

Editor's Introduction

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Issue 12.2 of SIGecom Exchanges includes a letter from David Parkes in his role as the SIG chair, a position paper, and six research letters. By now this new format should be familiar from issues 11.2 and 12.1, with the caveat that the SIG-related letter alternates between the SIG chair and the PC chairs of EC (which, as David explains in his letter, is now the *ACM Conference on Economics and Computation*).

This issue's position paper, by Alex Slivkins and Jenn Wortman Vaughan, gives a timely introduction to crowdsourcing research from a theoretical viewpoint. Alex and Jenn provide a list of possible modeling choices for crowdsourcing markets that give rise to a huge space of compelling, potentially influential research problems. They also elaborate on specific problems that have received attention, making the position paper a fantastic starting point for researchers who wish to contribute to this emerging field.

Apropos crowdsourcing, while most contributions to Exchanges are solicited, I very much welcome suggestions for contributions (mainly surveys/position papers and letters) of the highest quality for issue 13.1, which will be published in June 2014. Please refer to issues 11.2 through 12.2 to get an idea of the scope and quality of published contributions.

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