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FOREWORD

The International Journal on Very Large Data Bases (*VLDB Journal*) was chartered by the VLDB Endowment to respond to a demand in the database community for an archival publication exclusively devoted to all aspects of databases with particular emphasis on systems. The establishment of the Journal will increase scholarship on the subject of databases by providing an outlet for the publication of leading-edge research results and creating a repository for future researchers. A journal with a systems focus also will serve the database practitioner who requires access to information that can be applied to the solution of practical problems. By creating an opportunity for database systems researchers to chronicle their accomplishments, the *VLDB Journal* will contribute to the development of the future generations of database systems.

The editorial processes of the Journal are designed to provide a thorough, professional review of each submission in a timely fashion while maintaining high scientific standards. Each paper undergoes a thorough professional review organized by a member of the editorial board. The published papers contain the name of the responsible editor. Names of referees remain strictly anonymous. The Editors-in-Chief maintain responsibility for coordination of the activities of the editors and ensuring consistency of standards.

This first issue of the *VLDB Journal* is dedicated to the topic of "Federated Databases." In the future, the Journal occasionally will devote an entire issue to a specific topic of current significance with the responsibility assigned to an invited editor to write an invited survey paper on the topic. Papers for a special issue are solicited via a public call for papers. The Journal's standards for publication are applied uniformly for regular and special issues.

The *VLDB Journal* will not contain papers previously published at conferences. However, authors of outstanding papers from selected conferences may be encouraged to submit significantly extended versions for review for publication in the Journal.

In addition to technical excellence, the *VLDB Journal* also has the goals of affordable price and timeliness. An affordable journal, available to individual researchers and practitioners all over the world, results from low overhead due to volunteer work. Minimizing the publication backlog, the time between acceptance and publication, will guarantee timeliness. Profits from the Journal will fund additional pages per issue and extra issues, as necessary.

The Publication Board members (see inside front cover), in particular, have played a major role in the creation and production of the Journal. It is our sincere pleasure to thank Arie Shoshani (Publications Board chairman) and David Hsiao (past chairman) for their cooperation. Without their leadership, the Journal would not exist. Michael Rys did an outstanding job in developing the cover design using the ideas and input of many people. Thomas Wu has played an important role as the interface to the publisher. We thank the staff of the Boxwood Press for their skill in assembling the work.

The Journal's layout, cover, and structure are important. However, of primary importance is the content and quality of every paper. The ultimate responsibility for maintaining the high standards of the *VLDB Journal* lies with you, the future authors. We look forward to your submissions to the Journal.

Fred Maryanski Hans Schek
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