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LETTER FROM THE GUEST EDITORS

This is the 11th issue of PVLDB Volume 6, which is produced by Peer Kröger and Stratis Viglas who serve as Proceedings Chairs and Gerald Weber who serves as Information Director for PVLDB. The papers included in this issue will be presented at the industrial track and tutorial sessions at the VLDB conference in Riva del Garda in August 2013.

Innovative works done by industry practitioners on both database systems and database applications have always been an integral part of the database research community. The industrial track is designed to provide a forum to foster discussions on the experience, lessons, and insights learned from those works, which are especially important in the era of big data. The industrial track has been a part of the VLDB conference for over 15 years, and this year, we have contributions from 10 different industrial institutions and a number of academic institutions that have collaborated closely with industrial practitioners. Initiated by the General Chairs, Themis Palpanas and Yannis Velegrakis, we are also experimenting with a new technical session that includes papers contributed by companies participating in VLDB 2013 on what they vision as long term important challenges to address in the field.

Unlike the research track, the industrial track follows the traditional submission process. The review of all papers in this issue is done by the VLDB 2013 industrial track program committee consisting of 19 experienced members from both industry and academia. A warm thanks to all PC members for their tireless efforts and the time they invested into shaping the industrial program of VLDB 2013. They produced many detailed and constructive reviews, followed by active and insightful discussions among reviewers. Our warmest thanks go to the authors who submitted their innovative work on commercial data management systems and their applications, and experience in applying recent research advances to real-world problems.

The industrial program of VLDB 2013 in Riva del Garda is shaping up nicely and we look forward to see you all in Riva del Garda in August. Thanks to everybody, and especially authors and program committee members, for all their support and efforts.

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