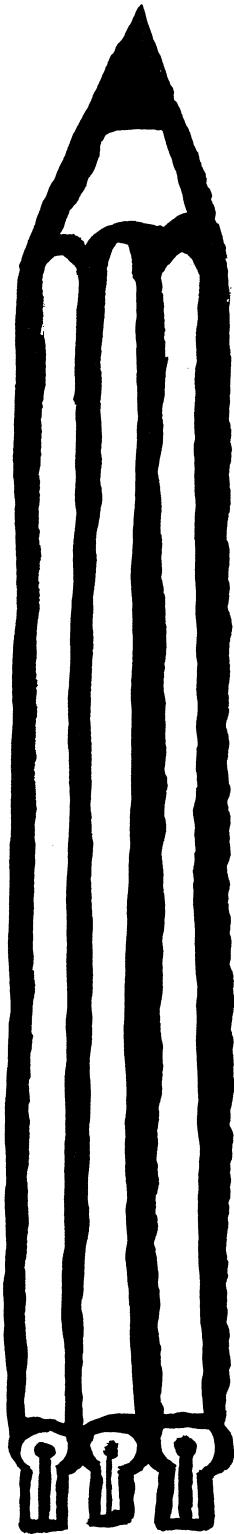Dear EATCS members,

I hope that you had a good summer break and that you are getting ready for the challenges awaiting you in the new academic year. This has been a great year with many activities in theoretical computer science. At the same time, I am troubled and deeply saddened by the enormous loss of life in Israel and Gaza, in Ukraine, and all the wars around us; let me express my deep wishes for peace.

This has been an exciting summer for theoretical computer science. As one of the highlights, ICALP 2023, the EATCS flagship conference, took place this July in Paderborn. 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 Uriel Feige and Kousha Etessami, the organizers Paderborn, led by Sevag Gharibian, and especially - all the participants, for their fantastic efforts that helped to make the ICALP 2023 conference a great success. A detailed report of ICALP 2023 is available on the pages of this issue of the Bulletin.
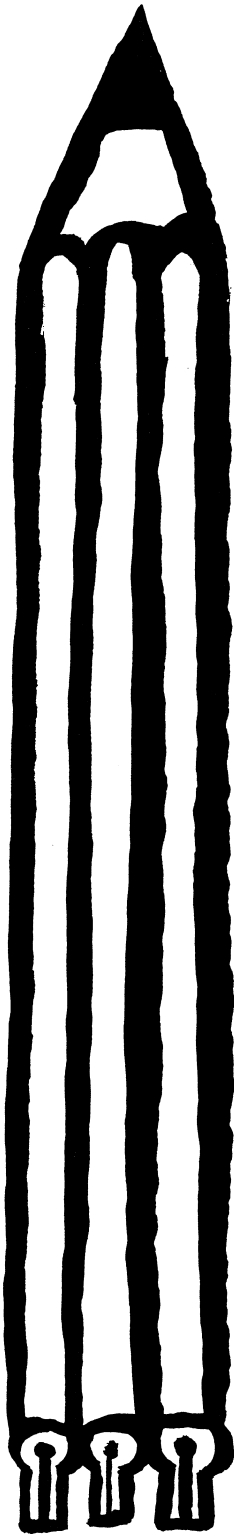
We also had very successful three EATCS partner conferences this summer: ESA 2023 in Amsterdam, MFCS 2023 in Bordeaux, and DISC 2023 in L'Aquila, Italy.

In the next months, you will see the calls for nominations for the EATCS Award, the Presburger Award, the EATCS Distinguished

Dissertation Award, the EATCS Fellows, and some joint awards: the Gödel Prize, the Alonzo Church Award, and the Dijkstra Prize. 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 2024, the flagship conference of the EATCS and an important meeting of the theoretical computer science community world-wide. The 51st EATCS International Colloquium on Automata, Languages, and Programming (ICALP 2024) will be held on July 8-12, 2024 (workshops on July 7) in Tallinn, Estonia (https://compose.ioc.ee/icalp2024/). The conference chair is Pawel Sobocinski. We have a great list of invited speaker and expect a fantastic scientific program selected by the PCs led by the chairs Karl Bringmann and Ola Svensson (track A) and Martin Grohe (track B). ICALP 2024 will be collocated with LICS (39th Annual ACM/IEEE Symposium on Logic in Computer Science) and

FSCD (9th International Conference on Formal Structures for Computation and Deduction). Please pencil these dates in your diary and I hope to see many of you attending the next ICALP in Tallinn.

The EATCS Council decided that ICALP 2025 will be held in Aarhus, Denmark, July 8-11, 2025. The conference chairs are Ioannis Caragiannis and Kasper Green Larsen.

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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