Message from the SVR 2016 General Chairs

Welcome to the 18th Symposium on Virtual and Augmented Reality, the premier conference on VR, AR, and applications in Brazil. We hope to excite and inspire all participants as our colleagues did back in the year 2000, when UFRGS organized the 2nd edition of SVR, also here in Gramado, as WRV (Workshop of Virtual Reality).

Sixteen years later, VR and AR have developed worldwide and many research groups appeared and consolidated in Brazil. SVR 2016 reflects the maturity attained by this area, featuring seven technical sessions with innovative research, three open sessions with remote access to foster discussions about specific themes, poster and demo sessions, basic tutorials for those who are starting in the area, and advanced hands-on tutorials for more experienced graduate students and researchers. In addition, three keynote speakers promise to compel and stimulate the audience with their views of the state of the art and the future avenues for VR and AR.

We thank our sponsors and CAPES for helping to make SVR possible with their financial support. We also thank all members of the organizing and program committees, and the student volunteers who placed limitless efforts to make the best SVR ever. We finally thank SBC and UFRGS for their outstanding support and infrastructure.

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