



*Dear colleagues,*

*First of all, let me wish you a very happy 2019. I hope that this will be a healthy and fruitful year for all of you.*

*The organization of the 46th ICALP conference which will be held in Patras, Greece is proceeding well.*

*I hope that many of you have submitted their best work to ICALP 2019 (deadline: Monday, 18 February 2019).*

*ICALP 2019 will feature five invited talks delivered by Michal Feldman (Tel-Aviv University, Israel), Martin Grohe (RWTH Aachen, Germany), Ola Svensson (EPFL, Switzerland), Frits Vaandrager (Radboud University, The Netherlands) and Mihalis Yannakakis (Columbia University, USA)*

*The EATCS Award committee consisting of Christos Papadimitriou (chair), Artur Czumaj and Marta Kwiatkowska has selected Professor Thomas Henzinger as the recipient of the EATCS Award 2019.*

*The Presburger Award Committee 2019 consisting of Thore Husfeldt, Anca Muscholl and Jukka Suomela (chair) has unanimously decided to give the award to two scientists, Karl Bringmann and Kasper Green Larsen, for their outstanding work on lower bounds.*

*The EATCS Fellow Selection Committee consisted of Christel Baier, Mikołaj Bojańczyk, Mariangiola Dezani, Josep Diaz (chair) and Giuseppe F. Italiano, has recognized three of its members for their outstanding contributions to theoretical computer science by naming them as*



recipients of an EATCS fellowship. The EATCS Fellows for 2019 are: Dana Ron, Faculty of Engineering, Tel-Aviv University, Israel: For her pioneering work in the fields of sub-linear time algorithms and in combinatorial property testing, Rocco de Nicola, IMT School for Advanced Studies, Luca, Italy: For his seminal contributions to concurrency theory, and to languages and models for describing interaction and mobility in multi-agents systems and Fedor Fomin, Department of Computer Science, University of Bergen, Norway: For his fundamental contributions in the fields of parametrized complexity and exponential algorithms.

The EATCS Award 2019, the Alonzo Church Award 2019 and the Presburger Award 2019 will all be presented at the conference, during which we will also honour the EATCS Fellows 2019 and the recipients of the EATCS Distinguished Dissertation Awards for doctoral theses in theoretical computer science that were defended in 2018.

The Alonzo Church Award for Outstanding Contributions to Logic and Computation which was established in 2015 by the ACM Special Interest Group for Logic and Computation (SIGLOG), the European Association for Theoretical Computer Science (EATCS), the European Association for Computer Science Logic (EACSL) and the Kurt Gödel Society (KGS) will be presented this coming July at the 26th International Colloquium on Automata, Languages, and Programming (ICALP) - 2019. I strongly encourage you to submit nominations for the award; the deadline is: March 1, 2019. Last but not least, the nominations deadline of Edsger W. Dijkstra Prize in



*Distributed Computing is: March 30, 2019.*

*Also, please allow me to remind you that: MFCS 2019, the 44th International Symposium on Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science, which will be held on 26-30 August in Aachen, Germany, has Paper submission deadline: Monday April 22nd, 2019 (AoE) DISC 2019, the 33rd International Symposium on Distributed Computing which will be held on 14-18 October in Budapest, Hungary, has Paper Submission (all papers): May 16, 2019 (AoE)*

*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](mailto:president@eatcs.org). We will consider all your suggestions and criticisms carefully. I look forward to hearing from you.*

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