

24th International Conference on Extending Database Technology 24th International Conference on Database Theory (EDBT/ICDT 2021), March 23 – 26, 2021, Nicosia, Cyprus



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Kalosorisate (Welcome) to EDBT/ICDT 2021!

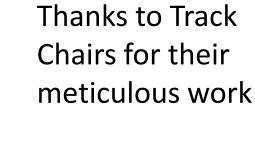
- We hope you have a memorable online event, which overcomes in the best possible manner the inherent difficulties and travel restrictions incurred by the pandemic.
- EDBT/ICDT 2021 started out as a **Physical Conference proposal**, evolved into a **Hybrid Conference proposal** and finally transitioned into an **Online Event**!
- The complete EDBT/ICDT 2021 organization worked hard to capitalize and expand on the success of earlier organizations



- Cyprus: third largest and third most populous island in the Mediterranean
- Part of European Union since 05/2004
- Part of Eurozone since 01/2008

EDBT/ICDT 2021 by the Numbers

- 4 Keynotes & 1 ICDT Invited Talk
- 4 Tutorials
- 6 Workshops
- 15 Live Demos
- 160+ Presentations from ICDT/EDBT + workshop papers.
- ~440 Registrants
- All talks this year are in Meeting Mode (not Webinar mode), synchronous presentations & synchronous Q/A (few exceptions).
- Single Timezone: DAY1,3: EU-ASIA optimized. DAY2,4: EU-AMERICAS optimized
- Social Program & Events (over 30 videos): Presenting the host country Cyprus through music and videos on culture, geography, food, leisure and other enjoyable aspects about Cyprus.
- Low Registration Fees (be inclusive and widen participation)

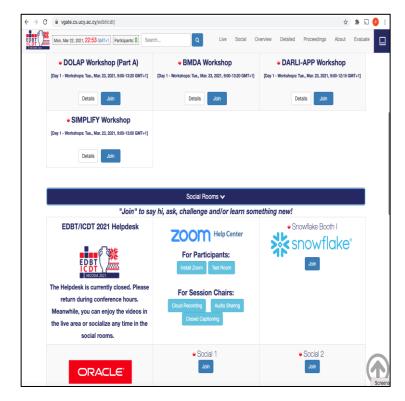


A) VGATE Online Platform

In just **2 months** we brought forward a Zoom + Google Sheet Conference Management Platform used for the first time @ EDBT/ICDT 2021

- Support Live Section, Social Rooms, Helpdesk, Industry Booths, Global Clock, Social program.
- Virtual corridor and hallways discussions are supported by a number of unmoderated and dynamic social rooms on VGATE at all times (50 rooms, rooms with capacities to 1000 participants).
- Meet-the-Authors (Demos, ICDT, Keynotes & Invited Speakers)
- Central Management of Zoom Licenses, Recordings, Roles (Host, Superhosts, Alternative Hosts, etc.)
- Helpdesk and Session Chairs makes organization more interactive and brings more structure.

https://vgate.cs.ucy.ac.cy/





B) Pandemic Greetings from the Pioneers and the Next Data Management Challenge

Philip A. Bernstein (Microsoft Research, USA) Laura M. Haas (University of Massachusetts -Amherst, USA) Yannis Ioannidis (University of Athens, Greece) Jeffrey D. Ullman (Stanford, USA)



When? Reception II - Day 2 (EU-Americas): Wed., Mar. 24, 2021, 19:00-20:00 GMT+1

C) Diversity and Inclusion Debrief

Introducing the D&I initiative whose mission is to establish best practices for Diversity and Inclusion in Database Conference Venues

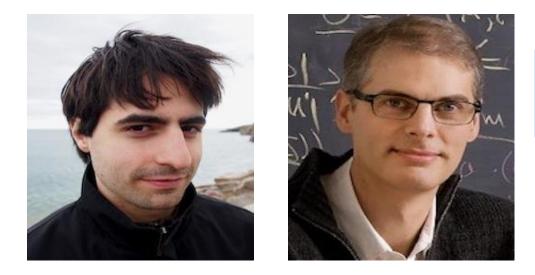
- Debrief, Sihem Amer-Yahia (CNRS, Univ. Grenoble Alpes, France)
- Panos K. Chrysanthis (University of Pittsburgh, USA)
- Avrilia Floratou (Microsoft, USA)
- Fatma Ozcan (Google, USA)
- Victor Zakhary (Oracle, USA)

When? Reception I - Day 1 (EU-Asia): Tue., Mar. 23, 2021, 13:20-14:20 GMT+1



D) Climate Change Session

 Chair: Antoine Amarilli (Télécom Paris, France). External guest: Benjamin Pierce (University of Pennsylvania, USA)



When? Day 4 (Day 4 (EU-Americas): Fri., Mar. 26, 2021, 16:30-17:30 GMT+1



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Sponsored Industry Talk: Behind the Scenes of Snowflake's new Search Optimization Service, Ismail Oukid (Snowflake, Germany) and Stefan Richter (Snowflake, Germany)

> When? Dinner - Day 3: Thu., Mar. 25, 2021, 13:45—14:45 GMT+1

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EDBT/ICDT 2021 Dedication

We dedicate EDBT/ICDT 2021 in honour of the memory of Prof. George Samaras† (1959–2018).

George was the initial General Chair for EDBT/ICDT 2021

Additional Events:

https://dmd.cs.ucy.ac.cy/

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It is difficult to thank all the people that have contributed to realizing this event. To each one of you and the audience: **Thank You!** Demetris Zeinalipour and Panos K. Chrysanthis General Chairs



