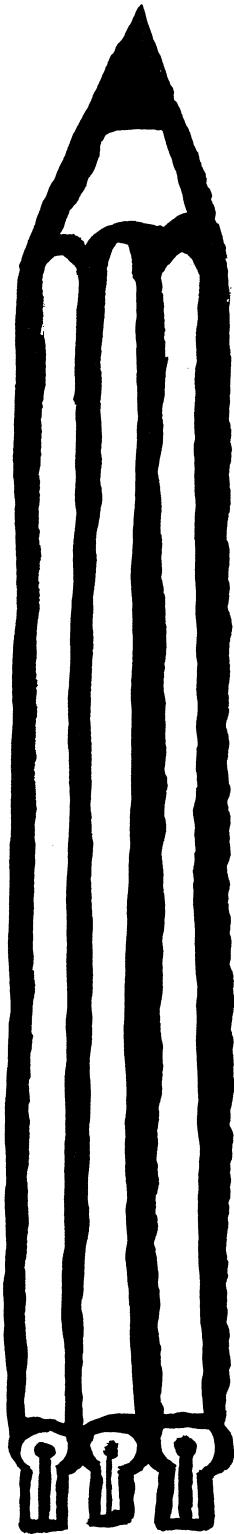*Dear EATCS members,*

First of all, let me wish you a very happy 2023. I hope that this will be a healthy and fantastic year for all of us, full of great research advances, exciting conferences and workshops. I look forward to working together with all of you in order to continue promoting the development of theoretical computer science.
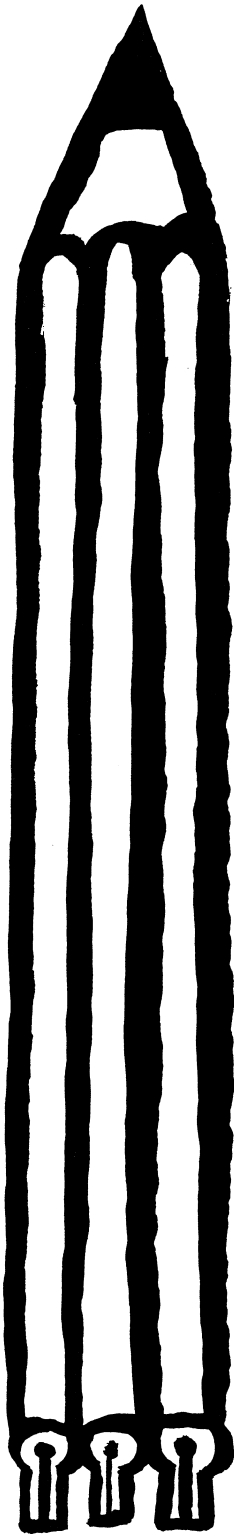
I am especially looking forward to attending the 50th EATCS International Colloquium on Automata, Languages, and Programming (ICALP 2023), the EATCS flagship conference that will be held in Paderborn, Germany, July 10-14, 2023 (https://icalp2023.cs.upb.de/). The PC chairs are Uriel Feige (track A) and Kousha Etessami (track B), and the conference chair is Sevag Gharibian. ICALP 2023 will feature five fantastic invited speakers: Anna Karlin (University of Washington), Rasmus Kyng (ETH Zürich), Rupak Majumdar (Max Planck Institute for Software Systems), Thomas Vidick (Caltech and Weizmann Institute), and James Worrell (University of Oxford). I hope that many of you have submitted your very best work to ICALP 2023 and I expect to see a great scientific program, to be selected by the PC in mid April. As usual, ICALP will be preceded by a series of workshops, which will take place on July 10. ICALP 2023 will be also the occasion to celebrate the 50th times we have the conference. It is fascinating to see how this conference has changed since its establishing in 1972, and also how the field of theoretical computer science has evolved during these years!

Also, please allow me to remind you about three EATCS affiliated conferences that will take place later in summer and fall this year: the 48th International Symposium on Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science (MFCS 2023) in Bordeaux, France, August 2023, the 31st Annual European Symposium on Algorithms (ESA 2023, https://algo-conference.org/2023/esa/) in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, September 4-6, 2023, and the 36th International Symposium on Distributed Computing (DISC 2023, http://www.disc-conference.org/wp/disc2023/) in L'Aquila, Italy, October 9-13, 2023.

But there will be some more exciting theory conferences taking place in the summer, where I hope to see strong in-person attendance even if the events are taking place outside Europe. The 55th ACM Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC 2023, http://acm-stoc.org/stoc2023/) will be held in Orlando, USA, June 20-23, 2023. STOC 2023 is a part of the ACM Federated Computing Research Conference (FCRC, https://fcrc.acm.org/), and it will be run jointly with some other theory conferences, PODC 2023 and SPAA 2023. Another flagship theory conference, the 38th Annual ACM/IEEE Symposium on Logic in Computer Science (LICS 2023, https://lics.siglog.org/lics23/), will be held this year in Boston, USA, June 26-29. I expect all these conferences to bring a large in-person attendance and to stimulate fantastic research advances in theory.

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, at ICALP in Paderborn, or during
other conferences or workshops that I hope
to attend this spring and summer and fall,
or maybe only online, and to discussing
ways of improving the impact of the EATCS
within the theoretical computer science
community.

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