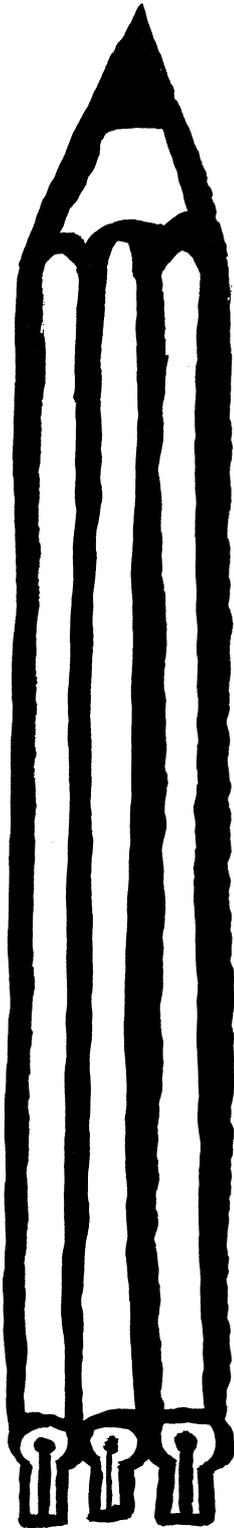Dear Colleagues,

As we begin 2026, I would like to send my warmest wishes to all of you. May this year bring good health, stimulating ideas, bold research directions, and many opportunities to meet, exchange, and collaborate. Our field thrives on intellectual curiosity and collective energy, and I look forward to continuing this journey together, promoting theoretical computer science in its broadest sense and strengthening the role of EATCS within our community.

The new year also brings important opportunities to recognize excellence. Calls for nominations are currently open for several EATCS-sponsored awards: the EATCS Award, the Presburger Award, the EATCS Distinguished Dissertation Award, and the EATCS Fellows. In addition, EATCS proudly co-sponsors major international prizes such as the Gödel Prize, the Alonzo Church Award, and the Dijkstra Prize. I warmly encourage you to take a moment to nominate outstanding colleagues. Recognition is not only a celebration of individual achievement; it is also a way of telling the story of our field and highlighting the ideas that shape its future.

One of the moments I am particularly looking forward to this year is the 53rd International Colloquium on Automata, Languages, and Programming (ICALP 2026), which will take place at Royal Holloway, University of London from July 7-10. As you may have seen, CORE has recently upgraded ICALP's ranking from A to A*.

This recognition reflects the sustained effort of many colleagues over the years to preserve and strengthen the scientific excellence of ICALP, consolidating its role as the flagship conference of EATCS. This year, ICALP will be co-located with the ACM Symposium on Principles of Distributed Computing (PODC) and the ACM Symposium on Parallelism in Algorithms and Architectures (SPAA), a combination that promises an intellectually vibrant and truly memorable scientific gathering. As every year, ICALP will provide a unique forum where ideas meet, collaborations are born, and communities intersect.

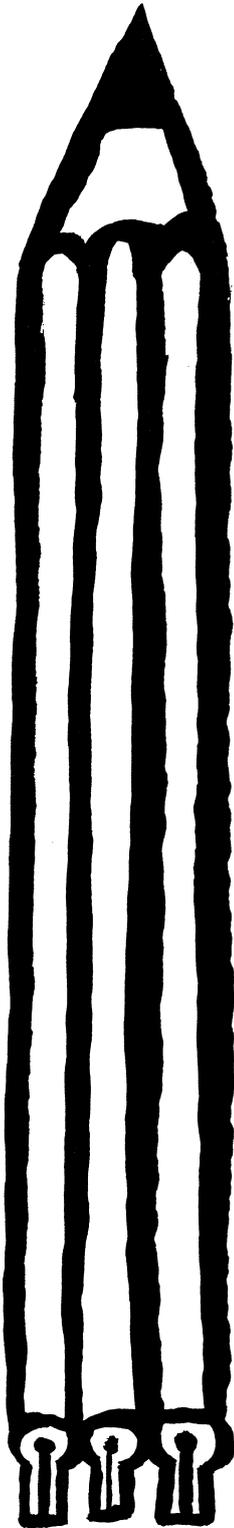The year will also feature several other outstanding EATCS-affiliated events:

* MFCS 2026: International Symposium on Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science - Paris, France, August 24-28
* ESA 2026: European Symposium on Algorithms - L'Aquila, Italy, August 31-September 4
* DISC 2026: International Symposium on Distributed Computing - Rome, Italy, November 9-13

I hope to meet many of you at these conferences and workshops. These occasions are far more than entries on a calendar - they are where our community renews itself, exchanges ideas, and reflects on how we can further strengthen the impact and visibility of theoretical computer science.

Over the past year, the EATCS General Assembly has taken important steps on several fronts. There is certainly more that we could accomplish with additional resources, but I am deeply grateful to all

our members for their continued support.
Thanks to you, we can publish the Bulletin
as a freely accessible resource, support
prestigious awards, and sustain a range of
initiatives that serve the TCS community.

Our guiding principle is simple: to give
back to the community what the community
gives to us through its trust and
membership. If you are not yet a member of
EATCS, I warmly invite you to join - and to
encourage your colleagues and students to
do the same.

Finally, I would very much like to hear
from you. EATCS exists to serve the
theoretical computer science community, and
your ideas, suggestions, and even
criticisms are invaluable. Please do not
hesitate to reach out. Together, we can
continue pushing the boundaries of our
discipline and ensure that its voice
remains strong and influential.

Wishing you a wonderful and inspiring 2026.
I very much hope to see you soon.

With best regards,

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