

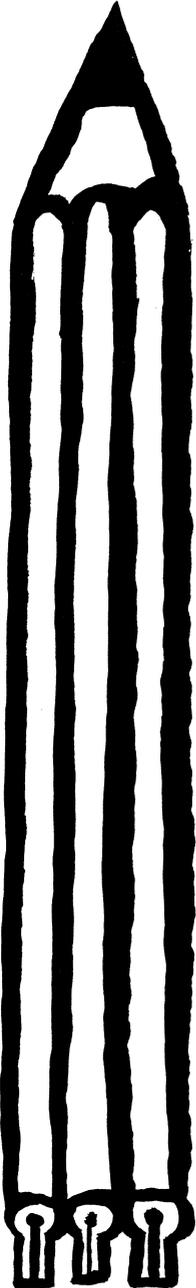
## *Letter from the President*

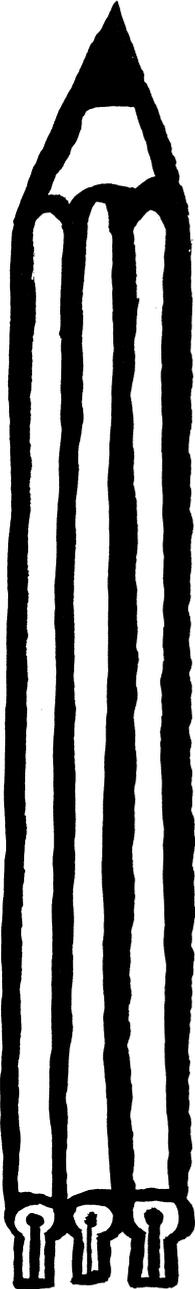
Dear EATCS members,

*I hope that you all have had an excellent start into the year 2012 and I take the opportunity to wish you all the best and much success for your work.*

*As usual, I would like to inform you with this letter about recent developments regarding our association. One of the news concerns the establishment of the so called European Forum for Information and Communication Sciences and Technologies (ICST) which was established on November 7th, 2011 in Milan by a joint action of seven leading organizations and societies in ICT in Europe (ACM Europe, CEPIS, EAPLS, EASST, EATCS, ERCIM, and Informatics Europe). The Forum is intended to be an open platform for cooperation among the scientific ICT societies in Europe and the mission statement is formulated as follows: "The development of common viewpoints and strategies for ICST in Europe and, whenever appropriate or needed, a common representation of these viewpoints and strategies at the international level." I had reported about the preceding meetings in Brussels (March 17th, 2011) and Prague (October 13th, 2010) during the General Assembly at ICALP'2011. The executive board of the forum consists of the President Jan van Leeuwen (ACM Europe, EATCS, Informatics Europe) and the two Vice-Presidents Keith Jeffery (ERCIM) and Paul Spirakis (EATCS). For more information I refer to the corresponding webpage <http://www.cs.uu.nl/groups/AD/forum.html>.*

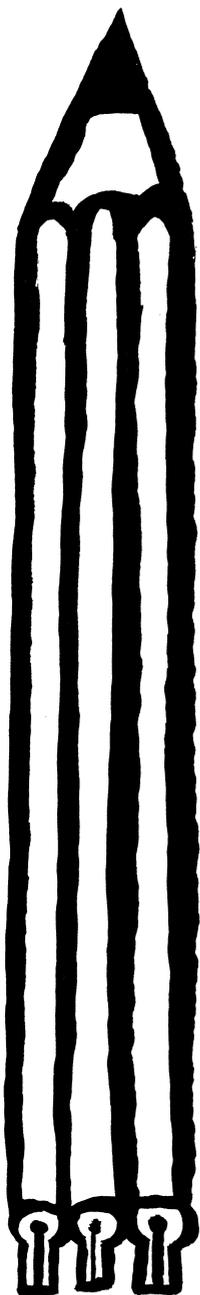
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Warwick is proceeding well. We are very pleased that we have again an increase according to the submission numbers: Overall we have 433 submissions for ICALP 2012, 249 for track A, 105 for track B, and 79 for track C. This is a big step forward for track C and a slight increase at a high level for track A and B compared to the numbers of the last three ICALP's, whereas the ICALP in Reykjavik in 2008 has set an absolute high in recent years which seems to be difficult to beat. A particular highlight of ICALP 2012 promises to be the Turing Talk which will be given by David Harel from the Weizmann Institute and which will be part of the celebration of the centennial of the birth of A.M. Turing. Moreover, at ICALP 2012 we will have again a special award session where the EATCS community will have the chance to listen to the talks of the 2012 winners of the Gödel-Prize, the EATCS-Award, and the Presburger-Award. In this context, let me remind you that EATCS, in cooperation with Springer provides sponsorship for ten 500-Euro student scholarships. The scholarships will be used to support participation of students in ICALP 2012 by covering early registration and possibly some of the local expenses. The applications will be reviewed by the ICALP 2012 conference and PC chairs. Preference will be given to PhD students from countries where access to funds is limited and who will present papers at the conference.

The organization of ICALP 2013 has already started. ICALP will be organized next year in Riga by Rusins Freivalds and his team. The conference will have the same tracks as



*in 2012, and in the meantime we have successfully completed the search for the Program Chairs for ICALP 2013. We are very pleased that we could win our first choice candidates Fedor Fomin (track A), Marta Kwiatkowska (track B) and David Peleg (track C) to act as PC chairs of the scientific program of ICALP 2013.*

*Finally, all that remains for me is to encourage you to participate at next ICALP and I hope we meet in Warwick!*

*Burkhard Monien, Paderborn  
February 2012*