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## Sommario/riassunto

The British National Conference on Databases (BNCOD) was established in 1980 as a forum for research into the theory and practice of databases. The original conference in the series took place at the University of Aberdeen. To be precise, this conference was in fact entitled ICOD which stood for International Conference on Databases. It was the intention, when the series began, that an ICOD would take place every two years, whilst a BNCOD would run in the years in between. As the record shows ICOD was only held in 1980 and 1983. The more junior conference has managed to acquire a lifetime much longer than that of its senior relative! If truth were known, however, BNCOD has, over the years, grown into ICOD and although the conference is still titled "British National," it is, in fact, an international conference that takes place on a yearly basis. Proof of this can be obtained simply by looking at the table of contents of these proceedings which clearly show that the majority of papers presented at this year's conference came from contributors whose affiliations are outside the UK. Despite the range of papers on offer, BNCOD still retains its uniquely British flavor. The Programme Committee is drawn from UK academics and the conference is always held at a British university (or in earlier years a polytechnic!).

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