to the newly elected *members Steve Cunningham, Morten Daehlen, Werner Hansmann, and Václav Skala*.

Actions for the New Year

- increase membership – help to recruit new volunteers
- intensify cooperation with ACM SIGGRAPH
- seek workshop cooperation agreement with IEEE (in a similar way we did with SIGGRAPH)
- complete citation database (BibTeX) for all EG publications: the first version of *the Eurographics Bibliography Database* is already accessible through the online server at ☛ <http://diglib.eg.org>
- Improve *Online Submission and Reviewing Procedure* for Annual Event which is still under development but had its first real life test run for EG'2000

For your calendar, please don't forget to mark ☛ ***EG'2000 in Interlaken*** from August 21-25, 2000 (see ☛ <http://www.eg.org/EG2000>)

I do hope that you are/will be using the new services offered by EG and you find them helpful. If you have any queries or suggestions please feel free to contact the Association's officer you feel most appropriate, or myself

With best wishes,
Yours faithfully



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