

## Preface

### Visualizing Science



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Recently, technology of visualization has remarkably diversified and has been used widely in various fields. The technology is applied not only in industrial situations but also in the areas of biological and medical sciences. We have been personally working on visualization of human structures in the medical applications.

Furthermore, as the quality of graphic workstation has been improved drastically, it becomes capable of visualizing complicated phenomena more precisely and quantitatively. This special edition consists of valuable papers that include distinctive presentations from the ASV (Asian Symposium on Visualization ) Conference and general contributions. The papers from number 1 through 5 are selected papers presented in ASV, and the paper numbers 10 and 11 are reports of ASV. The papers from number 6 through 9 are general contributions.

The ASV Conference was held at Bedugulin, Indonesia located in a high land of Bali Island in August 1999. The conference place was very exotic, and we were all surrounded by unspeakably beautiful nature. The overall quality of the presentations was very high, and the meeting was a great success. We believe that the conference stimulates researcher to do better works and broaden the scope of its activities.

On behalf of the managing editors, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to all authors, reviewers and people who provided tremendous supports to make the journal valuable. We strongly believe that the Journal of Visualization becomes more prosperous and gives young researchers a significant impact on their researches in the field of visualization technology in the future.

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