

Dear Reader,

2018 has been a busy and exciting year so far, marking the first time since 2012 that we have published a complete set of four journal issues in one year. After revising the editorial board in 2017, the journal has gained significant profile and visibility, and represents a wider, yet more focused range of topics. The review process has been dramatically shortened, and overall we now offer a very high quality publication service to the digital human modelling and simulation community.

In September this year, the International Ergonomics Association held its 20th Triennial Human Factors Congress in Florence, Italy. Digital human modelling and simulation was more than ever before represented at the conference, with 40 published papers presented in eight very well attended sessions.

Next year, human modelling research will be presented at ever more conventions, such as human systems integration and applied human factors conferences.

Typical for this publication, the current issue manifests the comprehensive character of our journal, with applied, empirical and theoretical papers covering research into aspects of simulation ('Pedestrian simulators for traffic research: state of the art and future of a motion lab', Feldstein et al.), modelling ('The effect of task characteristics on the choice to lean, upper body postures and joint loading during simulated automotive manufacturing tasks with one-handed, sub-maximal exertions', Fewster and Potvin), theory ('Examination of robotic manipulability indices to evaluate upper limb manipulability in digital human models', Endo) and application ('Ergonomic assessment of a physical task using two different digital human modelling systems: a case study', Quintero-Duran and Paul; 'Simulation based discomfort assessment of two-wheeler riders', Parvez and Khan) of digital human modelling.

Season's greetings from the Editor-in-Chief,

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