

Editorial: New Partnership with ACM

This issue marks the beginning of a new collaboration with ACM. Henceforth, ACM will be promoting the journal to their members and will be offering individual subscriptions at a price comparable to their other journals. It is an endorsement of our standards and our record of publishing high-quality, influential research contributions.

To our authors, it will be business as usual. Our submission and editorial process will be unchanged, since it has thus far served so well. However, at the same time progress is being made for electronic distribution of the journal: Distributed Computing is among 180 journals for which Springer will start in 1997 to provide electronic versions on the Internet in addition to the printed edition. This is part of Springer's LINK program, a new electronic information service that links the electronic media to the print editions. And, as this issue goes to press, the finishing touches are being made to a \LaTeX document style for electronic submission of final-form manuscripts.

We are pleased to be linking-up with ACM. And we are confident that this collaboration will enable us to further improve our service to the research community.

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Introduction

This special issue of Distributed Computing publishes four papers that originally appeared in preliminary and abbreviated form in the Proceedings of the 14th SIGACT-SIGOPS Symposium on Principles of Distributed Computing (PODC'95) which was held in Ottawa, Canada on August 14–16, 1995. The papers were selected, based on their quality and the range of topics they address, from the twenty-five full-length papers presented at the Symposium. Other papers were also selected and, due to space limitations, they will appear in a future issue of Distributed Computing.

In addition to being reviewed in their preliminary form by the Program Committee of PODC '95, the papers we now publish were subsequently refereed according to the standard practices of this journal. I wish to thank both the referees and the authors of these papers; their cooperation and prompt response was vital in ensuring timely publication.

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