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## Editorial: Updates to the Editorial Board

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It is of paramount importance for a scholarly journal such as *ACM Transactions on Database Systems* to have a strong editorial board of respected, world-class scholars. The editorial board plays a fundamental role in attracting the best submissions, in ensuring insightful and timely handling of submissions, in maintaining the high scientific standards of the journal, and in maintaining the reputation of the journal. Indeed, the journal's Associate Editors, along with the reviewers and authors they work with, are the primary reason that TODS is a world-class journal.

As of January 1, 2010, five Associate Editors—Chris Ré, Floris Geerts, Ihab Ilyas, Nick Koudas, and Yanlei Diao—ended their terms, each having served on the editorial board for 6 years. In addition, they will stay on until they complete their current assignments.

Chris, Floris, Ihab, Nick, and Yanlei have provided very substantial, high-caliber service to the journal and the database community. Specifically, they have lent their extensive experience, deep insight, and sound technical judgment to the journal. I have never seen them compromise on quality when handling submissions. Surely, they have had many other demands on their time, many of which are better paid, during these past 6 years. We are all fortunate that they have donated their time and unique expertise to the journal and our community during half a dozen years. They deserve our recognition for their commitment to the scientific enterprise.

As of January 1, 2020, Carsten Binnig from TU Darmstadt has joined the editorial board as an Associate Editor. Carsten is a highly regarded scholar in database systems. We are very fortunate that he is willing to volunteer his valuable time and indispensable expertise for handling manuscripts to the benefit of our community. Indeed, I am gratified that he will help TODS continue to evolve and improve.

Christian S. Jensen  
*Editor-in-Chief*