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As the program chairs of VLDB 2015 and Editors in Chief of the upcoming Volume 8 of PVLDB, we are looking forward to your contributions to shape the next year of database research. VLDB 2015 will continue the well-established process of monthly submissions using Microsoft's conference management tool. We have assembled a program committee of world-class researchers, who will evaluate your contributions. Meanwhile, we have made minor changes to the paper-submission process for PVLDB Volume 8, which may be of interest to authors:

- We changed the monthly submission deadline to the last day of the month at 23:59 US Pacific Time (instead of the previous deadline, which was the 1st day of each month at 5 AM pacific time). One reason is that we want the monthly deadline to be within that month, not the first day of the next month. We also wish people working on the west coast can go to sleep earlier :-) We will open CMT for submissions of papers to PVLDB Volume 8 in March 2014. The last submission date for consideration by the 2015 committee will be February 28, 2015. Note that the cutoff date for presentation at VLDB 2015 is full acceptance by June 1st, 2015, irrespective of submission date.
- We dropped the "Vision" track, as we believe that all submissions should have strong innovative and visionary aspects. We therefore did not see the need to specifically single out vision papers in the proceedings or the conference.
- We included the "Innovative Systems Track" and "Experiments and Analysis (E&A) Track" into the Research Track Call for Papers, in order to make clear that both "innovative systems papers" and "experiments and analysis papers" are full research papers in their own right. However, we strongly endorse both of these paper types and continue to maintain the special features and reviewing requirements of these papers, which are described on the Web site of VLDB 2015, following the corresponding links on the Call for Papers page.

We look forward towards to your submissions and creating an exciting program for VLDB 2015. (Hey, it will be in Hawaii!)

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