

Letter from the President



Dear EATCS members,

First of all, I belatedly wish you all the best for 2013. This year will be marked by the 40th ICALP conference, which will be held in Riga, Latvia, in the period 8-12 July 2013. The submission deadline for ICALP 2013 has just passed. The conference has received 427 submissions overall (250 for Track A on 'Algorithms, Complexity and Games', 116 for Track B devoted to 'Logic, Semantics, Automata and Theory of Programming', and 61 for Track C dealing with 'Foundations of Networked Computation: Models, Algorithms and Information Management'). These are excellent numbers of submissions and bode well for a high-quality scientific programme in keeping with the standards of the ICALP conference. I wish the track chairs (Fedor V. Fomin, Marta Kwiatkowska and David Peleg), their PCs and the conference organizers the best of luck with the hard work that awaits them over the coming months.

Several other events will contribute to making the 40th ICALP an inspiring scientific meeting. First of all, I am pleased to inform you that Jon Kleinberg (Cornell University) will deliver a special EATCS Lecture at ICALP 2013 to mark the 40th anniversary of ICALP. This lecture is in addition to the previously announced invited talks, which will be given by Susanne Albers (Humboldt University), Orna Kupferman (Hebrew University), Paul Spirakis (University of Patras), Daniel Marx (Hungarian Academy of Sciences) and Peter Widmayer (ETH Zürich).



Second, I am happy to announce that the EATCS Award 2013 Committee, consisting of Friedhelm Meyer auf der Heide (chair), Leslie Ann Goldberg and Vladimiro Sassone, has selected Martin Dyer (University of Leeds) as the recipient of the EATCS Award 2013. The Presburger Award 2013 Committee, manned by Monika Henzinger (chair), Antonin Kucera and Peter Widmayer, has instead proposed Erik Demaine (MIT) as the recipient of the Presburger Award 2013. On behalf of the EATCS, I congratulate Erik and Martin for these prestigious awards. Both Erik and Martin will deliver award presentations at ICALP 2013 and have agreed to contribute a piece on their work to the October 2013 issue of the Bulletin of the EATCS.

In passing, I warmly thank CWI Amsterdam for sponsoring the Presburger Award 2013. The invited talks and the award presentations at ICALP 2013 will be taped and will be made available on the web after the conference. I expect that this will be the norm from now on at ICALP conferences and will further increase the impact of the conference on the TCS community.

In order to encourage joint registration to the EATCS and its French, Italian and Japanese chapters, from 2013 the EATCS will offer a five euro discount on the EATCS registration fee for those who register to both the EATCS and one of its chapters. I hope that many members of the TCS community in those countries will take advantage of this possibility. Let me also remind you that the EATCS offers a five euro discount per year to SIGACT members.

The preparations for ICALP 2014 in Copenhagen are going well. The PC chairs



for the three tracks of ICALP 2014 will be Elias Koutsoupias (University of Oxford) for Track A, Javier Esparza (Technische Universität München) for Track B and Pierre Fraigniaud (Université Paris Diderot) for Track C. Elias, Javier and Pierre are currently forming the PCs for their tracks and are selecting the invited speakers for ICALP 2014. As usual, the call for papers for ICALP 2014 will be available at ICALP 2013 in Riga.

We are also making plans for hosting the first ICALP conference outside Europe in 2015. Kazuo Iwama (ICALP) and Masahito Hasegawa (LICS) are making excellent progress in their planning for hosting a joint ICALP-LICS 2015 in Kyoto in the period 6-10 July 2015. Kazuo Iwama will present the plans for having ICALP 2015 in Kyoto at the General Assembly during ICALP 2013 in Riga, where I look forward to meeting many of you.

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