Welcome to the third volume of the International Journal of Data Warehousing and Mining. We start this volume by having four regular papers. The first paper is on statistical sampling in data warehouses. The second paper proposes a sequence clustering algorithm particularly for Web personalization. The third paper focuses on rule induction problems, whereas the fourth paper is on caching for geographical data.

Looking ahead this year, we will have three special issues in the next three issues. The first special issue will be on Data Mining Competition at the 10th Pacific-Asia Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining PAKDD’2006 (http://www.ntu.edu.sg/sce/pakdd2006/). PAKDD is a leading international conference in the areas of data mining and knowledge discovery. The competition was based on an Asian 3G telecommunication company whereby the mining task was to classify or to predict the likelihood of customers to switch to their 3G network. We look forward to looking at the reports of the winners of this competition.

The second special issue will include selected best papers from the 2nd ADBIS Workshop on Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery (AMKD’2006), to be held in Thessaloniki Greece in September 2006 (http://www-de.csd.auth.gr/~admkd06/). ADMKD’2006 is the second workshop on data mining and knowledge discovery to be held in conjunction with the East-European Conference on Advances in Databases and Information Systems (ADBIS).

The last special issue will comprise selected best papers from the 8th International Conference on Data Warehousing and Knowledge Discovery (DaWaK 2006) (http://www.dexa.org/dawak) to be held in Krakow Poland, also in September 2006. DaWaK is a premium conference in the area of data warehousing and mining, which is annually held in conjunction with the International Conference on Database and Expert Systems Applications (DEXA).

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