

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.

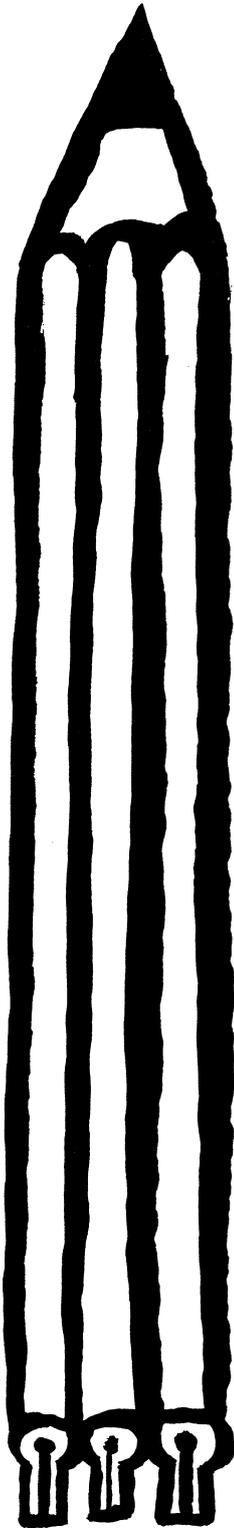
As many of you will know, we had a very successful 45th ICALP in Prague this year. The scientific quality was indeed remarkably high and it was a pleasure to see many of you at the conference. It was accompanied by the 7 workshops:

Modern Online Algorithms (MOLI), Game Solving: Theory and Practice, Parameterized Approximation Algorithms Workshop (PAAW), Infinity, Algorithmic Aspects of Temporal Graphs, Constrained Recognition Problems and Summer School on Algorithms and Lower Bounds 2018.

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 have to give thanks to the organization committee: Jiří Sgall, Anna Kotěšovcová, Andreas Emil Feldmann, Tomáš Masařík, Michal Opler, Jiří Fiala, Jan Musílek and their team.

Also I have to give thanks to the program chairs Daniel Marx, (track A), Don Sannella, (track B) and Christos Kaklamanis, (track C) for the perfect organization of the conference and the excellent choice of the program. The audience fully enjoyed invited talks by Jaroslav Nešetřil, Alexander Schwarzmann, Sam Staton and Ryan Williams



Furthermore, I really appreciated the good attendance we had at the EATCS general assembly.

The EATCS council meeting and the general assembly at ICALP 2018 were interesting and fruitful.

As usual at this time of the year, the EATCS issues calls for nominations for the EATCS Award, the Distinguished Dissertation Award, the Presburger Award and the EATCS Fellows. You can also read the calls in this issue of the Bulletin. They have also been posted on mailing lists, blogs and social networks. Please distribute the calls as you see fit and I hope that you will take the time to nominate excellent researchers, papers and doctoral dissertations for these awards, which will all be presented at ICALP 2019 in Patras.

Awards and prizes are a way to recognize the achievement of some of our many outstanding colleagues and they put our favourite research fields in the spotlight. Last, but by no means least, awards provide examples and inspiration for the younger generations of researchers who are the future of our field as a whole. Writing a nomination takes some of our precious time, but it is worth it.

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

I look forward to hearing from you.

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