

reply to:

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Dear colleague, dear member of the Eurographics Association,

My last letter as chairman will hopefully reach you well after the bulk of mail we all receive in the typically most hectic month of the year. With the New Year just around the corner and with myself retiring as Chairman it is time to give you a brief report what the members and officers have achieved over the past year.

As all my letters so far started with our *Computer Graphics Forum* Journal, it is my distinct pleasure to report that, by the very end of this year and thanks to our CGF managers (Editors *and* production team at Blackwell), we have finally left the troubled waters and are now back to production and delivery schedule. Many of you have received the last issue of this year's volume before you left for the Xmas holidays.

Also, the Association has decided to retroactively digitize all *Forum* and Annual Event material back to 1990 with Volume 16 being the first one now completely available in high-quality electronic form. Please see the *Digital Library* at http://diglib.eg.org/ to check the new material.

With regard to membership services we have now two new packages in place, which, based on first comments by some of you, may be called highly attractive. The all-inclusive *Organizational Membership* (for 1290 SFr per year) offers all services and benefits previously known as 'Institutional Membership' with all options taken. We encourage you to have a look at the details at http://www.eg.org/organization/org member.pdf

The *Educational Package* (for 250 SFr per year) offers all students, faculty and staff at one institution electronic access to STARs, Tutorials, the full 'Best Paper Award' contributions from the Annual event and CGF's content pages. (please see http://www.eg.org/EG/organization/edu member.pdf)

This year has a also seen a milestone in the cooperation with ACM Siggraph: after many years of fruitful cooperation on scientific events and excellent relations between the two executive committees Eurographics and Siggraph have entered a new level of cooperation by offering mutual discounts for each other's members. Further, Siggraph, for the first time at the SIGGRAPH Conference, offered EG a stand right next to their own in the lobby area thereby giving Eurographics a special visibility at this most popular event. See

http://www.eg.org/EG/Organization/affil.html for details.

In addition to cooperating with other organizations on scientific events – thereby granting EG members membership rates for participation – Eurographics has organized its *Annual Event* in Interlaken plus six top-notch *Eurographics Workshops* (on Visualization, Virtual Environments (VE), Rendering, Hardware, Animation & Simulation (CAS), Parallel Graphics). Details on these events together with announcements of upcoming EG Workshops can be found at the online pages of the Workshop Working Groups.

For your calendar, please don't forget to mark **EG'2001 in Manchester** from September 3-7, 2000.

With regard to *Publications*, please bear in mind that EG has discontinued the printed list of bookshop items and replaced it by the replaced it

Of course, even a brief report for the Year 2000 is incomplete without appreciating the extremely valuable help of the many volunteers in the various committees and boards and the even more important support by all our members, making Eurographics a highly respected international Association in the wide area of Graphics and related fields.

It was a distinct privilege to serve as Chairman of Eurographics and to be a part of a highly motivated team, working very hard to improve Eurographics' services and standing. I trust you will support the new team chaired by Pere Brunet in the same way you supported mine.

With best wishes for a successful and Happy New Year, Yours faithfully

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