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I would like to welcome all of you to the year 2013 and thank you for contributing to make the Visual Computer journal a success story.

Thanks to our authors: we have received last year 176 original research submissions. Out of these 176 submissions, 28 papers have been selected for publication. I take this opportunity to thank all authors for their interest and contributions to the Visual Computer.

This year, Professor Rick Parent and Professor Nicholas M. Patrikalakis left The Visual Computer Editorial Board. I would like to thank both of them for their great support over these years and their dedication to the journal. I really appreciated their constant commitment and hard work for the journal.

Thanks to the 386 reviewers last year who have reviewed the submitted papers, we were able to select the best of all submitted papers for the journal. I am very thankful to the associate editors of the Visual Computer and all the reviewers who have spent their precious time to review the submitted papers.

For the coming year, we schedule regular issues and a few special issues. One of our special issues will contain all selected papers from the Computer Graphics International Conference (CGI'2013), which will be held in Hanover, Germany.

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I wish you a very successful academic life and also a happy 2013 new year.

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