



FDT ... BULLETIN OF ACM - SIGMOD
THE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP ON
MANAGEMENT OF DATA
VOLUME 6, NUMBER 31974

<i>From the Chairman (Bernard K. Plagman)</i>	1
<i>Bringing Data Base Technology To The Programmer (William L. Honig)</i>	2
<i>Summary of Current Work: ANSI/X3/SPARC/STUDY GROUP- Database Systems (Charles W. Bachman)</i>	16
<i>Understanding Relations (Installment #4) (E. F. Codd)</i>	40
<i>Review: Proceedings of the Fourth Annual Computer Related Information System Symposium (Dr. James B. Rothnie, Jr.)</i>	43
<i>Letter from L. Cohn to Gordon Everest</i>	45
<i>Correction</i>	46
<i>New Publication</i>	46
<i>New Name for the Newsletter</i>	46
<i>Data Base MAP Seminar Announcement</i>	47
<i>CALL FOR PAPERS - International Workshop on Management of Data: Description, Access and Control, May 14-16, 1975, San Francisco Bay Area</i>	50



FDT is a publication of ACM's Special Interest Group on Management of Data. It is published four times a year in New York City. Technical papers appearing in this issue are unrefereed working papers. Additional copies at \$2 each may be obtained from ACM Headquarters, 1133 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036 (Telephone (212)265-6300).

Inquiries concerning SIGMOD membership should be sent either to ACM Headquarters or to SIGMOD's Chairman, Bernard Plagman, Stanford Research Institute, 200 East 42nd Street, New York City 10017 (Telephone (212)661-5313).

Material submitted for publication in FDT should be sent to the editor:

*Randall Rustin
Chase Manhattan Bank N.A.
1 New York Plaza 21 Floor
New York, NY 10015*

(212) 676-3831

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Bernard K. Plagman

It is the first anniversary of my chairmanship of SIGFIDET and I wish to take this opportunity to take stock of where we stand.

The two major activities of our SIG are conferences (workshops) and the newsletter. Both of these activities have been successful in the past and have continued, I believe, to improve and become more successful during the past year. By November, 1974, the proceedings of our last Workshop will be generally available and by December a special volume containing the debate held at that workshop will appear. The quality of FDT has been maintained, and has been broadened by incorporating a bibliography service provided by E. Sibley. We hope to further upgrade our newsletter both in content and in appearance.

Next year our SIG will be participating jointly with other SIGs in sponsoring conferences of interest to our membership; in addition to our annual workshop preceding the NCC. (May 14 - 16, 1975, Palo Alto, Cal.)

Financially, our SIG is stable. Our Secretary/Treasurer, Bob Lindner, assures me that income from membership dues and proceedings sales will offset our expenses and provide us with a comfortable reserve. There is no foreseeable necessity to increase membership dues.

Of significant interest to us all, is the change of name which our membership voted last month. Our SIG is now known as SIGMOD, the Special Interest Group on Management of Data. This change of name reflects the wishes of the majority of those members voting in the recent ballot, and indicates the broadened scope of our endeavors. The membership also approved a change in the by-laws which allow the Board of Directors to raise annual dues if necessary. However, no such move is contemplated in the foreseeable future.

SIGMOD will hold its annual business meeting in San Diego on the evening of November 11, 1974. Exact time and place will be posted at ACM '74. I do hope to see many of you there.

This opportunity is taken to thank Kendall Wright for coordinating the SIGMOD sponsored sessions at ACM '74. Kendall has worked hard and we all look forward to a rewarding conference.

I also wish to thank you all for your support and to ask you to continue as an active, interested and participating member of our Special Interest Group for Management of Data.