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Dear RealTime Conference Community,

We do hope you and yours are in good health, wherever you are on the planet, and enjoying the end of the summer in the Northern hemisphere and the beginning of Spring in the Southern one. Here is a short update regarding RealTime Conference. We have some very good news to share.



RealTime Conference established itself as the world's premiere event for real-time technologies.

Our online convenings in April, May and June gathered together over **6,500 registrants from 103 countries across the globe**. We were among the first full-scale, fully virtual real-time live conferences and have received overwhelmingly positive feedback: RTC stood out as exceptional not only in content but also in organization and execution and in the participants' experience. We live streamed **67 hours** of exclusive keynotes, presentations, panel discussions, real-time live demos, and talks featuring **153 top-notch** experts on real-time innovations in Architecture, Automotive, Construction, Design & Manufacturing, Digital Humans, Engineering, Immersive Storytelling, Virtual Production, Art, Education, Gaming, and more.

We've proven that all industries can gather and learn meaningfully from one another in and about real-time.



RealTime Conference becomes an ACM-SIGGRAPH official partner

We are very proud to announce RTC is now officially organized in partnership with ACM SIGGRAPH. Both ACM-SIGGRAPH and RTC pursue the same goal: to promote impactful digital and interactive techniques through cooperation, collaboration and free exchange of information. It's a true honor for us, as such a young event, to join the very select group of professional conferences who are official partners of ACM-SIGGRAPH. We all know how much we owe to this fantastic organization and feel truly humbled by this amazing partnership. I would like to personally thank the ACM-SIGGRAPH President, Board of Directors, Conference Advisory Group and SIGGRAPH Asia Conference Advisory Group, and of course our dear friends at the External Relations Committee, for their amazing support (not to forget the many dear friends and colleagues, who kindly supported this partnership internally!)

This strategic partnership complements our official partnership with Visual Effects Society. Thank you VES and ACM SIGGRAPH for acknowledging our tireless efforts to establish RTC as a worldwide class event.



RTC Co-Founder Thomas Haegele was awarded a VES Lifetime Membership!

We are extremely proud to announce that Thomas Haegele, co-Founder of RealTime Conference, was awarded a Visual Effects Society Lifetime Membership. This award is given for meritorious service to the Society, the industry and for furthering the interests and values of visual effects artists around the world. Thomas Haegele joins a prestigious group of visionaries, including Harrison Elenshaw, Ray Harryhausen, Jim Morris, Dennis Muren, Bill Tayl, Douglas Trumbull, Jeffrey A. Okun, Carl Rosendahl, Don Shay, Chuck Finance, Jonathan Ertand, and Michael Fink. Thomas is of course well known in the community for having co-founded Filmakademie Baden-Wuerttemberg in Stuttgart (Germany) as well as FMX, with his dear wife Renate Haegele. Congratulations, dear Thomas, it has been an honor and a pleasure working with you for the last 15 years, and for many years to come! Thank you VES for this honor which brings honor and pride to our young event.



A last thank you to our partners and to those of you who supported us financially.

I want to say "thank you" one more time to our partners, who believed in us when we only had a PPT presentation of the concept and vision behind RTC. Thank you Raja Koduri, Anil Nanduri, Kimberly Swank and Leeya Pham at Intel, Kim Libreni, Marc Petit, David Morin, Jodie Anderson, Dana Cowley, Keef Sloan, Janna Hamm, and Kim Malone Moore at Epic Games, Simon Robinson, Jennifer Goldfinch and Madalina Grigorie at Foundry, Joanna Popper, Laetitia Destombes, Cecile Tezenas du Montcel and Barbara Marshall at HP, Sebastien Deguy, Tamy Boubelkeur and François Cottin at Adobe, Bill Baggelaar and Tim Repp at Sony, Terrence Masson at SVA, Mike Sanders at Activision, our dear friend and co-founder Dave Gougé at Weta, and our dear friend Eric Roth, at VES. Thank you Agile Lens, ASIFA Hollywood, Dassault Systèmes, the French Embassy, Garou, Glassbox, Halvision, Innovate UK, Nexus Studios, PocketStudio, REWIND, Territory Studio, The Mill, The Third Floor, Liaison PR, 3DVF, Before and Afters, FXGuide, JPR, Mediakwest, Anny, Indac, NYVR, NYC ACM SIGGRAPH and TIFCA.

Last, but not least, I want to address a very special "Thank you" to those of you who supported us financially with donations.

While we offered all our live content for free, your response when we opened our June event to contributions to support our activity, means a lot to us. It not only sustains us, but it also says that you recognize that RTC has real value. Some may believe that a virtual event is costless. While it is true that we did not have to pay for hotel rooms, flight tickets and space rental, organizing a virtual conference of the magnitude of RTC requires a significant investment of both money and effort, as our small team worked tirelessly to prepare, rehearse, communicate, host, troubleshoot, monitor, record and more, to offer you the best experience possible, along with selecting, testing, maintaining, and upgrading our technology, and myriad other tasks to make RealTime Conference a real-time success...

Thank you all for believing in us.

With that, I leave you with a note to keep enjoying real-time and spreading the word!

We are now working hard to prepare 2021 season. Until the next RealTime Conference, please keep in touch! Remember you can watch, or rewatch, many of our inspiring speakers on our [video page](#), using the password #rtc_2020 for free access for a limited time. We'll be adding more videos regularly. And follow us on social media to keep the conversation going.

From all of us at RealTime Conference, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity, enthusiasm and openness in joining us, sharing knowledge and creating real-time conversations. We look forward to seeing you!

Onward!

Jean-Michel Blottiere
Founder.

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