Dear EATCS members,

I hope my letter finds you and your family safe and in good health. While some of us may still have impact of the global coronavirus pandemic, I hope the situation is improving and is coming back to normal, or at least similar to what we have seen a few years back. I also hope that the last two years will allow to think how to effectively enhance our online and hybrid research experience. Already this spring and later in the summer we have seen many research activities taking place in person or in the hybrid mode, and a lot of active scientific interaction. And most importantly, we see some fantastic research done by our community; and so I take the opportunity to wish you all the best and much success for your work.

EATCS ICALP 2022, the EATCS flagship conference, was run this July in the hybrid format, after two years of having ICALP run online only. As always, the conference had an impressive scientific program highlighting the strength of the research across many areas within theoretical computer science. On behalf of the entire community and the EATCS I would like to thank the Programme Committee led by the chairs David Woodruff and Mikołaj Bojańczyk, the organizers Paris, led by Thomas Colcombet (who have been making special efforts to make the conference environment friendly), and especially - all the participants, for their fantastic efforts that helped to make the ICALP 2022 conference a great success. Furthermore, ICALP 2022 was the occasion to celebrate

the 50th anniversary of both EATCS and the first ICALP, which was first held in 1972 in Rocquencourt, in the Paris area. We plan to have a detailed report of ICALP 2022 in the next issue of the Bulletin.

We also had very successful three EATCS partner conferences: ESA 2022, MFCS 2022, and DISC 2022. While some of the activities in these conferences have been online, all these conferences have been well attended in-person.

In this issue of the Bulletin, you will find the calls for nominations for the EATCS Award, the Presburger Award, the EATCS Distinguished Dissertation Award, and the EATCS Fellows. As usual, we are lucky to have very strong committees for each of the awards, and I thank all the award committee members in advance for their important service. I strongly encourage you to send nominations for these prestigious awards. I am aware of the fact that we are all very busy and that it takes time and efforts to prepare strong nominations, but our best researchers and best papers can only win awards if they are nominated. Moreover, awards put areas of, as well as inspirational figures in, theoretical computer science in the spotlight and can serve to inspire young researchers. I look forward to seeing who the award winners will be and to working with all of you to make the EATCS even more influential than it already is.

As usual, the October issue of the Bulletin has the first Call for Papers for ICALP 2023, the flagship conference of the EATCS and an important meeting of the theoretical computer science community world-wide. The 50th EATCS International Colloquium on

Automata, Languages, and Programming (ICALP 2023), will be held on July 10-14, 2023 in Paderborn, Germany. After two years of online events, and in this 2022 year being in the hybrid format, we hope that ICALP 2023 will be mostly an in-person conference, with the talks planned to be delivered in person; we hope for a very good in-place audience. We have a great list of invited speaker and expect a fantastic scientific program selected by the PCs led by the chairs Uriel Feige and Kousha Etessami. Furthermore, this will be the 50th edition of ICALP and we hope this to be a great occasion to celebrate ICALP and its impact on the Theory community. I will write more details about the planned activities in the next issue of the Bulletin, but as for now: please pencil these dates in your diary and I hope to see many of you joining us in these celebrations.

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. We will consider all your suggestions and criticisms carefully.

I look forward to seeing many of you around, in-person or online, and to discussing ways of improving the impact of the EATCS within the theoretical computer science community.

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