Editorial

This first issue of Volume 6 of JOCCH represents the first milestone in my contributions as Editor-in-Chief (EIC). Several actions have been started in the last months and a few results have already been achieved.

The Editorial Board (EB) policy has been revised, introducing a fixed term (three years of service) and starting a rotation process. New members have been selected and nominated, while a few members from the previous EB have been asked to continue to serve for one half term and will be rotated at the end of 2013. A fixed term and a rotation process will ensure that the workload of JOCCH Associate Editors is limited in time and that a larger group of experts in the field of CS & CH will be given the opportunity to serve. Please contact us if you are interested in serving as a member of the Editorial Board. We will select new members at the end of 2013.

Another objective is to reduce the average duration of the reviewing cycle; I am very happy to report that the average duration of the review cycle for the articles submitted in 2012 was 61 days.

A Special Issue on “Serious Games for Cultural Heritage,” initiated by my predecessor Amy Friedlander with a submission deadline of June 15th, 2012, has received a very good number of submissions. The special issue Guest Editors, Michela Mortara and Francesco Bellotti, have selected four articles out of the sixteen submitted. The selected articles will appear in the next issue of JOCCH.

Another Special Issue is on the way and I will announce it very soon on the JOCCH Web page, stay tuned.

Close cooperation with several CH events is also in place, with extended versions of Best Papers selected at VSMM 2012, VAST 2012, DigitalHeritage2013, and ARCHEOFOSS 2013 entering in the JOCCH submission and reviewing pipeline soon.

Finally, my goal is to further improve the visibility and quality of JOCCH and secure its position as the premier scientific journal for the interdisciplinary Computer Science (CS) & Cultural Heritage (CH) community. This requires the continuous support of the scientific community. We look forward to inspiring your increased participation, both in submitting excellent articles and in hastening the review process!

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