

Editorial

It is our great pleasure to introduce this issue of JIDM presenting the proceedings of the 26th Brazilian Symposium on Databases - SBBD 2011. SBBD is the official database event of the Brazilian Computer Society (SBC) and the largest venue in Latin America for presenting and discussing research on this field. This year's symposium will be held on October 3-6, in Florianópolis, the beautiful capital of the state of Santa Catarina in the southern of Brazil.

As for last year, SBBD 2011 is organized in four technical tracks: Core Database Foundations and Technology, Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining, Knowledge Modeling and Management, and Management of Data and Information. Each track was coordinated by a vice-chair (who selected its program committee members and interacted directly with them) and made its own acceptance decision in coordination with the PC chair. As the Steering Committee decided that track vice-chairs would be allowed to submit contributions to SBBD 2011, these contributions were treated in a special track entirely coordinated by the program committee chair. In addition, program committee members were asked to declare their conflict of interest with respect to the submitted contributions and had no access to them throughout the reviewing process. This way, it was possible to avoid any kind of conflict of interest that might have appeared during the reviewing process, thus preserving the fairness of the program committee's decisions.

The reviewing process involved two steps. First, based on the review reports, the program committee decided which contributions would be considered for possible inclusion in the SBBD program. Then, in a second step similar to that of a regular journal reviewing process, the authors took into consideration the reviewers' comments and submitted a revised manuscript for further consideration and final decision by the program committee. This two-step reviewing process was aimed to guarantee that a larger number of contributions would achieve an acceptable standard for presentation at SBBD 2011 and publication in JIDM. Overall, SBBD 2011 received 50 contributions in response to its call for papers, of which 21 were finally accepted and are included in this JIDM issue.

In addition to the regular contributions, SBBD 2011 also received 62 short paper submissions. This kind of submission, which could be written in Portuguese or English, was aimed to stimulate the presentation of ongoing work carried out, particularly, by young researchers. The program committee selected 21 of these short paper contributions for presentation at SBBD 2011. Revised and extended versions of these contributions will be selected for publication in a special section of JIDM in February 2012. Altogether, SBBD 2011 received 122 submissions from eight countries, of which 42 were accepted for final presentation, an acceptance rate of 38%. Each contribution was reviewed by at least three program committee members, summing up a total of 343 reviews.

We would like to thank all people who got involved directly or indirectly in making SBBD 2011 and this edition of JIDM possible. First and foremost, we are deeply grateful to the program committee members and external reviewers who worked extremely hard to select the best possible contributions for SBBD 2011. We are also grateful to the general and local chairs and to the Steering Committee members for their invaluable help, advice and support. Finally, we would also like to thank the authors who submitted their contributions for consideration. We hope you enjoy this JIDM issue and also the entire technical program assembled for SBBD 2011.

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SBBD 2011 Program Committee Chair

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