

Changes to TODS Editorial Board and TODS Web Site

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The December 2009 issue (TODS 34/4) should be out soon. There is now a new practice from ACM that quarterly issues of transactions are identified by numbers from 1 to 4, as opposed to by months (This is because the issues typically are published as they are ready). For example, this year's September issue TODS 34/3 is published in August. TODS 34/4 is a special issue of papers invited from the SIGMOD/PODS 2008 conference. I thank all authors for their submissions, and reviewers (some of them are from conference program committees), for their help in reviewing, and SIGMOD and PODS program committee chairs, and TODS associate editors for selecting these articles and getting them into their final forms. In addition, this issue also contains two other papers, containing six papers altogether.

The 2009 volume (volume 34) of *TODS* has 24 papers. The number of papers per TODS volume has a range from 11 to 36 over the last 10 years, with an average of 26 papers per volume, which has also been the average number of papers per volume for the last three years. Submissions to *TODS* continue to be steady at a healthy rate Thanks to the dedicated service of TODS Editorial Board, the average turnaround time for papers is 3.3 months. Over the course last two years, there have been changes in the editorial board. Christian Jensen, Surajit Chaudhuri, Arnie Rosenthal and Sunita Sarawagi have all completed their terms as TODS Associate Editors. I have greatly enjoyed working with them, and I am grateful for their hard work and diligence in evaluating and selecting the best papers for TODS. I'm very pleased to announce the appointment of nine new associate editors. Minos Garofalakis, George Kollios, Xuemin Lin, Guido Moerkotte have joined the editorial board in 2008. More recently, Susan Davidson, Wenfei Fan, Chris Jermaine and Divesh Srivastava have started their terms as associate editors, bringing the size of the [Editorial Board](#) to 24. We are very fortunate to have such an outstanding group of scholars who are willing to volunteer their valuable time for handling manuscripts for the benefit of our scientific community.

I am also very happy to announce that, through the hard work of Rick Snodgrass (TODS Editor in Chief, 2001-2007) and TODS Information Director Curtis Dyreson, the TODS website <http://tods.acm.org/> now has two new left-hand-side links: Policies and History. The former provides public access to all TODS editorial policies (with date of adoption) and the latter provides vision statements, listing of all editorials, all present and past EiCs, Associate Editors, and Information Directors, along with dates, and a timeline of the major versions of the TODS web site. This information on the TODS web site serves three important purposes.

1. It collects useful and interesting information about the last 30+ years of TODS.
2. It provides a structure for conveniently adding such information as time goes by, thus ensuring that historical information continues to be collected for use by future generations.
3. It provides an appropriate exemplar for other ACM journals to collect and document *their* history.

Rick has initiated this project when he was TODS Editor in Chief and a member of ACM History Committee. I am grateful to Rick and Curtis for their hard work, and leading the way in the collection and maintenance of historical records concerning ACM TODS. I encourage you to check out this web site for yourself. Enjoy.