

2017 *TVCG* Best Associate Editor Award and Best Reviewer Award

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THE success of a journal relies heavily on the quality of submissions and of their reviews. The latter is primarily the work and efforts of the associate editors, and the anonymous reviewers. The dedication of associate editors and of external reviewers is essential to the continuing growth of the journal. To continue recognizing these “unsung heroes” who drive the scientific peer review process for *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics (TVCG)*, it is my pleasure to announce the 2017 Best Associate Editor Award and the 2017 Best Reviewer Award.

In recognition of their dedication and distinguished service to the *IEEE TVCG*, the 2017 *TVCG* Best Associate Editor Award goes to Bongshin Lee, Jehee Lee, and Holger Theisel. They handled a large number of submissions efficiently with the quickest turnaround and provided consistently high-quality, thoughtful recommendation summaries to the authors.

After some very difficult deliberation, *IEEE TVCG* presents the 2017 *TVCG* Best Reviewer Award to Alexandru Telea, Kun Xu, and Krist Wongsuphasawat. Several other reviewers also deserve special mentioning of their excellent contribution in supporting the *TVCG* review process: Fabian Beck, Marcel Campen, Kang Chen, Hanqi Guo, Christopher Healey, Alec Jacobson, Andreas Kerren, Marco Livesu, Aidong Lu, Carlos Scheidegger, Kai Xu, and Chaoli Wang. They have either reviewed a large number of submissions and/or provided their reviews within the shortest turnaround time, while offering detailed, constructive comments that significantly improved the final published manuscripts.

There are many more associate editors (including those who have completed their term) and reviewers, whose work and commitment to the scientific peer review process is commendable and not mentioned here. *IEEE TVCG* will continue to recognize them in the future years.

At this time, I would like to express my gratitude to Associate Editors-in-Chief Shimin Hu and Klaus Mueller who have been supporting me in the difficult process of selecting the 2017 Best Reviewer Award recipients. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of *IEEE TVCG* Editorial Board and anonymous reviewers of the computer graphics, visualization, and virtual reality communities for their constant support and commitment to the peer review process. Effective, fair, and timely review of scientific work is absolutely critical for a vibrant technical journal to publish important and ground-breaking innovative results.

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