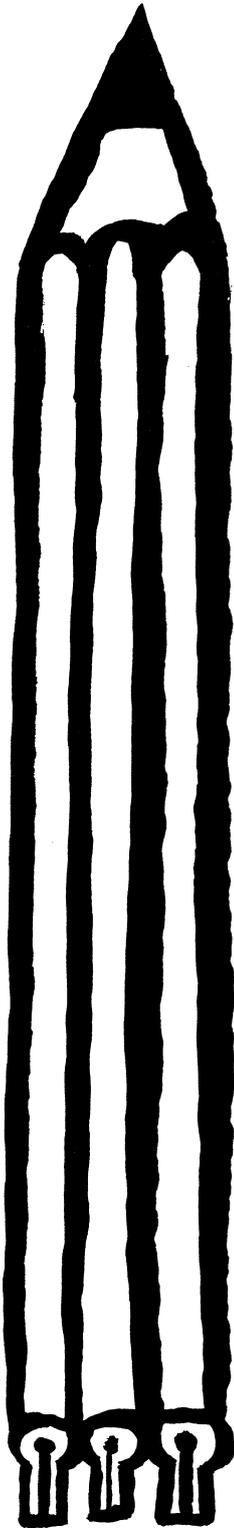


Dear EATCS member,

With this 134th issue of the Bulletin of the EATCS, I will take over the editor-in-chief position from Kazuo Iwama, who led the Bulletin for almost 10 years now. On this occasion, I would like to thank Kazuo for his fantastic efforts to run the Bulletin so successfully for so many years. I still remember well when Kazuo visited Berlin during one of his numerous travels in Europe, probably around 2014, and invited me to have a coffee with him at Ernst Reuter Platz. I think he visited Rolf Niedermeier at that time, and used the opportunity to find a new editor for the Distributed Computing column. When Kazuo asked me whether I like to join his team, I immediately accepted, and 6 years and 17 issues later, I am grateful for all the opportunities the position opened for me and for the great collaboration I had with Kazuo and all the authors who contributed wonderful articles to the Bulletin.

I am very much looking forward to working together with Artur, the president of the EATCS, with Giovanni, Juraj, Nobuko, Thomas, Vikraman, and Yuri, our column editors, with Efi from the secretary office of the EATCS, as well as with everyone else involved in the Bulletin.

My plan is to build upon the successful model and continue the Bulletin in a similar format. In parallel, I also start exploring innovative ideas on how the Bulletin can be evolved and rendered even more attractive for the community. While I already have some ideas myself, I am



grateful about any suggestions and inputs you may have. Accordingly, if something comes to your mind, please do not hesitate to contact me at schmiste@gmail.com.

Thank you for your interest in the Bulletin and I would like now to give the word to Kazuo!

Stefan Schmid, Vienna

June 2021



Many thanks, Stefan, for giving me this extra space in your first Letter. Congratulations and I am confident that our BEATCS will continue, and enter a new stage of, its further enrichment under your editorship.

I have served three EATCS Presidents, Luca, Paul, and Artur for almost a decade, many thanks for their continuous support and for providing me a full sense of accomplishment. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to our readers, hundreds of authors, and especially to Column Editors, Vikraman Arvind, Thomas Erlebach, Panagiota Fatourou, Yuri Gurevich, Juraj Hromkovic, Giovanni Pighizzini, Gerhard Woeginger, Nobuko Yashida, and of course to you, Stefan. Technical Columns are definitely the most important part of BEATCS and their contribution is beyond description. Finally Efi, without your great cooperation, it would have been totally impossible for me to make this achievement. Thank you, everyone, again and again.

*Kazuo Iwama, Kyoto
June 2021*