



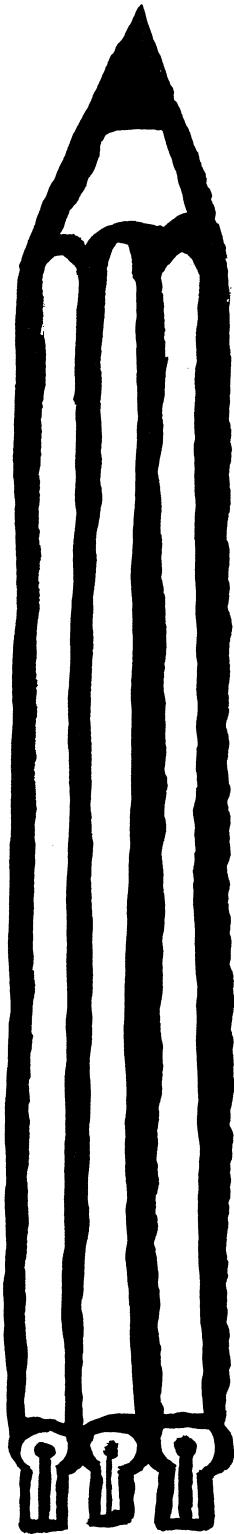
Dear Reader,

First of all, it is my great pleasure and honour to be able to serve as editor-in-chief of our Bulletin. It is just fantastic to see the first issue under my editorship coming out. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Maria for her great job. Also thank you very much, Luca, it would be totally impossible to start this job without your tremendous help. And most importantly I need YOUR help to maintain this wonderful publication, many thanks in advance.

A couple of days back, I went to the library of the department with a small hope (sorry, our library is small) for back-numbers of the Bulletin. Fortunately (and a bit surprisingly) they are there, almost everything except the first several issues. I spent a couple of hours just browsing pages, especially photos in 80's. Grzegorz Rozenberg was editor-in-chief from 1981 to 2003 and it is he who established the current style. I am happy to keep this style basically unchanged.

As you can see, we have four columns in this issue: The Computational Complexity Column by Vikraman Arvind, The Distributed Computing Column by Panagiota Fatourou, The Logic in Computer Science Column by Yuri Gurevich, and The Formal Language Theory Column, by our new editor Giovanni Pighizzini. I hope we can add a couple more columns from as early as the next issue.

This issue has the Contributions by EATCS Award Recipients section. The first



article is by Erik Demaine who received this year's Presburger Award. Luca Moscardelli (University of Chieti-Pescara) received the Young Researcher in Theoretical Computer Science Award 2013, which was presented for the first time by the Italian Chapter of the EATCS at ICTCS 2013, the 14th Italian Conference on Theoretical Computer Science, 9-11 September 2013, Palermo (Italy). At the same event, Jacopo Mauro and Alessandra Scafuro received the Best Ph.D. Thesis in Theoretical Computer Science Award 2013 of the Italian Chapter of the EATCS, The contributions by Mauro, Moscardelli and Scafuro appearing in this issue of the Bulletin are based on the talks they delivered at ICTCS 2013 and highlight the work for which they received the aforementioned awards.

Finally I would like to remind you that we always welcome "news" of any kind, as you saw in the call-for-submission email a couple of weeks ago. Let me add a word about this call-for-submission. It is at the same time a "call-for-suggestions" of those who will be able to submit such articles. If you give me candidates, I would be happy to send him/her an individual strong request. By the way, Dominik Scheder quickly responded to our request; please enjoy his report on the startup of the Simon Institute.

ICALP 2015 will be in Kyoto. So please prepare for your trip to this wonderful city.

*Kazuo Iwama, Kyoto
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