2018-00498 - [GRAPHDECO] Rendering with Uncertainty

Level of qualifications required: PhD or equivalent
Function: Post-Doctoral Research Visit

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Context
The goal of this postdoctoral fellowship is to rethink rendering algorithms by examining the inherent uncertainty of the input data and the rendering process itself. The topic is quite open and can focus either on examining uncertainty in "traditional" rendering algorithms (e.g., approximate global illumination) or on uncertainty in captured data (e.g., using geometry or materials captured from photographs or scanners), and algorithms such as image-based rendering (see our recent work [1-3]. Our methodology will be inspired by Uncertainty Quantification [4] and recent advances in machine learning [5].

Assignment

References
[1] Peter Hedman, Tobias Ritschel, George Drettakis, Gabriel Brostow
[2] Rodrigo Ortiz-Cayon, Abdelaziz Djebouah, George Drettakis
A Bayesian Approach for Selective Image-Based Rendering using Superpixels

Main responsibilities
The main responsibilities involve leading research projects on the defined topic, and projects in collaboration with Ph.D. students or supervising Masters interns.

Skills
Expertise in developing graphics systems in C++ and OpenGL is required, as well as knowledge of computer vision systems (e.g., OpenCV). Knowledge of machine learning is a strong plus. The working language is English, so the candidate must be fluent and have excellent writing and presentation skills.

Benefits package
- Subsidised catering service
- Partially-reimbursed public transport
- Social security
- Paid leave
- Flexible working hours
- Sports facilities

Remuneration
Gross Salary: 2650 brutto per month

General Information
- Theme/Domain: Interaction and visualization
- Town/city: Sophia Antipolis
- Inria Center: CRI Sophia Antipolis - Méditerranée
- Starting date: 2018-11-01
- Duration of contract: 1 year, 4 months
- Deadline to apply: 2018-09-31

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The keys to success
We are searching for a candidate with a Ph.D. in Computer Graphics or Computer Vision (with an interest in image synthesis), with an established track record of top-level publications, preferably related to rendering.

Conditions for application

 Defence Security:
This position is likely to be situated in a restricted area (ZRR), as defined in Decree No. 2011-1462 relating to the protection of national scientific and technical potential (PPST). Authorisation to enter an area is granted by the director of the unit, following a favourable Ministerial decision, as defined in the decree of 3 July 2012 relating to the PPST. An unfavourable Ministerial decision in respect of a position situated in a ZRR would result in the cancellation of the appointment.

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