Editorial

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Over the past six months, we have transitioned to a new leadership team. We are now saying goodbye to Benjamin Pierce, who faithfully served as co-Editor in Chief since 2012, and welcome Jeremy Gibbons from the University of Oxford as new co-Editor in Chief.

For three years, Benjamin Pierce contributed time and energy to the *Journal*. Before he became co-Editor in Chief in 2012, Benjamin served on the Editorial Board and as an Editor. As Editor in Chief, he served as a regular Editor – soliciting papers, finding reviewers, overseeing the editorial refereeing process – and also worked with the publisher on planning special issues, connecting the *Journal* with its administrative support staff at Cambridge University Press, and dealing with production matters. Benjamin handled all these duties with great professionalism. The functional programming community owes him a heartfelt "thank you," and his colleagues on the Board are sending him off to a well-deserved sabbatical.

After serving as Functional Pearls Editor for a couple of years, Jeremy Gibbons agreed to serve as co-Editor in Chief. Jeremy's numerous contributions to functional programming cover a wide range of interests, especially on the pure side of our field. We are delighted that he volunteered for this important role.

Ralf Hinze will take over Jeremy's position as Functional Pearls Editor. His research and his past authorship of pearls make him a perfect match for this new role. Given Ralf and Jeremy's proximity at the University of Oxford, we are assured of a smooth transition.

To improve the *Journal*'s service, we are adding two new editors. Fritz Henglein, whose involvement with functional programming dates back to the 1988 *LISP and Functional Programming* conference, will join the board as a general editor. Graham Hutton, who published his first *Journal* paper in 1992, will collect the abstracts of PhD dissertations in functional programming and present them in the *Journal*.

Lennart Augustsson (Commercial Uses), Robert Harper (Theoretical Pearls), Shriram Krishnamurthi (Education Column), Colin Runciman (Tools & Applications), and Simon Thompson (Book Reviews) complete the list of editors. They have served for many years in their various roles, and they too deserve our gratitude for their contributions.

Finally, we thank the four departing members of the Editorial Board – Manuel Chakravarty, Olivier Danvy, Martin Odersky, and Manuel Serrano – and welcome their replacements: Gabrielle Keller, Brigitte Pientka, Francois Pottier, and Peter Thiemann. They will complement Andrew Adams-Moran, Lars Birkedal, Jean-Christophe Filliâtre, Robert Findler, Matthew Flatt, Norman Ramsey, and Eijiro Sumii who will continue to serve.

The *Journal* has served the research community in all areas related to functional programming for almost 25 years. The editors and members of the editorial board will strive to maintain the high standards set by their predecessors.