CALL FOR BOOK REVIEWS

Starting with the next issue SIGMOD RECORD will publish regularly book reviews on recent books of interest to the data management community. We plan to publish two or more reviews per issue. The review column will be organized into three categories:

1. Standard Database Textbooks
2. Special Topic Books on Databases
3. Related Areas and New Directions

Your contribution is requested. If you are interested in submitting a book review contact karl.aberer@epfl.ch. We can support you in obtaining a copy of a book, if needed. You may consider reviewing a book you have selected on your own or select one from a list of books that is provided at

http://www.acm.org/sigmod/record/author.html.

There you will also find additional information related to the book review column. The length of a book review should not exceed 2 pages. Reviews for the forthcoming December 2001 issue should be submitted by October 1st, 2001.

Book reviews are a most relevant service to the reader community, a platform to promote the invaluable contributions of the book authors to the readers, and last but not least an opportunity for the reviewer to learn more about the currently available literature and the current state of a research field. Over time the book reviews will complement the growing knowledge base supporting database research, including the ACM Anthology, the Computer Science Bibliography and the ACM Digital Reviews.

For all these reasons we are looking forward to a lively response to this call.

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