The ICDE 2000 Conference was held February 29 to March 3 in San Diego. The attendance was 217. The technical program was praised by many; only 41 of nearly 300 submitted papers were accepted. In addition to the technical papers, several panels, industrial sessions, demonstrations and poster sessions took place. Highlights included keynote addresses by Jim Gray of Microsoft, the 1999 Turing award winner, on "Rules of Thumb in Data Engineering" and by Dennis Tsichritzis, head of the GMD [German] National Research Center for Information Technology on "The Changing Art of Computer Research."

The best student paper was awarded to V. Ganti, J. Gehrke and R. Ramakrishnan (Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison) for "DEMON: Mining and Monitoring Evolving Data." The best paper award went to S. Chaudhuri and V. Narasayya from Microsoft for "Automating Statistics Management for Query Optimizers."

I would like to thank the organizers for working so hard to produce a high-quality technical conference. In particular, I thank Paul Larson, the general chair and David Lomet and Gerhard Weikum, the program chairs. In addition, the organizing committee members and the program committee members all contributed to making this conference an unqualified success.

The next ICDE will be held in Heidelberg, Germany in April 2001. I hope that you will all plan to attend. It was also announced that the 2002 conference will be in Silicon Valley, California.

The TCDE held an open meeting during the ICDE conference luncheon. These meetings take place yearly at the ICDE and all TCDE members are invited to attend. One item discussed at this meeting was the participation with ACM SIGMOD in the SIGMOD anthology. This is a collection of CDROMs being made available to SIGMOD members and TCDE members. The SIGMOD members have received the first 5 disks. We are arranging to mail to ICDE members next fall all the disks (probably about 13) which will be available at that time. These disks contain proceedings of ICDE, SIGMOD, VLDB,EDBT, PDIS and ICDT conferences and ACM PODS and IEEE TKDE journals and the Data Engineering Bulletin, among other publications in the database systems area.