

Editor's Notes

The time has come and this is my last issue as *SIGMOD Record's* Editor.

First let me offer you a *mea culpa*. I am aware that for the last couple of issues things have not been as they used to, in particular regarding actual publication time and review turnaround. A few (but by no means trivial) personal issues have affected me a great deal, and I apologize deeply to all those affected.

Now, a one-paragraph retrospective. I “inherited” the *Record's* editorship from Ling Liu, who, along with other past editors had done a great job in keeping the *Record's* tradition. Those were big shoes to fill. I am thankful for having the support from a good team of Associate Editors, past SIGMOD Chairs Rick Snodgrass and Tamer Ozsu –two people I will always bear a great deal of respect and gratefulness for wise words when needed, the current Executive Committee, and two people in particular at ACM Headquarters: Ginger Ignatoff and Julie Goetz. Shortly after taking over I thought I should “leave my mark” on the *Record*. Towards that goal I tried to emphasize as much as possible publications about the community instead of purely research papers. Along those lines a good number of papers were featured and these triggered (as I would have liked) some interesting discussions as well as other position papers. I have to say that I take some pride on that, and I hope it was a step in the right direction to keep the *Record* a strong, community-oriented, technical newsletter.

During my tenure as Editor a few Associate Editors have retired, others came up aboard, and a few columns have been “retired” as well. (Not reviving some of those is a reason of some embarrassment to me, I should say.) I again thank all Associate Editors I had the opportunity to work with. Their work, not mine, is what makes the *Record* the high-impact venue it is today. As well, I thank all the referees that have agreed to help me evaluating the submissions I received. As I mentioned a few times in the past, we are all overburned with reviewing papers for conferences and journals. Nevertheless many of you still found the time and energy to help me out.

It was an honor to serve as it Editor for a little over 2 years now and I am *very* happy to now pass the torch to Alex Labrinidis. Alex's high level of energy and competence will be perceived by all of you in no time. Good luck Alex, and thank you all.

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