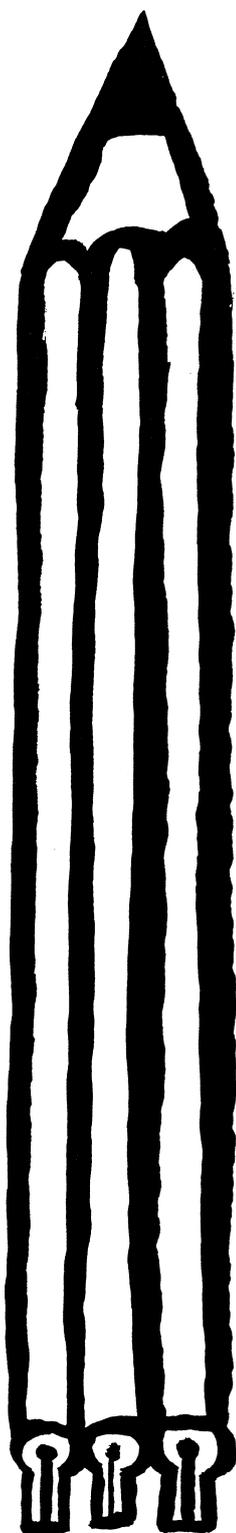


Dear colleagues,

First of all, I hope that you had a good summer break and that you have recharged your batteries for whatever challenges await you in the new academic year.

As many of you will know, we had a very successful 44th ICALP in Warsaw this year. The scientific quality was indeed remarkably high and it was a pleasure to see many of you at the conference. It was accompanied by the 4 workshops ASSG: Algorithms and Structure for Sparse Graphs, AVeRTS: Algorithmic Verification of Real-Time Systems, LIPA Summer School and SP: Separability Problems. The organizers did their very best to make it a memorable event, and I like to think that all the participants felt welcome and enjoyed the conference. On the behalf of the EATCS, I have to give thanks to the organization committee: Mikołaj Bojańczyk, Piotr Sankowski, Bartek Klin, Filip Murlak and their team at the University of Warsaw, and the program chairs Piotr Indyk (track A), Anca Muscholl (track B) and Fabian Kuhn (track C) for the perfect organization of the conference and the excellent choice of the program. The audience fully enjoyed invited talks by Mikołaj Bojańczyk, Monika Henzinger, Ronitt Rubinfeld and Mikkel Thorup. Furthermore, I really appreciated the good attendance we had at the EATCS general assembly.

The organization of ICALP 2018 which will be held in Prague, Czech Republic on July 9 - 13 is proceeding well. It will again be organized in three tracks and the topics of the tracks remain the same as this year. I



hope that you will submit your best work to the conference and that you will make the trip to the wonderful Prague for what promises to be yet another exciting ICALP conference.

The EATCS council meeting and the general assembly at ICALP 2017 were interesting and fruitful. The general assembly of the EATCS decided that ICALP 2019 will be held in Patras, Greece, and ICALP 2020 will be held in Shanghai, China. Also, the Council Elections 2017 are running and by the end of the month we will have the results with the new Council members. I would kinly like to remind you to vote (if you haven't already) by visiting the website and also I would like to thank our Secretary Office for handling this important procedure for one more time.

About a month ago, I received the sad news about the terrible loss of Maurice Nivat, our colleague and friend, a famous Professor in CS, a founding father of EATCS and Member of our Council for many years in the past. Maurice Nivat, professor of theoretical computer science at the University of Paris VII 'Denis Diderot', left us on September 21 at the age of 79 after fiercely fighting for more than one year against a terrible illness. The role of Maurice in our field has been overwhelming. You can read the Obituary in this issue of the Bulletin.

As usual at this time of the year, the EATCS issues calls for nominations for the EATCS Award, the Distinguished Dissertation Award, the Presburger Award and the EATCS Fellows. You can also read the calls in this issue of the Bulletin. They have also been posted on mailing lists, blogs and



social networks. Please distribute the calls as you see fit and I hope that you will take the time to nominate excellent researchers, papers and doctoral dissertations for these awards, which will all be presented at ICALP 2018 in Prague. Awards and prizes are a way to recognize the achievement of some of our many outstanding colleagues and they put our favourite research fields in the spotlight. Last, but by no means least, awards provide examples and inspiration for the younger generations of researchers who are the future of our field as a whole. Writing a nomination takes some of our precious time, but it is worth it.

Last, but by no means least, let me remind you that you are always welcome to write to me at [president@eatcs.org](mailto:president@eatcs.org). I look forward to hearing your suggestions for improving the impact of the EATCS on the TCS community and for making EATCS membership more attractive for young researchers, who are the future of our field of study.

I look forward to hearing from you.

*Paul Spirakis, Liverpool, UK and  
Patras, Greece*

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