

PREFACE

The papers in these proceedings were contributed for presentation at the Fourteenth International Very Large Data Base Conference, Los Angeles, California, August 29 - September 1, 1988. This marked the first time that the VLDB conference had been held in the United States since the very first VLDB conference in 1975. In response to our call for papers, 156 papers were submitted to the United States program committee and 80 papers were submitted to the European program committee. Each paper was evaluated by at least 3 program committee members or outside referees. The European committee, chaired by Francois Bancilhon, met on April 21 in Paris and the U.S. committee, chaired by David DeWitt, met on April 25th in Washington, D.C.. We selected 42 papers for presentation at the conference and inclusion in these proceedings from among the papers ranked best by the two committees. We would like to thank all authors who submitted papers for consideration and all the referees and program committee members for their efforts in producing an excellent program.

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