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LETTER FROM THE ASSOCIATE EDITORS

Welcome to the ninth issue of Proceedings of the VLDB Endowment (PVLDB) Volume 5. This issue contains ten papers, all from the Research Track. Together, they span a wide range of topics, including graph databases, indexing and searching, XML query processing, and recommender systems. The majority of these papers were reviewed in a journal-style process of review and revision that includes monthly year-round submission cycles. The final two submission cycles (February 1 and March 1 deadlines) followed a more traditional conference-style process of review, author feedback, and decision. That more rapid process for the final two submission cycles ensures that all papers appearing in Volume 5 will be presented at the VLDB 2012 Conference, to be held in Istanbul, Turkey, August 27-31, 2012. Considering the excellent papers in the first nine issues of this volume of PVLDB, with more still in the pipeline, we know VLDB 2012 will be an outstanding conference.

We thank the authors for their excellent papers. Our review process depends on the tireless efforts of the PVLDB Review Board (program committee) who not only review submissions but also provide valuable feedback in the revision process. We thank them for their hard work. It is a pleasure to work with an outstanding set of editorial colleagues: the Editor-in-Chief (program committee chair), Associate Editors (PC co-chairs), and Proceedings Chairs.

At the same time that this issue of PVLDB is being assembled, the conference team is working on a strong program to complement the excellent Research Track and Experiments and Analysis Track Papers. We have an exciting set of keynote speakers, industrial papers, tutorials, panels, demos, associated workshops, and social events. We look forward to seeing you in Istanbul in August!

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