



Editorial

This issue of *ACM Transactions on Computer Systems* consists of extended versions of some of the best articles presented at the 2003 Symposium on Operating System Principles (SOSP) held at Lake George, NY. These articles were recommended for possible publication in TOCS by the SOSP Program Chair (and former TOCS Editor-in-Chief), Larry Peterson. The articles had already undergone extensive reviewing by the SOSP program committee and had been shepherded by a program committee member to produce the camera-ready copy for the proceedings. TOCS gave the authors an opportunity to extend their already outstanding conference contribution, and then we asked for additional reviews. What you have before you is the result of hard work by the authors, program committee members, and referees.

This editorial is also my opportunity to announce a change in the TOCS editorial board. Over the past 2 years, I have been extremely fortunate to have John Wilkes from Hewlett Packard Labs serving as an associate editor. John has significantly contributed to TOCS through his passion for excellence, his influence within the systems community, and the breadth of his technical expertise. He recently decided it is time to step down from his associate editor role in order to pursue other challenges. I am grateful to him for his insights and recommendations.

I am very pleased that Peter M. Chen of the University of Michigan has agreed to join the TOCS editorial board. Peter brings to the job of associate editor research experience covering a broad range of operating system topics including security, reliability, storage management, and distributed systems. He has provided valuable service to the OS community in the past, most recently, as program cochair of OSDI. Coincidentally, he is an author on one of the articles in this issue. I am looking forward to working with Peter as associate editor.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers, including the entire editorial board and all of the referees, who work to uphold the high standards of TOCS. It is a bit amazing that such high-quality journal content is based almost entirely on volunteer time and effort. I greatly appreciate the dedication, cooperation, and community spirit that volunteers provide toward producing each issue of TOCS.

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