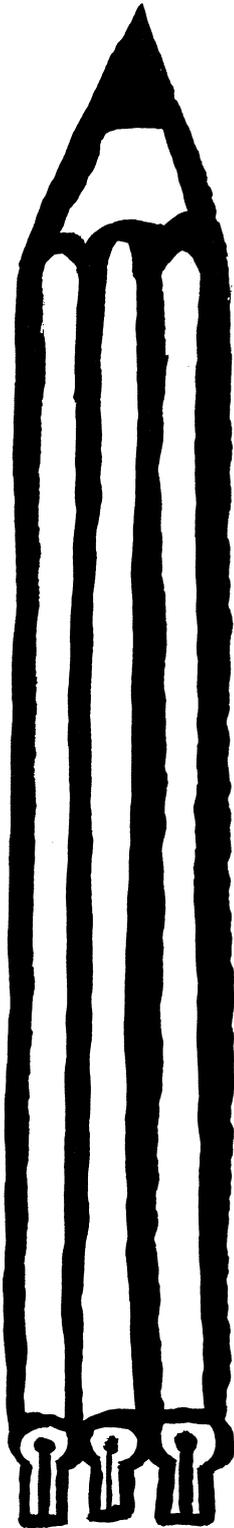*Dear colleagues,*

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.

I enjoyed meeting several of you at ICALP 2013 in Riga. It was a pleasure to see many young researchers and students at the conference, and I really appreciated the good attendance we had at the EATCS general assembly after the conference excursion. Thanks to all of you who took part in the general assembly!

The 40th ICALP was an excellent conference, both scientifically and socially. 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 warmly thank the local organizers and their assistants for a job well done.

ICALP 2014 will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, immediately after SEA 2013 and SWAT 2013. It will be a four-day ICALP and the general chair for the conference is Thore Husfeldt. I hope that you will submit your best work to the conference and that you will make the trip to wonderful Copenhagen for what promises to be yet another exciting ICALP conference.

The EATCS council meeting and the general assembly at ICALP 2013 were interesting and fruitful. We made some steps forward, but there is still a lot that could be done, especially for young researchers, if suitable resources were available. I hope

that you will join the EATCS and encourage your colleagues and students to do so. The EATCS membership fee is low and, by becoming a member, you will contribute to the activities of our organization and will support the development of TCS.

The general assembly of the EATCS decided that ICALP 2015 will be held in Kyoto, Japan, and will be co-located with LICS 2015. Kazuo Iwama, the new editor in chief of the Bulletin, is the ICALP 2015 general chair. After 42 years, this will be the first ever ICALP outside Europe and I am very excited at the prospect of holding ICALP in Kyoto.

As I announced at the general assembly, the EATCS will start an EATCS Fellows programme. The goal of this programme is to honour members of the EATCS who have contributed outstanding scientific achievements in the field of Theoretical Computer Science. The first deadline for nominations is at the end of this year and we plan to make the first announcement of fellows at ICALP 2014 in Copenhagen. You can find the first call for nominations in this issue of the Bulletin and I hope that you will take the time to submit nominations. The first EATCS Fellows Selection Committee consists of Rocco De Nicola (IMT Lucca, Italy), Paul Goldberg (Oxford, UK), Anca Muscholl (LaBRI, France; chair), Dorothea Wagner (Karlsruhe, Germany) and Roger Wattenhofer (ETH Zurich, CH). I thank these colleagues for their willingness to serve on this committee.

The EATCS will also begin a new EATCS Young Researcher School Series from 2014. The first school in the series will be organized by Tony Kucera in a beautiful

location in Moravia in late July/early August. The theme of the school will be Automata, Logic and Games. Tony has assembled a stellar PC for the event and I look forward to seeing the programme of lectures.

As usual at this time of the year, the EATCS issues calls for nominations for the EATCS Award, the Gödel Prize and the Presburger Award. You can read the calls in this issue of the Bulletin. I hope that you will take the time to nominate excellent researchers and papers for these awards, which will all be presented at ICALP 2014 in Copenhagen.

Last, but by no means least, let me remind you that you are always welcome to write to me at 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.

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