

# Editor's Note

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**G**REAT changes are continuing to occur with *TVCG*. Starting with this issue, *TVCG* will be published six times per year, with an increase in the yearly number of pages as well. These changes reflect the continued success of the journal and have also helped us eliminate the temporary publication backlog that we experienced last year. Our new review process using Manuscript Central has also allowed us to reduce the review time for submitted papers. During 2003, the average number of days from paper submission to decision was 74 days—less than 3 months! IEEE CS Digital Library also has facilities for multimedia content, allowing *TVCG* authors to include animations with their papers, and all issues will appear as electronic preprints two months before each cover date. In the latest impact factor from Journal Citation Reports, *TVCG* ranks 29th out of 338 computer science titles and 23rd out of 104 IEEE titles. We will be publishing two special issues this year, our annual Best of Visualization issue (which will also include InfoVis) and an issue on mathematical visualization.

It is my pleasure to announce *TVCG*'s new Associate Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Charles Hansen, who will assist with the management of submissions and also actively work to help *TVCG* continue to grow. Finally, I would like to stress that the success of the journal relies on the quality of the submissions, the quality of the reviews, and the work of the associate editors. I strongly encourage you to submit your great research to *TVCG* and be willing to review manuscripts in a timely fashion when asked.

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