## **Editorial**

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This issue of the *Journal of Functional Programming* marks a point of transition. Our long-time Chief Editors, Simon Peyton Jones and Philip Wadler, are stepping down. Most of us are aware of the amazing research contributions that Simon and Phil have made to functional programming. But you may not be aware how much these two have put in *behind* the scenes.

Over the last ten years, Simon and Phil have given a tremendous amount of time and energy into ensuring that *JFP* is an exciting, high-quality journal. They have both been extremely active in soliciting papers, finding and cultivating top-notch reviewers, working with the publisher on myriad details, putting special issues together, making sure that the wheels of the journal continued to turn at a timely rate, and a host of other crucial activities. It's time for these fellows to take a well-deserved breather, and the research community owes a big debt of gratitude to Simon and Phil for their efforts. Thank you!

Simon and Phil aren't completely off the hook. They will continue to serve on the Editorial Board and to advise us as we attempt to step into their Chief Editor roles. We will be delighted if we can manage to bring just half the excitement of Phil, and half the energy of Simon to *JFP*.

In addition to this change, we are delighted to announce that Xavier Leroy and Matthias Felleisen have agreed to serve with Eugenio Moggi as Journal Editors. We believe that Xavier and Matthias, who are both widely acknowledged experts, will bring balance and a great deal of experience to the journal. In addition to his role as editor Matthias Felleisen will continue to run the Educational Pearls column which is off to a great start.

Changes are also afoot for the Editorial Board. Mitchell Wand, Luca Cardelli, and Robert Harper have each served us for two terms and have taken the opportunity to step down. Thank you Mitch, Luca, and Bob for your tremendous service to the functional programming community!

We are delighted to announce three new board members: Kathleen Fisher, Ralf Hinze, and Norman Ramsey. They will be joining Olivier Danvy, William Clinger, Benjamin Pierce, Zhong Shao, Olin Shivers, and Martin Odersky who have each agreed to be reappointed for a second term. Together with Simon and Phil, this Editorial Board represents an extremely impressive group of experienced researchers. Welcome aboard Kathleen, Ralf and Norman!

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We all look forward to serving the research community and will endeavor to maintain the high standards established by the previous editorial organization. If you have any suggestions, concerns, or comments regarding JFP, please feel free to contact us.

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