Editor's Notes

This issue contains a nice mix of papers from both industry and academia, covering a variety of topics of importance in the data management field. We have three regular articles, two book reviews, four workshop reports, three reminiscences on influential papers, two research center articles, and one contribution from each of the following five feature columns: Career Forum, Database Principles, Distinguished Database Profiles, Industry Perspectives, and Standards. Instead of walking through the table of content as is always done, I will keep these notes short and emphasize on articles that present some important and new features of the Record.

Starting from this issue, we will have a new column featuring activities and status of ACM TODS by Rick Snodgrass. In the current issue Rick shares with us some of the most prevalent perceptions and misconceptions concerning TODS. I am sure you will found this article informative and useful. The Distinguished Database Profiles section features an interview with Hector Garcia-Molina by Marianne Winslett. Hector shared with us his experiences and insights on a number of interesting topics, including startups, Delta papers, How life is getting harder, and Life as a department chair. The Workshop Reports section features three workshops from the 11th International Conference on World Wide Web (WWW 2002). The issue ends with an interesting article by two PhD graduates who are starting their junior faculty positions in fall 2002. They describe their interview experiences during a tight job market and their advices to the new graduates who will be on the market in the coming year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite members of the database community to submit material for publication in SIGMOD Record. In addition to technical articles and special issues on specific research topics, we are interested in publishing short technical notes, annotated bibliographies, surveys, and, reports from conferences, workshops, panels, etc. that are of general interest to the database community. Submission instructions and guidelines appear on the inside front cover and are also available on the SIGMOD Record Web site at `http://www.acm.org/sigs/sigmod/record/`. I would like to thank the authors and the associate editors for their hard work in putting together this excellent issue.

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