

Editorial

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With this issue of the *Journal of Functional Programming*, we transition to a new leadership. Xavier Leroy, who has faithfully served as co-Editor in Chief since 2007, is stepping down. After a short apprenticeship over the past year, Benjamin Pierce is taking his place.

For over five years, Xavier contributed a substantial amount of time and energy to the Journal. Like all Editors in Chief, he wanted to retain the Journal as the premier archival publication venue for research on functional programming. The duties of an Editor in Chief are numerous. Besides those of a regular Editor—soliciting papers, finding reviewers, overseeing the editorial refereeing process—they include working with the publisher on planning special issues, connecting the Journal with its administrative support staff at Cambridge University Press, and dealing with production matters. Xavier handled all these duties tirelessly and with great professionalism. Our research community owes him a heartfelt “thank you.”

After serving as Editor for several years, Benjamin agreed to serve as co-Editor in Chief for the coming years. Benjamin’s numerous contributions to functional programming range from practical applications to type systems and lately to verification assistants, an important area that is going to play a central role in our field. We are therefore delighted that Benjamin volunteered for this important role.

Stephanie Weirich will take over Benjamin’s position as Editor. Her research expertise in type theory and her contributions to Haskell make her an ideal candidate for her new task. Given Stephanie and Benjamin’s proximity at the University of Pennsylvania, we are assured of a smooth transition.

In addition, Kathleen Fisher stepped down from her position as the Journal’s Commercial Uses Editor. Kathleen successfully launched the Commercial Uses column a couple of years ago but her new professional duties as a program manager at DARPA force her to hand over the column sooner than expected to Lennart Augustsson. As many of our readers know, Lennart is on the forefront of commercial applications and thus brings a great deal of expertise to his new role. We are sure Lennart can attract and edit interesting insights into this area and the problems that arise there.

Ralf Hinze, Colin Runciman (Tools), Robert Harper (Theoretical Pearls), Shriram Krishnamurthi (Education Column), and Simon Thompson (Book Reviews) complete the list of editors. Most have already served for many years in their various roles, and they too deserve a round of applause for their contributions.

Finally, we welcome three additions to the Journal’s Editorial Board: Lars Birkedal, Jean-Christophe Filliâtre, and Manuel Serrano. They fill the holes left by

Stephanie's and Lennart's moves. We thank them and the rest of the Board—Andrew Adams-Moran, Manuel Chakravarty, Olivier Danvy, Robert Findler, Matthew Flatt, Graham Hutton, Martin Odersky, Norman Ramsey, and Eijiro Sumii as well as Xavier Leroy who has volunteered to rejoin the Board.

For over 20 years, the *Journal of Functional Programming* has striven to serve the research community in all areas related to functional programming. The new editors and members of the editorial board will endeavor to continue doing so, maintaining the high standards established by their predecessors.