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It is our pleasure to present the 12th issue of the Proceedings of the VLDB Endowment (PVLDB), Vol. 6. This issue contains the demonstration and PhD Workshop papers and the panel abstracts selected for presentation at the VLDB conference in Riva del Garda, Italy in August 2013.

The demonstration program includes 48 demonstrations, organized into four sessions featuring the following topics: "New Platforms," "Personal, Social and Web Data," "From Data Collection to Analysis," and "Queries and Interfaces." The diversity and quality of the 98 submissions were really high, and we would like to thank the members of the Demonstration Program Committee for doing a great job selecting the ones on the final program.

The VLDB PhD Workshop is a forum for PhD students working in the broad areas addressed by the VLDB conference. It aims to stimulate interactions among PhD students and feedback from experienced researchers. The high standard of the submissions received this year shows a promising future for database research.

Finally, we wish to thank all the speakers, panelists, and authors for their contributions to making VLDB and PVLDB a research venue of ever-growing importance and influence. We would also like to thank the VLDB 2013 organizers and officers for their extraordinary work that made the conference possible.

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