Foreword to Invited Articles Section

In this issue, the Invited Articles section is comprised of two articles.

The first, “The Space Complexity of Long-Lived and One-Shot Timestamp Implementations” by Maryam Helmi, Lisa Higham, Eduardo Pacheco, and Philipp Woelfel, was selected from the *30th ACM SIGACT-SIGOPS Symposium on Principles of Distributed Computing (PODC)* held in San Jose, California, June 6–8, 2011. I thank the Program Committee of PODC 2011 and the PC Chair, Pierre Fraigniaud, for their help in selecting this article.

The second invited article is “Querying Regular Graph Patterns” by Pablo Barceló, Leonid Libkin, and Juan L. Reutter, selected from the *30th ACM SIGMOD-SIGACT-SIGART Symposium on Principles of Database Systems (PODS)* held in Athens, Greece, June 13–15, 2011. I thank the Program Committee of PODS 2011 and the PC Chair, Thomas Schwentick, for their help in selecting this article. I am also grateful to JACM Associate Editors Phokion Kolaitis and Rachid Guerraoui for their editorial work on these articles.

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