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Welcome to the fourth and final issue of 2005. IJDWM is now one year old. It is perhaps now a good time to reflect our achievements.

This year, 15 papers in total have been published in IJDWM. Up to now — July 2005, when this issue was prepared and finalized — more than 40 submissions have been received and processed. Therefore, the acceptance rate for publication in this journal is around one-third. The papers in this volume come from four continents, making the journal a true international journal. Out of the 15 papers published this year, four papers each come from Europe and North America, and three papers each come from Asia and Australia. These papers mainly are from a regular submission, each of which has gone through a thorough reviewing process.

The fields covered by these papers are quite balanced between the two main coverage areas: data warehousing and data mining. To be more precise, the first volume of IJDWM includes six papers on data warehousing, five papers on data mining, two papers on a mixture between data warehousing and mining, and two papers in queries and query processing.

The turnaround rate from the initial submission to the notification is around six months. We believe that this is quite reasonable, although we are keen to improve this by having a faster turnaround rate.

In looking ahead to 2006, we plan to improve the journal in a number of ways. Our main focus is to reduce the acceptance rate to around 20 to 25%, making acceptance into this journal more competitive. We also plan to index the journal in the DBLP server, as well as the Science Citation Index. We also are interested in receiving special issue proposals, particularly from those prestigious international conferences in data mining.

Last but not least, I would like to thank the editorial board members, ad-hoc reviewers, and associate editors for dedicating their time in reviewing papers. A special thank you goes to the authors who have put their trust in publishing their research work in this journal. I hope that the readers find that the papers that appear in this volume are useful and innovative.

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