2016 TVCG Best Associate Editor Award and Best Reviewer Award

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 of 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 2016 Best Associate Editor Award and the 2016 Best Reviewer Award.

Four associate editors (AEs) are recognized for their dedication and hard work in 2016. They handled a large number of submissions efficiently with the quickest turnaround and provided consistently high-quality, thoughtful recommendation summaries to the authors. In recognizing their distinguished service to the *IEEE TVCG*, the 2016 TVCG Best Associate Editor Award goes to Niklas Elmqvist, Shixia Liu, Karol Myszkowski, and Xin Tong.

After some very difficult deliberation, *IEEE TVCG* presents the 2016 TVCG Best Reviewer Award to Catherine Hurley, Andrei Sharf, Tobias Schreck, and Brian White. Several other external reviewers also deserve special mentioning of their excellent contribution in supporting the TVCG review process Zhao Dong, Natalie Henry Riche, Jessica Hullman, Tatiana von Landesberger, Robert Laramee, Zhicheng Liu, Konrad Poithier, Justin Salomon, and Ye Zhao. 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 personal gratitude for all the members of *IEEE TVCG* Editorial Board and anonymous reviewers of the visualization, computer graphics 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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