Editorial

It is our pleasure to introduce this issue of JIDM containing the full papers accepted for presentation at the 28th Brazilian Symposium on Databases (SBBD 2013), which was held in the city of Recife, in the state of Pernambuco, Brazil, from September 30th to October 3rd. SBBD 2013 was organized by the Informatics Center at the Federal University of Pernambuco.

SBBD is the official database event of the Brazilian Computer Society (SBC) and the largest venue in Latin America for presentation and discussion of research results in the database domain. Along with technical sessions, SBBD includes invited talks and tutorials given by distinguished speakers from the national and international research community. SBBD also promotes a Demos and Applications Session, a Thesis and Dissertation Workshop and a Posters for Short Papers Session as co-located events.

Full papers submitted to SBBD should present interesting recent results or novel thought-provoking ideas in any subject on databases and related areas. The full paper review process of SBBD 2013 was a rigorous peer review process performed in two rounds. The first one included the initial evaluation of the submitted papers by three members of the full papers program committee. The reviewers' evaluation and comments were used to select a set of papers that would be considered for possible inclusion in the SBBD program and for publication in JIDM. The second round was similar to that of a regular journal reviewing process, when the authors took into consideration the reviewers' comments and submitted a revised paper for a second evaluation. Each revised paper was evaluated again by the same three members of the full papers program committee, and only papers that were improved according to the reviewers' expectations were accepted to be orally presented at SBBD 2013 and to be published in this issue of JIDM.

In addition to full papers, SBBD also allows the submission of short papers. Short papers should present research results in any subject on databases and related areas that are not quite ready, thus stimulating the presentation of ongoing work carried out, particularly, by young researchers. The short paper review process of SBBD 2013 was performed in one round. Each short paper was evaluated by three members from the short papers program committee, and the papers accepted to be presented as posters at SBBD 2013 were selected according to the reviewers' comments. Some selected short papers were invited to be orally presented at SBBD and to be re-submitted in an extended version to be published in the February 2014 issue of JIDM. The selected short papers were chosen by a program committee specifically organized to analyze these papers, which was composed of three members.

As for statistics of SBBD 2013, a total of 40 full papers were submitted, out of which 21 were accepted for oral presentation in technical sessions. A total of 69 short papers were submitted, out of which 23 were accepted for presentation as posters in an interactive session and 6 were accepted for oral presentation in technical sessions. Altogether, SBBD 2013 received 109 submissions from 11 countries, out of which 50 were accepted, which represents an overall acceptance rate of 46%.

SBBD 2013 is the result of the collective effort of a large community, which we gratefully acknowledge. We thank the local organization committee and the symposium chairs who worked hard to guarantee an outstanding symposium. We are also grateful to the Steering Committee members for their help, advice and support. Further, we thank the program committee members and external reviewers who provided high quality reviews for the submitted papers. Finally, we are grateful to the authors who submitted their papers to SBBD 2013.

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