

Editor's Notes

As I type this text, 2006 is only a few days old, and as such, I wish we all accomplish the successes we aim at this New Year.

The first thing I want to communicate to you is that José Blakeley is retiring from his position as Associate Editor (Research Surveys). I remember the first time I met him in 1995. At that time he was already an Associate Editor; he has been in this role for over 10 years, and even he cannot remember exactly for how long he has been doing it. Besides being, in all likelihood, the longest running Associate Editor ever, as well as doing a fantastic job in such position, José is well known in our community. I want to thank him very much for all the service he has done for SIGMOD's community and for the *Record*.

To serve as the new Associate Editor (Research Surveys) I have invited, Cesar Galindo-Legaria, and he has kindly accepted the invitation. Cesar is the development manager of the query optimizer in the Microsoft SQL Server product and well published in the database literature. I am confident Cesar will continue the tradition José built, and keep the *Record* a good venue for publishing thorough and informative survey papers, which some have told me to be an important feature in the *Record*.

As you may recall from previous issues, Jignesh M. Patel and Karl Aberer have also retired from their positions as Associate Editors (System/Prototypes and Book Reviews, respectively) and I am still in the process of finding colleagues to take over their positions. It is not easy to do so as many of the good candidates I have talked to are simply too busy to commit to yet something else. But I am sure this is just a matter of time until we have the full board of Associate Editors rebuilt. In fact, by the time you read this I hope this is not longer a concern.

As usual, I am not going to introduce each of the papers in this issue, but I can tell you that it covers a number of different topics. As an editor I am happy to see that happening. On the one hand, it shows the broadness of our domain and, on the other hand, it also allows almost everyone to find at least one article close to his/her research interests.

There is not much more news or updates from my part at this time (which I think is good news). Let me conclude by transmitting message from Raghu (who was unable to write the usual Chair's Message for this issue): "several issues are developing and a full update will be forthcoming in the next issue." Until then I hope you enjoy this issue.

Mario Nascimento, Editor.
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