

Letter from the President

Dear EATCS members,

Time flies somehow and the 40th ICALP conference is now upon us. I hope that many of you will attend the conference, which will be held in Riga, Latvia, in the period 8-12 July 2013. The conference programme is now available at

<http://www.icalp2013.lu.lv/program/> and is packed with exciting talks and events. Apart from the usual ICALP-related events, on Tuesday, 9 July, the conference will feature a ceremony for the award of honorary doctorates to Jozef Gruska and Juris Hartmanis. The General Assembly of the EATCS will be held on Wednesday, 10 July, and I hope that many of the ICALP attendees will take part in this important yearly meeting for our organization. I remind you that, during the General Assembly in Riga, Kazuo Iwama will present the plans for having ICALP 2015 in Kyoto in the period 6-10 July 2015.

I look forward to the conference and to celebrating the 40th ICALP with you.

Following on the ICALP theme, the preparations for ICALP 2014 in Copenhagen are going well and the first call for papers for that conference will be available at ICALP 2013. The PC chairs for the three tracks of ICALP 2014 (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) have selected very strong program committees and the names of the invited speakers will be available soon.





One of the goals of the EATCS is to recognize outstanding work done in Theoretical Computer Science, broadly construed, by means of awards. I am therefore happy to inform you that the EATCS has joined forces with IPEC to establish the so-called Nerode Prize for outstanding papers in the area of multivariate algorithmics. The Nerode Prize 2013 Committee, consisting of Georg Gottlob (University of Oxford, UK), Rolf Niedermeier (TU Berlin, Germany; chair), and Peter Widmayer (ETH Zurich, Switzerland), has unanimously decided to award Chris Calabro (Google Inc., Mountain View, USA), Russell Impagliazzo (UC San Diego, USA), Valentine Kabanets (Simon Fraser University, Canada), Ramamohan Paturi (UC San Diego, USA), and Francis Zane (Alcatel Lucent, Murray Hill, USA) the 2013 EATCS-IPEC Nerode Prize. You can read the full laudatio for the award, which will be delivered at IPEC 2013 during ALGO 2013, at

<http://www.eatcs.org/images/awards/nerode13-laudatio.pdf>.

This is an election year for the Council of the EATCS. The electronic election of eight new members of the Council of the EATCS will take place in September 2013. In order to prepare the election, at ICALP 2013 we will have to nominate a list of candidates.

I remind you that nominations of candidates can be made by any EATCS member. In order to allow me to bring the nominations to the General Assembly in Riga and to organize the discussion, you are kindly requested to send your nominations by email to me and to the EATCS Secretary Office



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by June 23. Nominations can also be made by those present at the General Assembly in Riga.

Last, but not least, I take this opportunity to inform you of the changes that we have made regarding the editorship and production of the Bulletin of the EATCS. After serving as editor in chief of the Bulletin for a long time, Maria Serna will step down from this role after this issue. On behalf of the EATCS, I thank Maria for all the work she has put into the editorship of the Bulletin. This is an important service for the community.

From the October 2013 issue, and for a period of four years, the editor in chief of the Bulletin will be Kazuo Iwama (Kyoto University, Japan). I wish Kazuo the best of luck with his new position. I trust that you will offer your assistance in Kazuo's efforts to continue improving the quality and the impact of the flagship publication of the EATCS, in cooperation with the Council of the EATCS and following on Maria's footsteps.

The leadership of the EATCS has decided to decouple the production of the BEATCS from its editorship. Starting from the October 2013 issue, the BEATCS will be produced, printed and shipped by our Secretary Office in Greece. We think that this change was overdue, and that it will help us improve both the production and the scientific quality of the BEATCS. From the October 2013 issue, the editor in chief of the BEATCS will focus solely on the scientific content of the Bulletin.

Let me close by reminding you that you are most welcome to send me any criticism,

*idea, opinion or suggestion you might have
regarding the EATCS at president@eatcs.org.*

*Luca Aceto, Reykjavik
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