TCDE Nominations

I would like to draw your attention to the message below from the TCDE Nominating Committee. The TC will be electing a new TC chair. I would urge you to participate in the electoral process.

The Current Issue

It is an understatement to say that the world is ”moving to XML”. Activity, not only in the research community but in groups throughout are database industry, is at a feverish level. Obviously, XML is important. Industrial groups ”smell” revenue. And in the data engineering community, it is this industrial focus that is so important to the relevance of our field.

XML is rapidly becoming the ”lingua franca” of wire data formats. The database products that make it easy to integrate XML over the wire with their stored data will make the life of application providers both easier and more productive. That will translate into increased sales by the database vendors. The research community is very active in this process, as we were 25 years ago in the emergence of relational database technology. This research will play a large role in what our ”soon to be” XML database industry will look like in the years ahead.

Alon Halevy, our issue editor, has put together a very interesting collection of papers that captures a broad cross-section of the XML activity in data management. These papers range from database integration with the web to data warehouses, from publishing data in XML to XML programming languages, and more. This is an issue that you will want to read carefully, and come back to often. I want to thank Alon for his efforts in bringing this very timely and important issue together.