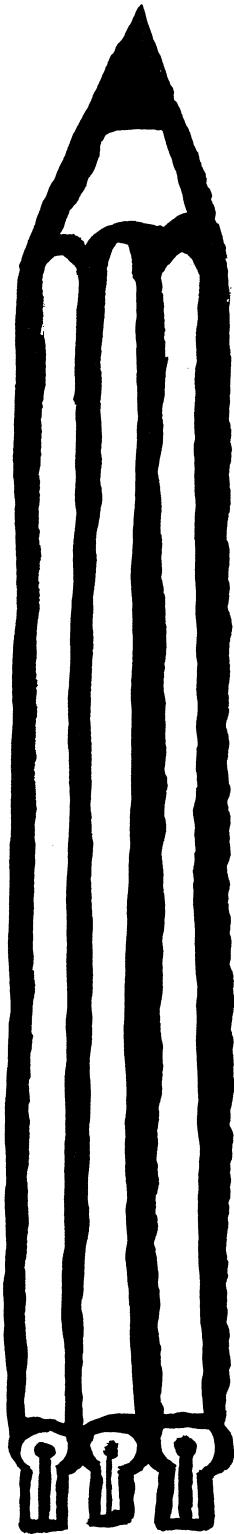*Dear EATCS members,*

As you might know already, the Council of the EATCS elected me as the new president of the association at its meeting at ICALP 2016 in Rome. This is a great honour for me. It is also a great responsibility. It will be a hard job to follow on the footsteps of Luca Aceto, who led the association so expertly since the end of ICALP 2012 in Warwick. I promise to do my best.

I feel that, in the near future , the EATCS can (and should) play an even more important role in the development of theoretical computer science than ever. Some of my thoughts and feelings can be found in this Bulletin, in my interview with Luca Aceto ! I have a number of things that I would like to achieve during my term as president, but I welcome proposals from all of you. Feel free to contact me via email at president@eatcs.org, if you have anything that you would like to see the EATCS do for the benefit of the theoretical computer science community.

An important thing that we can all do in order to increase the impact of the EATCS is to recruit new members, especially amongst the young researchers who are the future of our field. I hope that you will contribute to recruiting new members at your institution and amongst your closest collaborators.
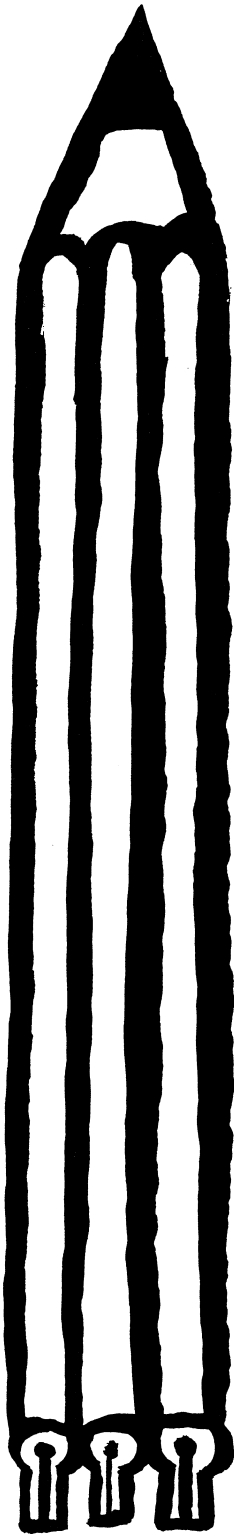
ICALP 2016, which took place in Rome, organised by Sapienza University, was a very successful conference with a truly

high-quality scientific programme. It had the largest number of submissions in history (515 papers). We thank the organizers Tiziana Calamoneri, Irene Finocchi, Nicola Galesi and Daniele Gorla from the Universita di Roma "La Sapienza", and the programme chairs Yuval Rabani (track A), Davide Sangiorgi (track B) and Michael Mitzenmacher (track C) for the perfect organization of the conference and the excellent choice of the scientific program.

The conference attendees were treated to invited talks by Devavrat Shah, Xavier Leroy, Seffi Naor (who replaced Subhash Khot at the last minute), and Marta Z. Kwiatkowska. The program of ICALP 2016 also included presentation of the EATCS Award 2016 to Dexter Kozen, the Gödel Prize 2016 to Steve Brookes and Peter O'Hearn, and the Presburger Award 2016 to Mark Braverman. As usual, a special award session took place to honour this yearś prize winners. Dexter Kozen received the EATCS Award 2016 and Stephen Brookes and Peter W. O'Hear shared the Gödel Prize 2016. The Presburger Award 2016 for young scientists was given to Mark Braverman and for the EATCS Distinguished Dissertation Award, three dissertations were selected by the committee for year 2015: "The Simple, Little and Slow Things Count: On Parameterized Counting Complexity", by Radu Curticapean. "Complexity Classification of Exact and Approximate Counting Problems", by Heng Guo. "Monoids as storage mechanisms", by Georg Zetzsche.

The organization of ICALP 2017 in Warsaw is proceeding well. It will again be organized in three tracks and the topics of

the tracks remain the same as this year. The Conference Chairs are Mikolaj Bojanczyk and Piotr Sankowski. The PC Chairs of the three tracks are Piotr Indyk (Track A), Anca Muscholl (Track B) and Fabian Kuhn (Track C). The invited talks will be given by Mikolaj Bojanczyk, Monika Henzinger and Mikkel Thorup. I hope that you will submit your best paper to ICALP 2017!

In this issue of the Bulletin, you will find the calls for nominations for the EATCS Award, the EATCS Fellows, the Presburger Award, the Gödel Prize and the EATCS Distinguished Dissertation Award. As usual, we are lucky to have very strong committees for each of the awards.

I encourage you to send nominations for these awards. I realize that this takes a little work, and that we are all very busy. However, individuals and papers can only receive awards if they are nominated. Moreover, awards put areas of, as well as inspirational figures in, theoretical computer science in the spotlight and can serve to inspire young researchers. I look forward to seeing who the award winners will be and to working with all of you to make the EATCS even more influential than it already is.

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