

PREFACE

Welcome to GVE'99! Welcome to Coimbra!

Following several Eurographics education workshops held in different European cities, the Computer Graphics and Visualization Education '99, under the motto “*Charting the Future for Computer Graphics Education*”, will be held in Coimbra, Portugal, from 3th to 5th July. Eurographics organized this workshop in cooperation with ACM SIGGRAPH and with the support of the National Science Foundation. Computer graphics and visualization education specialists will meet to share their experiences and their visions and to make projections and recommendations for the next ten years of computer graphics education.

43 position papers were submitted from 15 countries. The excellent position papers we received promise a very interesting event. People were invited to participate in the workshop according to their contributions. Based on the contributions and the workshop goals, the IPC decided that the workshop should be organised so that participants spend significative time working in group. Group discussion will be one of the most important parts in the workshop, addressing different educational issues. The participants will be free to choose the working groups they are most interested in or they feel they can best contribute to. The main goal of the few formal presentations we will have is to give broad overviews and start the discussions.

Considerable time will be spent discussing future directions for computer graphics and visualization education. The recommendations and predictions from this workshop will be distributed at both SIGGRAPH'99 and Eurographics'99 conferences as part of their joint celebration of SIGGRAPH's 30th anniversary and Eurographics' 20th anniversary.

Based on the position papers quality, some of them will be selected for revision and later published in the journal *Computers & Graphics*.

The workshop co-chairmen would like to thank all the speakers for their valuable effort in preparing their formal presentations; the participants for their contributions; the IPC members for the effort in promoting and structuring this event; the GVE'99 Committee for its continuing and active support during all the preparation phase; and the workshop organisation committee for its committed and creative effort to make the GVE'99 a pleasant workshop.

We welcome you and hope you enjoy GVE'99.

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