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■ During the BTW conference outstanding dissertations in the field will be awarded. Moreover, a student program will be organized offering selected undergraduate students the possibility to report about their project work. The conference will also host invited talks and a tutorial program on database-related topics.

■ The BTW'2003 conference comprises a scientific program and an industrial program. For the scientific program, we solicit contributions on advancing database technology, its foundations and its interrelationships with neighboring fields and applications. Contributions on the commercial use of database technology, experiences and current industry trends should be submitted for the industrial program. Long papers (original or overview work) as well as short papers (about new projects or first results of ongoing research) are desired.

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December 1, 2002	Notification of authors about acceptance or rejection
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