

State of the Journal Editorial

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T*KDE* experienced another marvelous year in 2014. At the time I am writing this update (end of October), *TKDE* has already received 869 original submissions in less than 10 months. As the number of submissions keeps increasing, we are trying very hard to maintain and strengthen the timeliness of the review process. The final decisions on 597 of the 869 submissions were made, which is substantially higher than the statistics at the same time last year. Among those submissions made in this year, 115 have been accepted.

The statistics clearly show that *TKDE* is in a healthy and productive state as a highly competitive venue for academic publication. I want to thank all of the authors who submitted to *TKDE*, and all of the reviewers and associate editors who helped to run the submission selection process as smoothly as it can be. Your consistent contributions and support make *TKDE* a fruitful and professional journal.

The continued success of *TKDE* heavily relies on high quality submissions and high quality reviews. I strongly encourage you to submit your best articles to *TKDE*. Particularly, we welcome articles about breakthroughs at the emerging technical areas and surveys on new new areas and interdisciplinary areas. Please consider accepting our review invitations if you are contacted, or volunteering yourself to one of our associate editors if you are interested in reviewing. Most importantly, the distinguished status of *TKDE* can be retained only when articles published in *TKDE* are well cited by our audience. Please use *TKDE* as a valuable source in your research and make references to the related articles published in *TKDE*.

I also want to remind you that the scope of *TKDE* has been strengthened recently. To reflect the current trends in knowledge and data engineering research and development practice, *TKDE* gives priority to submissions on the emerging topics, including but not limited to big data and applications, new frontiers of knowledge and data engineering, such as social networks, social media, and crowd sourcing. Submissions purely focusing on the topics centered in some other sister IEEE Transactions, such as core machine learning theory, pattern recognition, image processing, computer vision, neural networks, and fuzzy systems, will not be considered.

I want to sincerely thank Drs. Brian Cooper and George Karypis, who just completed their terms as associate editors in the second half of 2014. Their significant contributions to the quality and reputation of *TKDE* have benefited many authors, readers, and reviewers.

At the same time, I want to officially welcome the three associate editors who joined the editorial board in the second half of 2014: Drs. Jinjun Chen, Themis Palpanas, and Evimaria Terzi. This group of newly appointed associate editors represents our interest and determination in recruiting the most established and active working experts in the wonderful wide spectrum of knowledge and data engineering. Moreover, they are very committed and dedicated to serving the community and handling the review processes, as testified by their rich experience.

As always, on behalf of the *TKDE* editorial board and the editorial office, I thank all of the authors and readers for your enthusiastic support. We look forward to continuing to serve you to the best in the future.

Happy New Year!

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