

Candidate for Chair

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BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., University of California – Berkeley, 1986, Computer Science.

Professional Experience:

Professor, Dept. of Informatics & Telecom, Univ. of Athens, Athens, Greece, 2001 – 2009;
Associate Professor, Dept. of Informatics & Telecom, Univ. of Athens, Athens, Greece,
1997 – 2001;

Assistant Professor, Professor, Dept of Computer Sciences, Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison,
WI, USA, 1986 – 1999.

Professional Interest:

Query processing and optimization in distributed architectures; Personalization and contextualization of data/info management; Digital libraries, cultural and scientific information systems; Information retrieval, databases and the web; User interfaces.

ACM Activities:

Vice Chair, ACM SIGMOD, 2005 – 2009;

Associate Editor, ACM SIGMOD DiSC, 1998 – 2006;

Workshops Chair, ACM SIGMOD Conference, 2006 – 2009;

Program Committee Member, SIGMOD, PODS, KDD, CHI, AVI, (several times),
1988 – 2008.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

Member of Board of Trustees, VLDB Endowment, 1998 – 2003;

Program Committee (co-)Chair, ICDE '09, DBIS '07, EDBT '06, VLDB '02, SSDBM '97,
1997 – 2009;

Associate Editor, Information Systems, VLDBJ, JoDL, JIIS, 1990 – 2009.

Awards Received:

ACM: ACM Fellow, 2004.

Other: "Xanthopoulos-Pneumatikos" Award "Outstanding Academic Teaching", 2006;

VLDB "10-Year Best Paper Award", 2003; Univ. of Wisconsin "Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award", 1996; NSF "Presidential Young Investigator Award", 1991.

STATEMENT

SIGMOD has had a long sequence of inspiring and dedicated chairs that have brought it in its current position of scientific leadership and financial stability. If honored to be elected as their successor, I will make every effort to continue their tradition and serve the community, pushing SIGMOD in new directions while maintaining its strengths. There are several new challenges and exciting opportunities in front of SIGMOD, and I hope that my experience as vice-chair the past four years will help me deal with both most effectively.

In the midst of a global financial crisis, finding the right balance between supporting important initiatives and remaining financially safe is a priority. Increasing membership and identifying new sponsorship schemes are two income-raising strategies I intend to work on. Research-wise, data management is at a turning point, being in the critical path of most scientific and societal activities. I will try to cluster relevant discussions around SIGMOD, possibly forming strategic alliances with other SIGs and other professional societies. Finally, I will continue several efforts initiated during my previous term, such as the Traveling Speakers Program and making all/most DiSC material available on-line for members.