Chair's Message

SIGMOD/PODS'2000 ?!! Amazing as it might seem, we are already starting to plan this conference.

As you are probably aware, SIGMOD/PODS'98 will be in glorious Seattle, on June 1–June 4, 1998. SIGMOD/PODS'99 will be held in patriotic Philadelphia, on May 31–June 3, 1999 (mark your calendar!). Due to the extensive planning required, and the fact that desirable hotels fill up years in advance, the site for SIGMOD/PODS'00 will need to be chosen by next May.

I ask that you consider nominating your city for this conference. The restrictions are few. The conference will be held somewhere in the central US. The conference historically rotates east, middle, west, then back to east; the last two cycles were Washington, D.C., Minneapolis, San Jose, Montreal, Tucson, Seattle. Prior central sites have included Austin, Chicago, Denver and Orlando. A sizable industrial presence is desirable, but not required. An enthusiastic general chair makes a site highly attractive.

You will notice the SIGMOD Advisory Board listed on the first page. I've very pleased that such capable and respected members of our community have agreed to help set policies and direction for SIGMOD. And I thank the previous members, Michael Brodie, Klaus Dittrich, Larry Kershberg, Moshe Vardi and Ralph Wachter, for their many years of service.

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