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LETTER FROM THE EDITORS IN CHIEF

We are pleased to present the twelfth issue of PVLDB (Proceedings of the VLDB) Volume 17. While the first eleven issues covered research papers accepted to PVLDB and presented at the VLDB 2024 Conference (celebrating the 50th anniversary of the VLDB conference), Issue 12 includes keynote talks, panels, workshops, as well as peer-reviewed industrial papers, demonstrations, and tutorials, all of which were also part of the VLDB 2024 program.

The Industrial Track of VLDB 2024 covered all aspects of innovative commercial or industrial-strength data management systems and deployed solutions, as well as novel real-world applications of data management systems and experience in applying recent research advances to real-world or industry-relevant problems. This year, we received 88 submissions, out of which we accepted 21 papers (24%) directly and an additional 16 papers (18%) after one round of revision. All papers were reviewed by the Industrial Track Program Committee, which consisted of 48 members with a wide range of technical expertise from all around the world. Each paper received 3 reviews, which were shared with the authors during an Author Feedback phase. Based on the reviews, the author feedback, and extensive discussion, the Industrial Track Program Chairs identified papers to be accepted, either directly or after a round of revision with guidance from a designated shepherd. The revised submissions were significant improvements over the original submissions and were all accepted based on a thorough review by one of the original reviewers acting as a shepherd for the paper. Industrial papers at this year's VLDB cover a wide range of real-world data management solutions including database engines, database technologies and management, data mining, distributed database systems, machine learning and AI for databases, and privacy and security.

The Demonstration Track of VLDB 2024 is an important platform for sharing and showcasing the latest advancements in the field of data management. The Demonstration Track received a healthy number of 166 submissions, which increased by 23% than last year. After a rigorous review process, 64 (38.5%) of these submissions were accepted. Each demonstration submission was reviewed by three reviewers. The Demonstration Program Committee responsible for the selection process was carefully assembled, taking into consideration gender and geographic diversity. This diverse committee ensured a comprehensive and inclusive evaluation of the demonstration proposals, contributing to the quality and variety of the accepted demonstrations.

The Tutorial Track of the 50th edition of VLDB covers state-of-the-art research, development, and applications in data management or related areas, including interdisciplinary areas. This year, we received 30 submissions, out of which we accepted 10 tutorials, representing an acceptance rate of 1/3. We would like to thank all authors for their contributions to the track. The Tutorial Program Committee, comprising 18 members of our community, was assembled with gender and geographic diversity in mind. Each proposal was reviewed by at least two reviewers, and then by the Tutorial Program Chairs for a final decision, with coordination with the PC Chairs and general chairs on how the proposals could complement the overall VLDB 2024 program. We are proud to say that the accepted proposals cover a wide range of topics including distributed databases and blockchain-based systems, workload and composable data management, machine learning and LLMs for data management, fairness of queries, time series data and graph data analytics, and reproducibility for database research.

VLDB 2024 received 14 workshop proposals. After reviewing the proposals and evaluating their merits based on their history, relevance of topics, and distinctiveness, we selected 11 high-quality workshops. Like previous years, we erred on the side of accepting a larger number of workshops to ensure a good diversity of topics and allow new and revived workshops to establish themselves with sufficiently many submissions.

Monday, 26th August

- 3rd International Workshop on Large Scale Graph (LSGDA)
- 13th International Workshop on Quality in Databases (QDB)
- International Workshop on Data Management Opportunities in Unifying Large Language Models + Knowledge Graphs (LLM+KG)
- 15th International Workshop on Accelerating Analytics and Data Management Systems using Modern Processor and Storage Architectures (ADMS)

Friday, 30th August

- 6th International Workshop on Foundations and Applications of Blockchain (FAB)
- 2nd Workshop on Cloud Databases (CloudDB)
- 2nd International Workshop on Tabular Data Analysis (TaDA)

- TPC Technology Conference (TPCTC)
- 2nd International Workshop on Quantum Data Science and Management (QDSM)
- 7th International Workshop on Big Data Visual Exploration and Analytics (BigVis)
- 1st International Workshop on Data-driven AI (DATAI)

The PhD Workshop features 18 student presentations, a keynote by Dr. Divesh Srivastava (AT&T) and a panel on “Success in Ph.D. Journey”.

VLDB 2024 features three keynotes:

- Databases Unbound: Querying All of the World’s Bytes with AI; *Prof. Samuel Madden*, MIT College of Computing Distinguished Professor of Computing, Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (CSAIL), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).
- Harmonizing ML and Databases: A Symphony of Data; *Dr. Fatma Ozcan*, Principal Engineer at Systems Research@Google.
- Sharing Information with Differential Privacy: A Database Perspective; *Prof. Xiaokui Xiao*, School of Computing, National University of Singapore (NUS).

VLDB 2024 also features one panel on “Vector Databases: What’s Really New and What’s Next?” moderated by Jianguo Wang (Purdue University), with panelists Eric Hanson (SingleStore), Guoliang Li (Tsinghua University), Yannis Papakonstantinou (Google Cloud), Harsha Simhadri (Microsoft), and Charles Xie (Zilliz).

Besides the Best Paper and Demonstration awards announced at the VLDB 2024 Conference, four VLDB Endowment Awards are made:

- 2024 VLDB Test of Time Award: Ablimit Aji (Emory University), Fusheng Wang (Emory University), Hoang Vo (Emory University), Rubao Lee (The Ohio State University), Qiaoling Liu (Emory University), Xiaodong Zhang (The Ohio State University) and Joel Saltz (Emory University) for their VLDB 2013 paper “Hadoop-GIS: A High Performance Spatial Data Warehousing System over MapReduce”
- 2024 VLDB Women in Database Research Award: Sihem Amer-Yahia (CNRS, Univ. Grenoble Alpes)
- 2024 VLDB Early Career Research Contribution Award: Arun Kumar (University of California, San Diego)
- 2024 VLDB Early Career Research Contribution Award: Viktor Leis (Technische Universität München)

In closing, we wish to collectively express our deep gratitude to all members of various program committees as well as our Proceedings Chairs who worked tirelessly in the past year to ensure the timely and smooth publication of PVLDB Volume 17.

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