VLDB 2006 is a premier international forum for database researchers, vendors, practitioners, application developers, and users. We invite submissions reporting original results on all aspects of data management as well as proposals for panels, tutorials, demonstrations, and exhibits that will present the most critical issues and views on practical leading-edge database technology, applications, and techniques. We also invite proposals for events and workshops that may take place at the Conference site between September 10th and 11th before the VLDB 2006 conference.

**Aims of the Conference**

VLDB 2006 strongly encourages the submission of creative work that goes beyond improvements of already known results. Submissions may cover novel approaches in data management, visions that present new viewpoints and challenges, or a description of the implementation or deployment of advanced database technology in an industrial or application setting. Furthermore, since new challenging applications appear on the horizon, papers that describe those with respect to their technical substance, their impact, and their importance and relate them to today's database technology are also solicited.

**Topics of Interest**

VLDB 2006 will feature a number of co-located workshops on broad topics related to data management, and will be held before the main conference. Proposals for workshops are hereby invited. A workshop should address timely and, preferably, controversial issues and must be debate-oriented rather than series of short presentations. A workshop should include the topic title; a short statement about the importance and relevance of the panel and the potential issues of controversy; a tentative list of questions that will be posed to the panelists; a list of confirmed participants along with their affiliations; and a short bio of each participant. Proposals for workshops must be submitted electronically by February 7th, 2006 (5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time) to:

- Michael Carey (mcarey@bea.com)
- Tore Risch (tore.risch@it.uu.se)
- Christos Faloutsos (christos@cs.cmu.edu)

**Proposal Guidelines**

**Demonstration Proposals**

Demonstration proposals must be submitted electronically, in pdf format, by March 16th, 2006 (5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time) using the conference management tool. Proposals should be focused on new database technology, advances in applying databases, or innovative use of database techniques. Proposals must be submitted in camera-ready format and are limited to 4 pages. They should describe the demonstrated system, indicate what is going to be demonstrated, and state the significance of the contribution to database technology or applications. Proposals must not be published or under consideration for publication elsewhere. Authors will be notified of the results by May 30th, 2006. Demonstration papers will appear in the proceedings. Further questions may be addressed to:

- Tore Risch (tore.risch@it.uu.se)

**Tutorial Proposals**

Tutorial proposals must clearly identify the intended audience and its assumed background. Tutorials whose audience is broader than the database research community are encouraged. Proposals must be no more than 5 pages and must provide a sense of both the scope of the tutorial and depth within the scope. The intended length of the tutorial (1.5 or 3 hours) should also be indicated, together with justification that a high-quality presentation will be achieved within the chosen time period and the indication of the main learning outcomes. Proposals should also include contact information (name, email address, telephone number, and FAX number) and a brief bio of the presenters. If the proposed tutorial has been given previously, the proposal should include where the tutorial has been given and how it will be modified for VLDB 2006. Proposals must be submitted electronically by March 16th, 2006 (5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time) to:

- Christos Faloutsos (christos@cs.cmu.edu)

Tutorial presentations will be published and made available to VLDB participants, and must be ready for publication by July 12th, 2006.

**Panel Proposals**

Panels should address timely and, preferably, controversial issues and must be debate-oriented rather than series of short presentations. A panel should include the topic title; a short statement about the importance and relevance of the panel and the potential issues of controversy; a tentative list of questions that will be posed to the panelists; a list of confirmed participants along with their affiliations; and a short bio of each participant. Proposals must be submitted electronically by March 16th, 2006 (5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time) to:

- Michael Carey (mcarey@bea.com)

Short panel summaries will appear in the proceedings.

**Workshop Proposals**

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- Ming-Chien Shan (ming-chien.shan@hp.com)

The decision on the proposal will be notified by March 1st, 2006.