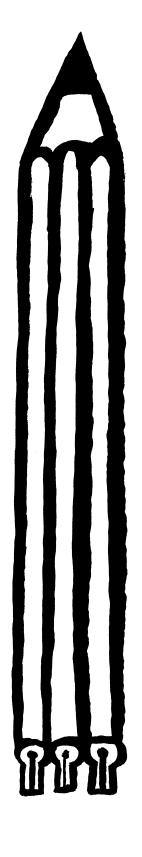*Dear colleagues,*

As usual, the June issue of the Bulletin will be available just before ICALP, the flagship conference of the EATCS, which hosts the annual meeting of the council of our association and its general assembly. I hope that many of you will be at ICALP 2017, which will take place in Warsaw (Poland) on 10 - 14 July 2017 with a mouth-watering scientific programme and an exciting collection of cultural and social events to boot. Mikołaj Bojańczyk, Piotr Sankowski, Bartek Klin, Filip Murlak and their team at the University of Warsaw are working very hard on the final details of the organization of the 44th ICALP, which I am sure will be truly memorable.

Apart from the invited and contributed talks, ICALP 2017 will feature the presentation of the EATCS Award 2017 to Éva Tardos, the Presburger Award 2017 to Alexandra Silva and the EATCS Distinguished Dissertation Award to Vincent Cohen-Addad, Mika Göö and Steen Vester. Moreover, during the conference, we will honour the EATCS Fellows class of 2017, consisting of

- *Marta Kwiatkowska (University of Oxford, UK) for "pioneering work in the development of model checking for quantitative systems and in its application to a wide range of areas, also for outstanding mentorship, and serving as a role model for female researchers in Computer Science.";*

- *Josep Diaz (Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya, Spain) for "his important scientific contributions to complexity*

theory and to the design and analysis of algorithms in sequential, parallel and randomised computation models, and for his service to the theoretical computer science community.";

- *Aravind Srinivasan (University of Maryland, College Park, USA) for "his important scientific contributions to complexity theory and to the design and analysis of algorithms in sequential, parallel and randomised computation models, and for his service to the theoretical computer science community."; and*

- *Moti Yung (Columbia University, Computer Science, USA) for "his outstanding innovative contributions to the Foundations of Cryptography and related Theoretical areas as well as to applications of these areas to computer security. In particular, for his tremendous efforts in concretely and decisively demonstrating the value of Theoretical Computer Science research to innovation in technology and by transferring advanced theoretical notions to industrial systems."*

I thank the members of the award and fellow committees for their work in the selection of this stellar set of award recipients and fellows. It will be a great honour to celebrate the work of these colleagues during ICALP 2017.

In response to the call for papers, a total 459 submissions were received: 296 for track A, 108 for track B, and 55 for track C. The PCs for the three tracks, which were chaired by Indyk Piotr (Track A), Muscholl Anca (Track B) and Kuhn Fabian (Track C), did a sterling job in the selection of the contributed papers for the conference and in the selection of the best papers and best student papers.

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 from September 11th to October 10th. In order to prepare the election, at ICALP 2017 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 Warsaw (Poland) of ICALP 2017 and to organize the discussion, you are kindly requested to send your nominations by email to the EATCS Secretary Office secretary@eatcs.org with Subject: "Nomination of candidates for the EATCS Council Election 2017", by July 6, 12:00 GMT. Nominations can also be made by those present at the General Assembly in Warsaw. Furthermore, one of the topics that will be discussed in the Council meeting is the proposals received for the organization of

ICALP 2019.

In this context, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to attend the EATCS General Assembly which will take place on Wednesday evening during the ICALP week in Warsaw and where you will be informed in detail about the EATCS activities within the last year and the plans for the next year.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Warsaw for ICALP 2017 and to discussing ways of improving the impact of the EATCS within the theoretical-computer-science community at the general assembly.

As usual, let me close this letter by reminding you that you are always most welcome to send me your comments, criticisms and suggestions for improving the impact of the EATCS on the theoretical-computer-science community at association, and we will consider all your suggestions and criticisms carefully.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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