

Professor Hongjun Lu



Members of the newly formed IFIP WG2.12/12.4 were saddened to hear of the death of one of their most esteemed members, Prof. Honjun Lu.

Prof. Lu was a world renowned researcher who served the database community with dedication and distinction in various capacities over the years. He was a trustee of the VLDB Endowment, a member of the ACM SIGMOD Advisory Board (1998-2002), an associate editor of IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering (TKDE), chair of the steering committee of the International Conference on Web-Age Information Management (WAIM), and co-chair (1998-2001) and chair (2001-2003) of the steering committee of Pacific-Asia Conference of Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (PAKDD). In December, 2004, he was honored with a Contribution Award by the China Computer Federation Database Society and, just recently, he was honored with this year's inaugural PAKDD Distinguished Contribution Award.

Prof. Lu received the B.Sc. degree from Tsinghua University, China, and the MSc and PhD degrees from the Department of Computer Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Before joining the Department of Computer Science at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, he had worked as an engineer in the Chinese Academy of Space Technology, as a principal research scientist in the Computer Science Center of Honeywell Inc., Minnesota, USA (1985-1987) and as a professor at the School of Computing of the National University of Singapore (1987-2000).

On March 3, 2005, Prof. Lu passed away due to the terminal disease. His memory and ever-lasting contribution to the database society will live forever.