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Dear Prof. Suciu,

In my capacity as the Chair of the ACM SIGMOD 2001 Program Committee, I wish to congratulate you for being one of the two runner-ups for the Best Paper Award for ACM SIGMOD 2001 with your paper

*Efficient Evaluation of XML Middle-ware Queries*  
by *Mary Fernandez, Atsuyuki Morishima and Dan Suciu.*

As you very well know, SIGMOD is the premier conference for database research and practice. This year we had over 290 submissions out of which only 44 papers were selected for inclusion in the proceedings. I appointed a sub-committee of three PC members to go over the accepted papers and make a recommendation to me for the best paper award. This task was extremely difficult and we ended up with three papers (out of the 44) that were clearly the top ones, all deserving the best paper award. At the end, the decision was a very hard one to make; your paper was finally ranked as one of the two runner-ups. You and your co-authors should be very proud of this, and the community looks forward to your contributions in the future!

Congratulations again and my warm wishes for continued success.

Yours Sincerely,

Timos Sellis, Professor

PS: I would appreciate it if you can pass a copy of this letter to your co-authors