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As Associate Editor for the Vision Track of PVLDB, I'm grateful for the opportunity to present a brief overview of the track -- which is focused on short papers motivating ambitious, high-impact, early-stage research. The Vision Track promotes papers that describe an exciting vision of a future system, framework, algorithm, or technology. The goal is not only to describe works-in-progress, but also to present a broader research agenda that will capture the imagination of others in the community. Papers in this track are reviewed with respect to the significance, novelty, and potential impact of the work, with less emphasis on its current level of maturity, technical depth, and evaluation. We hope you'll find the Vision Papers in PVLDB to be an inspiration, whether in thinking about new problem spaces, or in formulating your own paper for the track!

Special thanks to the authors for putting their most ambitious work into the track, and to the PC members and PC chairs who have managed the selection process!

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