Editor's Notes

Welcome to the September 2007 issue of SIGMOD Record. I am happy to report that we are catching up with backlog and our publication schedule should return to normal with the December 2007 issue.

We start this issue with an important message from M. Tamer Ozsu, who gives a behind-the-scenes account of the TODS Editor-in-Chief selection process. Next, we have an interesting article by Johannes Gehrke and his colleagues at Cornell University who are identifying opportunities towards a database research agenda for *Computer Games*. With CS enrollment at American universities in decline, this makes for a very interesting read.

The next article is a contribution to the Database Principles column (edited by Leonid Libkin) on the expressiveness and complexity of XML Schema (by Wim Martens, Frank Neven, Thomas Schwentick), presented in an easy and accessible way.

We continue with an article in the Surveys Column (edited by Cesar Galindo-Legaria), on *Text Mining* (by Stavrianou, Andritsos, and Nicoloyannis). The previous survey article was published in the June 2005 issue of SIGMOD Record; I am very happy to see the column revitalized again and feature timely contributions on exciting topics.

In this issue we have for the first time two interviews in the *Distinguished Profiles in Data Management* Column (formerly known as the Distinguished DB Profiles Column) by Marianne Winslett. The first interview, of Kyu-Young Whang (from KAIST), follows the "classic" style for entries in the column, by featuring distinguished senior members of the database community. Read Kyu-Young Whang's interview to find out (among many other things) about Academia and Startups in Korea, and what KISS stands for.

The second interview is part of an effort to highlight junior database researchers and features this year's ACM SIGMOD Dissertation Award winner, Boon Thau Loo (PhD from UC Berkeley, currently at UPenn). Read Boon Thau Loo's interview to find out why Datalog is cool again and what it feels like to finish your first semester as an assistant professor.

We continue with an article in the Research Centers Column (edited by Ugur Cetintemel), about *Community Systems Research at Yahoo!* (by the members of the Community Systems Group). The article highlights some of the technologies developed by the group, with cool names such as PNUTS, Pig, AppForge, Purple SOX, etc.

Finally, the issue concludes with an event report (edited by Brian Cooper) on the First International Workshop on Database Preservation (PresDB07) which was held in March 2007 in Edinburgh, Scotland.

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