Dear EATCS members,

First of all, let me wish you a very happy 2024. I hope that this will be a healthy and fantastic year for all of us, full of great research advances, exciting conferences and workshops. I look forward to working together with all of you in order to continue promoting the development of theoretical computer science.

I am especially looking forward to attending the 51st EATCS International Colloquium on Automata, Languages, and Programming (ICALP 2024), the EATCS flagship conference that will be held in Tallinn, Estonia, July 8-12, 2024 (https://compose.ioc.ee/icalp2024/). The PC chairs are Karl Bringmann, Ola Svensson (track A), and Martin Grohe (track B), and the conference chair is Pawel Sobocinski. ICALP 2024 will feature three fantastic invited speakers: Anuj Dawar (University of Cambridge), Danupon Nanongkai (MPI Saarbrücken), and Merav Parter (Weizmann Institute), and further two joint (with LICS and FSCD) invited speakers Edith Elkind (University of Oxford) and Stephanie Weirich (University of Pennsylvania). I hope that many of you have submitted your very best work to ICALP 2024 and I expect to see a great scientific program, to be selected by the PC in mid April. As usual, ICALP will be preceded by a series of workshops, which will take place on July 7. ICALP 2024 will be collocated with LICS (39th Annual ACM/IEEE Symposium on Logic in Computer Science) and FSCD (9th International Conference on Formal Structures for Computation and Deduction).
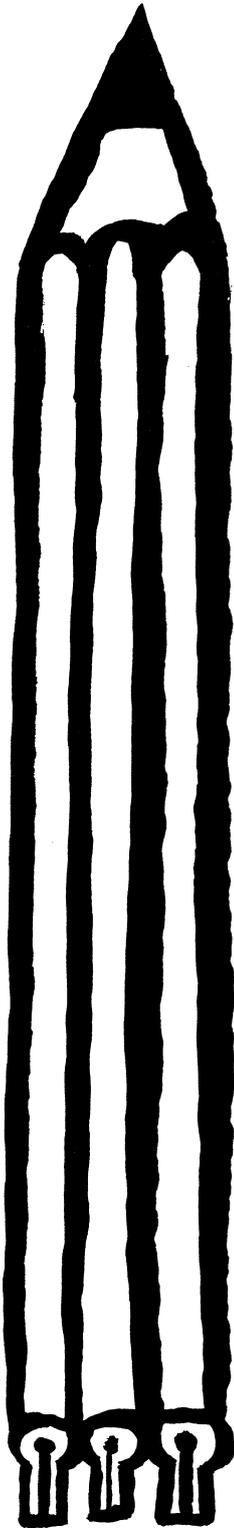
Please pencil these dates in your diary and I hope to see many of you attending the next ICALP in Tallinn.

Also, please allow me to remind you about three EATCS affiliated conferences that will take place later in summer and fall this year: the 49th International Symposium on Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science (MFCS 2024, http://www.mfcs.sk/) in Bratislava, Slovakia, August 26-30, the 32nd Annual European Symposium on Algorithms (ESA 2024, https://algo-conference.org/2024/esa/) at Royal Holloway, University of London in Egham, United Kingdom, September 2-4, and the 37th International Symposium on Distributed Computing (DISC 2024, http://www.disc-conference.org/wp/disc2024/) in Madrid, Spain, October 28-November 1.

But there will be some more exciting theory conferences taking place in the summer, where I hope to see strong in-person attendance stimulating fantastic research advances in theory.

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 president@eatcs.org. We will consider all your suggestions and criticisms carefully.

I look forward to seeing many of you around, at ICALP in Tallinn, or during other conferences or workshops that I hope to attend this spring and summer and fall, or maybe only online, and to discussing ways of improving the impact of the EATCS within the theoretical computer science
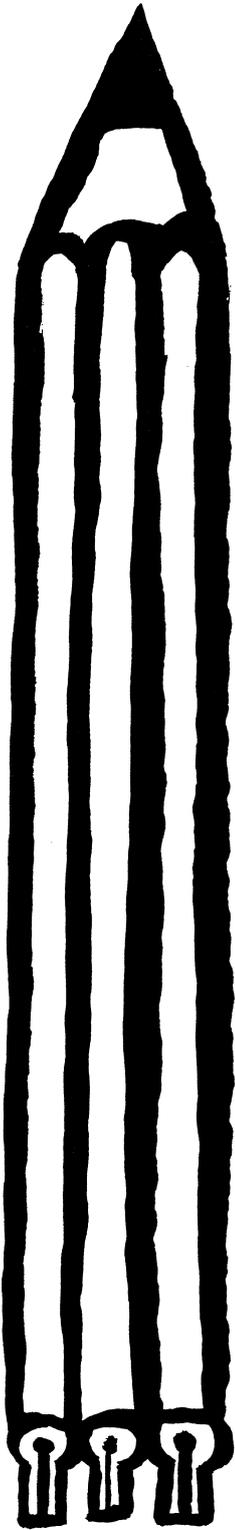
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