

Foreword

This brochure contains a concentrated description of many European Computer Graphics research labs. It was produced to accompany a track of lab presentations at the annual conference Eurographics'2002 in Saarbrücken in September 2002. European CG researchers were invited through the call for participation to present their research unit to a broader audience, including the readers of this booklet. In addition we have invited the leaders of the most active labs personally to send their contributions. We believe that only relatively few important CG institutes and research organisations are missing, and that this brochure therefore gives a nice overview of what is going on in Europe in Computer Graphics. Most of the labs collected in this brochure presented themselves with a short talk during the conference, often given by their heads in person, and participants had the opportunity to ask a few rather organisational questions.

The information we requested is structured more or less in the same way for all participants, and includes the address and internet connections, the history, the structure, the people, the research topics, partners, and a view into the next years. This text was filled with some images to end up with exactly two pages per lab. We must admit that not all images were selected by the contributors, in several cases we had to fill up the available material with images that we found on the web-pages of the respective lab. We hope that we did not break too many laws with this strategy. At the same time we would like to excuse ourselves for all errors that surely have remained in the manuscript despite several correction passes.

At the end of the book you can find a weakly sorted list of email addresses of CG researchers from Central Eastern Europe, which was given to us by Andrej Ferko from Bratislava. We want to express the hope that many of the labs from beyond the former iron curtain will become more and more visible throughout the next years. Hopefully, this list can help a little bit.

We plan to put the information we collected also on the web, with links to the homepages of the individual labs. Maybe this information pool will become a useful tool for future cooperations. For the moment we wish you much value from the paper collection you have in hands.

Finally, we would like to thank all people who have actively helped to put all this together, especially Viktoria Daubner, Annette Scheel, and Marcus Magnor, but also those many heads of CG labs that extracted enough time from their time budget to provide us with sufficient information.

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