Technical Committee on Data Engineering
Election of Chair for 2002-2003

The Chair of the IEEE Computer Society Technical Committee on Data Engineering (TCDE) is elected for a two-year period. The mandate of the current Chair, Betty J. Salzberg, terminates at the end of 2001. Hence is time to elect a Chair for the period January 2002 to December 2003. Please vote using the ballot on the next page.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Masaru Kitsuregawa, Paul Larson, and Betty Salzberg, is nominating Erich Neuhold for the position as Chair of TCDE. Erich's position statement and a short biography are included below. The Committee invited nominations from members of the TCDE but has received no other nominations.

Paul Larson, Nominating Committee Chair

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Position Statement

If elected I hope to continue the excellent work of Betty Salzberg.

The Technical Committee on Data Engineering publishes a newsletter, the Data Engineering Bulletin and sponsors the ICDE (International Conference on Data Engineering) and the associated workshop RIDE (Research Issues in Databases). In addition it will continue to work with SIGMOD to make the ICDE proceedings and other relevant publications available on CD-ROM and the SIGMOD archive.

I will continue Betty's work to increase the presence and active participation of industrial members of ICDE and I will also work on establishing more joint events with data base societies and action groups in other countries. Database research has had a tremendous influence on DB technology and has gained continuously by feedback from the practitioners. Such cooperation has to be strengthened wherever possible. One of the possibilities here is to explore ways to broaden ICDE by either industry oriented tracks or associated workshops that gear to the practitioners and users and feed back their problems and experiences to the research community. I will try to achieve this goal by working closely together with the ICDE Steering Committee.

Biography

Erich Neuhold is Professor of Computer Science at Darmstadt University of Technology and Director of the GMD Institute for Integrated Publication and Information Systems (IPSI) also in Darmstadt, Germany. He has been Professor at the University of Stuttgart and the Technical University of Vienna and he has also worked in research and management positions for IBM and Hewlett Packard both in Europe and the USA. His areas of expertise in databases include distributed databases, object-oriented databases, databases for the internet (e.g. semi-structured data and XML), information retrieval, information visualization and their applications in digital libraries, cultural heritage and e-commerce.

He has published four books and about 180 papers. His work has appeared, among others, in the VLDB Journal, Information Systems, Acta Informatica and in many conferences as, for example, VLDB, ICDE, MMDB, ADL and DL. He has served in all capacities on many conference committees and was PC Chair and General Chair of ICDE.

He is the current Vice Chair of the IEEE TCDE and the Chair of the ICDE Steering Committee and also a member of the JCDL at ECDL Steering Committees. He is a Senior Member of IEEE.