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## LETTER FROM THE EDITORS IN CHIEF

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PVLDB attracts many submissions spanning diverse data management topics, and the PVLDB reviewing process is implemented by a large team of dedicated researchers. The Review Board of PVLDB Volume 13 consists of 186 expert researchers, and reviewing is coordinated by 18 Associate Editors. Review Board members provide timely (within a 3-week deadline) high-quality reviews, and participate actively in online discussions led by the Associate Editors for each paper. When needed, the Associate Editors together with the Editors-in-Chief solicit additional reviews from external experts. We give special thanks here to those additional reviewers who in most cases need to complete their expert reviews on a very short notice.

Most of the accepted papers go through a revision process that requires a second round of reviews after the authors have addressed an initial set of issues and concerns raised by the reviewers during the first round. Some papers are further accepted with shepherding, which means that one of the reviewers works with the authors to address a final set of comments.

This is the eleventh issue of the thirteenth volume of PVLDB. There are 71 accepted papers in this issue, or 34% of the total 207 papers accepted for the research track of PVLDB 2020. Naturally, these papers represent a good coverage of the latest work and trends in all areas of PVLDB. We have now concluded the review process for all papers submitted to VLDB 2020. The two remaining issues of this volume will include papers in other tracks in the twelfth issue as well as papers which will be rolled over for presentation in PVLDB 2021 in the thirteenth issue. For the research track, the overall paper acceptance ratio is 25%. The review process is of the highest quality. We have 186 review board members, with 26 external reviewers when specialized expertise is required, as well as 133 additional reviewers who have provided help to the main reviewers. Throughout the entire process (started in April last year), including the second half of the reviewing period which has been a dramatic period for everyone due to the pandemic, our reviewers have shown their strong dedication to our community with a keen willingness to volunteer their expert services. Their passion to promote research excellence and impact, professionalism, and kindness to help the people in our community is highly commendable. Thirty-three review board members have been nominated by the Associate Editors to receive Distinguished Review Board Member Awards. In this issue, we publish the names of the external reviewers and additional reviewers, and the recipients of the Distinguished Review Board Member Awards noted.

These papers will be presented at the 46th International Conference on Very Large Data Bases (PVLDB 2020), originally planned to be held in Tokyo, Japan during August 31 to September 4, 2020 but now to be held online due to the coronavirus pandemic.

We hope that the readers will find the selected papers engaging, and thought provoking. We also hope that the selected papers will provide valuable insights and inspire novel systems contributions and follow-up research.

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