

Dear colleagues,

As usual, the June issue of the Bulletin will be available just before ICALP, the flagship conference of the EATCS, which hosts the annual meeting of the council of our association and its general assembly. I hope that many of you will be at the 46th ICALP conference which will be held in Patras, Greece on 8 - 12 July 2019. Andreas Bardoutsos, Efstratios Gallopoulos, John Garofalakis, Christos Kaklamanis, Paraskevi Machaira, Sotiris Nikoletseas (Conference Co-Chair), Nikolaos Zacharatos, Christos Zaroliagis (Conference Co-Chair) and their team at the University of Patras are working very hard on the final details of the organization of the conference, which I am sure will be truly memorable.

Apart from the invited and contributed talks, ICALP 2019 will feature the presentation of the EATCS Award 2019 to Thomas Henzinger, the Presburger Award 2019 to Karl Bringmann and Kasper Green Larsen and the EATCS Distinguished Dissertation Award to Arturs Backurs, Robert Robere and Sepehr Assadi. Moreover, during the conference, we will honour the EATCS Fellows class of 2019, consisting of

- Fedor Fomin, Department of Computer Science, University of Bergen, Norway for "his fundamental contributions in the fields of parametrized complexity and exponential algorithms";
- 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

• 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";



I thank the members of the award and fellow committees for their work in the selection of this stellar set of award recipients and fellows. It will be a great honour to celebrate the work of these colleagues during ICALP 2019.

In this context, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to attend the EATCS General Assembly which will take place on Wednesday evening during the ICALP week in Patras and where you will be informed in detail about the EATCS activities within the last year and the plans for the next year.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Patras for ICALP 2019 and to discussing ways of improving the impact of the EATCS within the theoretical-computer-science community at the general assembly.

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 association, and we will consider all your suggestions and criticisms carefully.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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