SIGGRAPH 2020 CONFERENCE AND NEW SPECIAL ISSUE JOURNAL

Once a year Leonardo publishes the SIGGRAPH issue of Leonardo journal, which is the result of an ongoing collaboration between Leonardo and ACM SIGGRAPH to showcase the community of artists, designers and scholars working with computer graphics and interactive technologies. Leonardo/ISAST and SIGGRAPH are pleased to present the twelfth edition of SIGGRAPH Art Papers, built upon the interconnection with other arts-related paths inside SIGGRAPH. The SIGGRAPH Art Gallery offers a space for creative contemplation. In light of shifting ecological, political, social, and global-relations climates, artists examine the present and consider the question, “What can we do?” View the annual special Leonardo SIGGRAPH journal issue featuring the Art Papers, Art Gallery, and the ACM SIGGRAPH Life-time Achievement Award. Visit www.leonardo.info/journal-issue/leonardo/53/4.

LABS 2020 TOP-RATED ABSTRACTS

The 2019–2020 LABS Peer Reviewers are pleased to announce the authors of the top-ranked abstracts. The authors of the highest ranked abstracts are published online on our website and also in a special section of Leonardo journal: Teresa Conners, Varvara Guljajeva, Marlene Mathew, Carlos Augusto Moreira Da Nobrega, Minka Stoyanova and Carloalberto Treccani. The following authors ranked highly and will be published on our website: Birgitte Aga, Renata Buziak, Karen Ann Donnachie, Kiiraki Genitsarisidou, Louise M. Hisayasu, Kieran Nolan, Thanos Polymeneses Liotirinis, Elena Robles Mateo, Ezra Jeremie Teboul, S. Topiary Landberg, Daria Vdovina and Anne Yoncha. We also wish to acknowledge the following authors of notable abstracts: Luca Carrubba, Sophia Charuhas, Paul Dolan, Isabella Pasqualini, Katarina Petrovic, F. Myles Sciotto and Drew Thornton.

Please join us in congratulating the winners and thanking this year’s peer review members—Chris Carruth, Yiannis Colakides, Mat Dalgleish, Tracy Harwood, Tom Leeser, Angeliki Malakasioti, Shiro Matsuji, Mary Anne Staniszewski, Yana Tioster, Paz Tornero—and Editor-in-Chief Sheila Pinkel! Visit www.leonardo.info/labs.

NEW IN THE LEONARDO BOOK SERIES: TACTICS OF INTERFACING: ENCODING AFFECT IN ART AND TECHNOLOGY BY KSENIA FEDOROVA

In Tactics of Interfacing, Ksenia Fedorova explores how digital technologies affect the way we conceive of the self and its relation to the world. With the advent of ubiquitous computing, the self becomes an object of technological application, increasingly defined by data received from tracking technologies. Subtly, these technologies encourage versions of ourselves that are easier to interpret computationally. Fedorova views these shifts in self-perception through the lens of contemporary media art practices, examining a range of artistic tactics that enable embodied and intimate experiences of machinic operations on our lives. See www.leonardo.info/book/tactics-of-interfacing.

IN MEMORIUM: ARLINDO MACHADO (1949–2020)

Arlindo Machado, with fluency and elegance, communicated knowledge and thought in his conferences and writings, conveying his passion for studying the machinic universe controlled by the artist’s imagination. His personality and generosity made him a figure of admiration, who made a difference in the way audiovisual arts and media are taught. Undoubtedly, it has been a privilege to follow his journey. He will always be present, in mind and feeling, and continues to influence us and the networks that he weaved and sustained across space and time.

—GILBERTTO PRADO AND JORGE LA FERLA

IN MEMORIUM: CARLOS TRILNICK (1957–2020)

Carlos embodied what video represents as media of expression, self-management, experimentation and even defeat, as he told me several times. Carlos was a creator, juror, teacher, curator, researcher, videographer, thinker, artist, photographer and surely several other things, all with the same intensity: the highest possible. Not for all that, he ceased to be, with a sweetness unknown in other areas, father and husband, and in what concerns me, a dear friend and mentor whose greatness in life and work we take into account today, experiencing with great sadness the departure of someone we always feel so close.

—MARIANO RAMIS
FAREWELL TO MARGOT KNIGHT AS DJERASSI PROGRAM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (2011–2020)

After nearly a decade of leadership and direction as the Djerassi Executive Director, Margot Haliday Knight stepped down from her leadership role at the end of July 2020. Margot has been instrumental in providing leadership and direction to the organization since she joined in November 2011. Under her leadership, the Djerassi Program increased the number and diversity of resident artists and added new partnerships, including the development of workshops/retreats, a dedicated environmental stewardship program and The Playwrights Initiative to elevate new voices in the theater. Knight launched a major land and buildings initiative to improve the safety and experience for resident artists and staff. Under her tenure, the Program also established a permanent endowment.

Since 2014, Margot and the Djerassi Program have partnered with Leonardo on the Scientific Delirium Madness annual residency at Djerassi. We thank Margot for championing transdisciplinary explorations in artist residency as a deeply collaborative colleague. Visit www.leonardo.info/sdm to learn more about this program and visit https://conta.cc/2PbAEPA to read Margot’s personal farewell letter.

ARTNODES SPECIAL ISSUE WITH LEONARDO EDUCATION AND ART FORUM (LEAF): AI, ARTS & DESIGN: QUESTIONING LEARNING MACHINES

Edited by Ruth West and Andrés Burbano, this issue establishes a new partnership between Artnodes and Leonardo/ISAST. As the first collaboration in this partnership, it is a companion to a year-long international dialogue on AI in the Arts and Design initiated through the Leonardo Education and Art Forum (LEAF). Advancing cultural inclusiveness and equality in the field of AI, the open-access issue presents essays from authors in Europe, the United States, Latin America, and Asia, and is trans-lingual in presenting contributions from authors in Latin America and Spain in their original language as well as translations of abstracts into three languages: Spanish, Catalan and English. Read the issue at https://artnodes.uoc.edu/206/volume/0/issue/26.

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