VLDB2000
Conference Announcement and Call for Papers
26th International Conference on Very Large Data Bases
Mena House Oberoi Hotel, Cairo, Egypt
September 10–14, 2000

VLDB2000 will be held in Cairo, Egypt, in view of the awe-inspiring 5000-year-old Sphinx and the Pyramids. VLDB2000 will address the most critical challenges and achievements in the research and practice of database applications and management, including those posed by the current revolution in computing. It will continue the 25-year tradition of VLDB conferences as the premier international forum for database researchers, vendors, practitioners, application developers, and users. We invite submissions reporting original results on all aspects of data management as well as proposals for panels, tutorials, demonstrations, and exhibits that will present the most critical issues and views on practical leading-edge database technology, applications, and techniques. Join us also for the First Cairo Workshop on Advanced Database Systems and Applications.

Topics of Interest — Broadening Database Research
In addition to encouraging submissions on conventional topics of interest in categories such as:

- Data Management
- Design and Systems
- Applications
- Languages

VLDB2000 invites submissions (1) on a broader range of topics than those considered by previous database conferences; (2) on riskier and more novel challenges, as opposed to incremental improvements on existing results; (3) on detailed industrial challenges and solutions; and (4) from a broader range of contributors (e.g., from across the spectrum of designing, developing, and deploying database technology and from those outside the field posing requirements and challenges). VLDB2000 encourages submissions on any topic across the full scope of data management, its applicability, its challenges, and future directions. We welcome papers that question prevailing assumptions underlying databases and provide solutions and directions for next-generation data management and next-generation applications such as e-commerce, digital libraries, and knowledge management. We encourage papers addressing long-standing open problems such as data semantics and large-scale distribution.

Submission Guidelines
Abstracts for paper submissions must be received by February 18, 2000. Submissions (including papers and proposals for panels, tutorials, and demos) must be received by February 25, 2000. Papers must be submitted to the program committee chair for the region in which the principal author did the reported work.

Americas
- Amr El Abbadi, UC Berkeley (USA)
- Susan Davidson, UPenn (USA)
- Roger King, IBM (USA)
- Divyakant Agrawal, UCSB (USA)

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- Gunter Schlageter, Hagen (Germany)
- Magdy Nagi, AUC (Egypt)
- Magdy Kamel, NPS (USA)
- Kyu-Young Whang, KAIST (Korea)

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For more detailed information, visit http://www2.aucegypt.edu/vldb2000/ or send e-mail to vldb2000@aucegypt.edu

Cairo Workshop on Advanced Database Systems and Applications
This workshop will be held September 9–10, 2000, in cooperation with VLDB2000. It is intended to bring local researchers and practitioners together in a forum that will continue beyond the year 2000. To encourage local-international interaction, we invite local and international submissions. Information on the workshop can be obtained from workshop co-chairs Profs. Amr Goneid and Awad Khalil (akhalil, goneid@aucegypt.edu) of the American University in Cairo.