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LETTER FROM THE ASSOCIATE EDITORS

We are delighted to introduce the eighth issue of Proceedings of the VLDB Endowment (PVLDB), Vol. 5. PVLDB publishes papers accepted as a result of a journal-style reviewing process from papers submitted via a monthly, year-around submission cycle. All PVLDB papers published throughout the year will be presented at the VLDB 2012 Conference, to be held in Istanbul, Turkey, August 27-31, 2012.

This issue includes 8 papers, which cover a variety of important and current topics that range from distributed machine learning to declarative constraint optimization, and from secure computation to probabilistic quorum systems. We believe that the innovative technique and insightful experimental results reported in these papers will influence data management theory and practice for years to come.

We would like to thank the authors for making high-quality submissions and working with the PC to improve them. We also would like to thank our PC members, the PC co-chairs, the general PC chair, and last, but certainly not least, the proceedings co-chairs for their hard work in continuing to execute this innovative and ambitious publication model smoothly.

We hope that you also find the papers in this issue noteworthy and educational. We look forward to seeing you all in Istanbul to experience what promises to be a great technical program, and a world city that you will immensely enjoy!

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