Editorial

It is our great pleasure to introduce the first issue of JIDM - Journal of Information and Data Management, the new official publication of the Brazilian Computer Society Special Interest Group on Databases. JIDM is a quarterly peer-reviewed electronic journal that focuses on information and data management in large repositories and document collections. More specifically, it relates to different areas from Computer Science, including databases, information retrieval, digital libraries, knowledge discovery and data mining, geographic information systems, among others.

A major aim of JIDM is to provide a high-quality publication venue with a rapid turnaround review process. For the Brazilian database community, particularly, JIDM replaces the proceedings of SBBD, the Brazilian Database Symposium. From now on all full papers accepted for presentation at SBBD will be published in the October issue of JIDM. In addition, all papers regularly submitted to JIDM, i.e., outside the SBBD submission period, will be offered a presentation slot at the next SBBD.

This first issue of JIDM includes the reprints of the nine most cited SBBD papers according to Google Scholar. These papers were presented at four of the SBBD editions from 2000 to 2005 and have received an average of 30 citations since then. Each reprint is followed by an essay that revisits the original SBBD paper as seen by its authors.

The next issue will feature selected papers from SBBD 2009. These papers include the ones pre-selected to the "José Mauro de Castilho" award, which is given each year to the best SBBD paper, and others specially selected by the program committee from both the technical and application tracks. In order to emphasize the wider thematic scope of JIDM, next issue will also include selected papers from WebMedia 2009, the Brazilian Symposium on Multimedia and Web Systems, which was collocated with SBBD 2009.

We would like to thank the Brazilian Computer Society (SBC) and the SBBD Steering Committee for their early support in creating a new journal that would both serve as the official publication venue for the Brazilian database community and help the effort of the international community for speeding up the dissemination of research results. We also thank the students from the UFMG Database Research Lab, particularly Cristiano Nascimento and Thiago Salles for editing the papers for publication and Rafael Odon for designing JIDM cover. Last but not least, a very special thanks to the members of the editorial board who accepted the mission to help us establish and consolidate the JIDM editorial policy over the next years.

We hope you like this first issue of JIDM and look forward to your future contributions.

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