

It is time to hand over the chairmanship of the IEEE-CS Technical Committee on Data Engineering. I took over from Betty Salzberg in 2002 and kept the Executive Committee she had selected intact to continue its excellent work.

We have continued the sponsorship of international database related conferences, especially of course our flagship conference, the International Conference on Data Engineering (ICDE). We also have, with the help of our excellent Editor in Chief Dave Lomet, continued the publication of the quarterly Bulletin on Data Engineering and kept working with ACM SIGMOD on keeping the Computer Science Bibliography (DBLP) up to date in the database field. Two years ago we have started our first Workgroup on Self Managing Database Systems. It will present itself at its second workshop just before the ICDE 2007 in Istanbul.

I would like to thank all the members of the Executive Committee for their excellent work and all the Members of the Technical Committee on Data Engineering for their support. I also wish the new Chairman Per-Åke (Paul) Larson all the best for the future and want to thank him again for his willingness to take on the leadership of TCDE.