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Dear colleague, dear member of the Eurographics Association,

In my first letter as chairman, I would like first to thank the last chair (Dieter Fellner) and vice-chair (Frits Post) for their enthusiasm and for the time and effort they devoted to the Association. Their dedication, together with the effort of the other officers and of many volunteers, has resulted on an improvement of the overall services to members and on the introduction of attractive new services to face the challenges of the oncoming years. Together with the present vice-chairs (Ivan Herman and Phil Willis) and the other officers, we will work to continue offering you new services and scientific attractive activities.

One of the Eurographics goals is to create innovative new offers and services, together with good quality events and the journal. Local contacts in different countries will be used to promote country-based events and to incentivate local initiatives and activities. Promoting local initiatives and the exchange of ideas and proposals for new services and activities is fundamental. Local chapters will have a central role in these initiatives.

Starting with our Computer Graphics Forum Journal, I am pleased to report that thanks to our CGF managers (Editors and production team at Blackwell), we are now in a good production and delivery schedule. Many of you have received the last issue of 2000's volume before the end of the year. On the other hand, there is a change in the Chief Editors of the journal. Because of her involvement in different research projects, Sabine Coquillart has unfortunately decided to resign as Chief Editor. I would like to thank Sabine for her excellent service during these past years. The new Chief Editor, appointed by the past Executive Committee, is Roberto Scopigno, who will work together with David Duke in the operation of the journal. A warm welcome to Roberto, and the best wishes to both Chief Editors.

All members that asked for the electronic subscription in 2000 are receiveing the annual CD ROM of Volume 19 of the Computer Graphics Forum journal together with this letter. The CD includes all papers published in Volume 19 together with multimedia attachments and complementary Conference material from Eurographics'2000 such as the State of the Art Reports (STAR), Tutorials and Short papers. Thanks to to the team at the University of Technology in Braunschweig and particularly to Marco Zens for handling the EG Digital library. Thanks also again to our CGF Editors and to the production team at Blackwell.

Also, the Association decided to retroactively digitize all Forum and Annual Event material back to 1990 with Volume 15 being the first one now completely available in high-quality electronic form. Please visit the Digital Library at <http://diglib.eg.org/> to check the new material and to access the Computer Graphics Forum with multimedia attachments, the Conference and Workshop Proceedings and the Bibliography Database with the BibTeX database of papers.

With regard to membership services we have two new packages which we expect to be 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/EG/Organization/member.html> . 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. ( [http://www.eg.org/EG/organization/edu\\_member.pdf](http://www.eg.org/EG/organization/edu_member.pdf) ).

As a relevant result of the past fruitful cooperation between Eurographics and ACM Siggraph on many scientific

events and of our excellent relations, an EG / ACM SIGGRAPH Affiliation agreement was signed at SIGGRAPH 2000. A second copy was signed at EG 2000 at the General Assembly. Now EG members can join SIGGRAPH at a 7\$ discount and SIGGRAPH members can join EG at the same discount. 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. On the other hand, a cooperation agreement with IEEE TCVG was signed. Thanks to Frits Post for the effort and work he put on this.

In addition to cooperating with other organizations on scientific events – thereby granting EG members membership rates for participation – Eurographics organized the EG'00 Annual Event in Interlaken plus six top-notch Eurographics Workshops (on Visualization, Virtual Environments (VE), Rendering, Hardware, Animation & Simulation (CAS), Par-allel Graphics). Details on these events together with announcements of upcoming EG Workshops can be found at the online pages of the Workshop Working Groups <http://www.eg.org/EG/Docs/Workshops.html> .

Being On-Line services an strategic issue in the next years, Eurographics has created a new On Line board, to offer new on-line services to EG members and to provide online service infrastructure to help the Association better serve its members. The chair of the board is Joaquim Jorge. The Publications Board has been also re-structured to adapt to the oncoming needs and services. The board has now Dieter Fellner as its chair and covers digital publications (D. Fellner), book publications (W. Purgathofer) and the CGF journal (D. Duke and R. Scopigno) . Thanks to all of them for their contribution to the advance of the Association.

With regard to Publications, please note that EG has discontinued the printed list of bookshop items and replaced it by the [online publications list](#). The online list is updated as soon as new publications appear.

Two new Eurographics fellows were appointed at the General Assembly at EG'2000: Dieter Fellner and Jarek Rossignac. The warmest congratulations to both of them. The [EG fellows](#) chair is Bob Hopgood, and the vice-chair is Jose Encarnaçao.

For your calendar, please don't forget to mark EG'2001 in Manchester from September 4-7, 2001 ( <http://www.eg.org/EG2001> )

I do hope that you will use the new services offered by EG and you find them helpful. Please visit our [organization pages](#) for more information. 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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