

# Letter from SIGecom Executive Committee

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Dear SIGecom community,

We, the new SIGecom executives, are honored to be serving as your representatives. First, we'd like to heap praise and thanks on the outgoing executives – Kevin Leyton-Brown, Michal Feldman, and Jenn Wortman Vaughan – for their boundless energy, engagement, and wisdom in their four years of leadership. We have a lot to live up to.

We have identified three broad goals for the coming years: disciplinary and demographic *diversity*, a cohesive *community*, and most importantly, sustained and significant *impact* on academia and society. Our initiatives are guided by these goals, and we are in the process of developing metrics to track our progress.

We are proud that EC'19 had a record  $\approx 600$  attendees from over 30 different countries, with 22% identifying as female — not even counting remote attendees of the live-stream sites in Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria and Uganda (a special initiative run by Rediet Abebe and Eric Sodomka). And we're looking forward to working with all of you to take EC and the SIG to the next level.

We have an amazing slate of people onboard to help lead SIG initiatives. Yannai Gonczarowski is serving as SIGecom Information Director, taking on the role from Felix Fischer. Yannai is hard at work expanding the SIG's digital presence. Be on the lookout for an improved SIGecom website and an entry into social media. Michal Feldman is leading SafeEC, a subsidiary of SafeToC, helping to provide safe pathways to elevate ethics concerns. You can read more about this initiative — and find a list of advocates — at [SafeToc.org](http://SafeToc.org). Please reach out to Michal or any SafeToC advocate if you would like to help in this effort, or if anything is troubling you. Vasilis Gkatzelis is Special Initiatives Chair, his first initiative being the job markets profiles published regularly in *Exchanges* (including this issue). If you have ideas for new initiatives that would further the goals of the SIG, please do contact him. Inbal Talgam-Cohen and Matt Weinberg (and Hu Fu before them) are the *Exchanges* editors, keeping us all informed of the community's ideas and news.

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Last, but not least, Michael Ostrovsky and Ariel Procaccia are the Program Chairs, and Péter Biró the General Chair, of the upcoming EC'20, which will be co-located with GAMES in Budapest next summer from July 13-17. We hope to see you all there!

Your SIGecom executives,

Nicole Immorlica (chair), Scott Duke Kominers, and Katrina Ligett