Dear Colleagues,

Since January 2002 I am the new Chair of the IEEE Technical Committee on Data Engineering. First of all I would like to thank Betty Salzberg for her excellent work as the former Chair of the TCDE during her terms from 1998-2001. Happily she now agreed to serve as my Vice Chair. I would also like to thank the other members of the TC for their work. Since they have done and are doing great work, I have asked them and they have all agreed to work together with me in the new executive committee. Hence the executive committee is:

- Prof. Erich J. Neuhold (Chair)
- Betty Salzberg (Vice Chair)
- Per-Ake (Paul) Larson (Treasurer/Secretary)
- Svein-Olaf Hvasshovd (European Coordinator)
- Masaru Kitsuregawa (Asian Coordinator)
- Ron Sacks-Davis (Australian Coordinator)
- David Lomet (Bulletin Editor)
- Marianne Winslett (ACM SIGMOD Liaison and also SIGMOD Vice Chair)

The annual meeting of the TC this year was held during the ICDE 2002 in San Jose. The minutes of the meeting, for those who were not able to attend, can be found below. Beside the reports on finances and the Data Engineering Bulletin, the planning for the upcoming ICDE conferences for the years 2003-2006 has been presented. ICDE 2003 will be held in Bangalore, India, and ICDE 2004 in Boston, Massachusetts. In conjunction with the next ICDEs we would like to establish one or two workshops in addition to the traditional RIDE workshop. I invite everybody to send me proposals with your ideas. In addition, new ideas regarding conferences we should cooperate with, seminars to be organized, and general comments and expectations you have for the TC, are always welcome.

The WEB page (in multiple languages) of the TC on Data Engineering can be found at
`http://www.ccs.neu.edu/groups/IEEE/tcde/index.html`,
where information on the Executive Committee, sponsored and in-cooperation activities and a few other things can be obtained.