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The annual VLDB Conference has gradually been transitioning to journal style reviewing with year-round submissions. Associated with this transition has been the creation of the PVLDB journal, of which you are perusing the first issue of the fifth volume. As of last year (Volume 4), all papers for the VLDB Conference were reviewed and accepted through a year-round review process, with no traditional conference PC review option. In conjunction with this change, PVLDB also transitioned to a year-round publication cycle, with 12 issues last year, approximately monthly. There were many transients as we made this big change last year, which we hope to smooth out over the next several months.

This issue is the first one of Vol. 5, and the papers included here will be presented at the VLDB conference in Istanbul in summer 2012. The reviewing of all papers in this volume is being undertaken by a review board appointed and managed by the Editor-in-Chief of this Volume of PVLDB, Z. Meral Özsoyoğlu, and several Editors working with her, namely Uğur Çetintemel, Nilesh Dalvi, Hank Korth, Anthony Tung, Gustavo Alonso, and Juliana Freire. I am deeply appreciative of their efforts, as I hope you are too. I am also grateful to members of the PVLDB Advisory Committee for their support and guidance. Gerald Weber, as Information Director for PVLDB, has worked hard behind the scenes to smooth the transition to the new production processes. Uwe Roehm as the Proceedings Editor for the previous Volume of PVLDB, worked out many production issues. He has now passed on the torch to Ahmet Saçan and Nesime Tatbul. I thank all four for their efforts.

Hope you enjoy these papers.

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