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# Foreword

Welcome to the 2011 edition of the International Conference on Extending Database Technology (EDBT). This year, EDBT welcomes its delegates in Uppsala, Sweden on March 22–24, 2011.

In contrast to the numbers reported in previous years, the number of research paper submissions was low (about half of the previous years): EDBT 2011 received 148 submissions in the research track. Usually, EDBT aligns submission and author notification deadlines to those of the neighboring conferences VLDB, SIGMOD, and ICDE; this year, however, the aforementioned conferences changed the deadlines significantly, which made it impossible for EDBT to align and still keep the same conference dates. In the other two tracks, numbers are similar to previous years (20 demonstration proposals, 12 industrial papers, and 4 tutorial proposals).

The reviews were conducted by an expert team of program committee members and the process was managed using the Conference Management Toolkit (CMT), sponsored by Microsoft Research, which has become a de-facto standard in our community for handling such large number of papers and reviews. In the research track, ten committee members also assumed the responsibility of overviewing the review process of a large subset of the submissions as vice-chairs, and several other program committee members acted as shepherds ensuring the high quality of the camera-ready papers. The reviewers were extremely devoted, reviews were on time, and the shepherds did a magnificent job working with the authors despite the winter holidays. We feel very privileged to have had the opportunity to work with such a distinguished set of colleagues.

The program committee in the research track decided to view the low number of submissions as an opportunity to create a program of even higher quality. Indeed, we were able to (a) invite four, as opposed to the usual three, reviews per paper; (b) pay extremely high attention to each paper and ensure high-quality reviews regardless of the outcome; and (c) shepherd the camera-ready versions of the papers to ensure that the authors and the reviewers were both satisfied with the camera-ready paper. As a result, EDBT 2011 proudly presents a high-quality program with 41 research papers, 5 industrial papers, 10 demonstrations and 3 tutorials. The program is complemented with four keynote talks (joint with the ICDT conference) from distinguished researchers in academia, as well as an invited talk from the industry.

Finally, we decided not to invite panel proposals, and to use the time to accept more good research papers. Instead, there are eight workshops around the conference, which are a well-targeted opportunity for discussions and brainstorming toward new areas of research.

We hope you will enjoy EDBT 2011. See you in Uppsala!

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