Changes to the TODS Editorial Board

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It is of paramount importance for a scholarly journal such as *ACM Transactions on Database Systems* to have a strong editorial board of respected, world-class scholars. The editorial board plays a fundamental role in attracting the best submissions, in ensuring insightful and timely handling of submissions, in maintaining the high technical standards of the journal, and in maintaining the reputation of the journal. Indeed, the journals Associate Editors, along with the reviewers and authors they work with, are the primary reason that TODS is such a respected journal.

Retiring Associate Editors

As of February 1, 2015, four Associate Editors, George Kollios, Paul Larson, Yufei Tao, and Johannes Gehrke, have ended their terms, having served on the editorial board for seven, seven, seven, and four years, respectively. (They will stay on until they complete their current loads.) They have each provided very substantial, high-quality service to the journal and the database community. Specifically, I have never seen them compromise on quality when handling submissions, and I believe that they have uniformly made sound technical decisions. We are fortunate that they have donated their time and world-class expertise during these years.

New Associate Editors

Also as of February 1, 2015, six new Associate Editors have joined the editorial board:

- K. Selcuk Candan (http://aria.asu.edu/candan/)
- Amol Deshpande (http://www.cs.umd.edu/~amol)
- Daniel Kifer (http://www.cse.psu.edu/~dkifer)
- Mohamed Mokbel (http://www-users.cs.umn.edu/~mokbel)
- Jun Yang (http://www.cs.duke.edu/~junyang)
- Ke Yi (http://www.cse.ust.hk/~yike)

All six are highly regarded scholars in the field of database systems. We are very fortunate that these outstanding scholars are willing to volunteer their valuable time and indispensable expertise for handling manuscripts for the benefit of our scientific community. Indeed, I am gratified that they have committed to help TODS continue to improve, and I am looking forward to working with them.