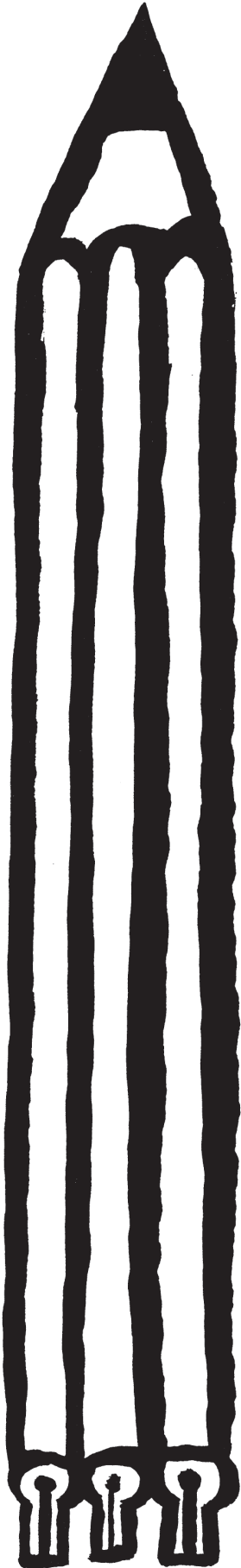


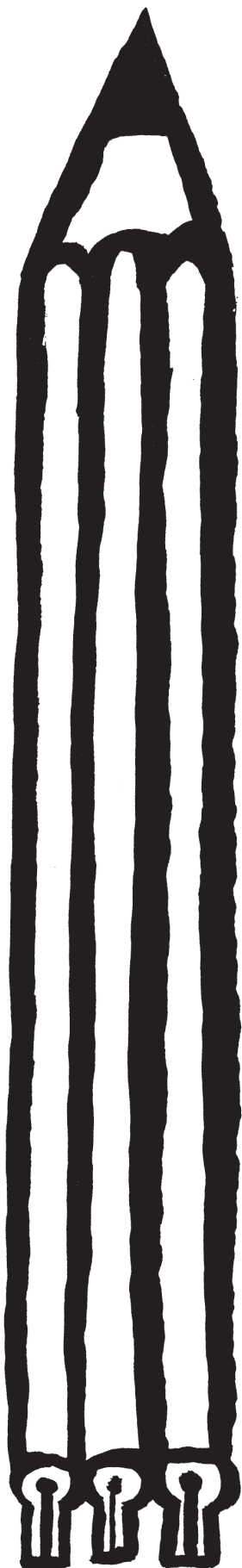
## Letter from the President

Dear EATCS members,

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention again to the ballot on the publication of the ICALP proceedings. This ballot will take place from October 6th until November 3rd. The background for this ballot is the decision of the EATCS council at its meeting in Zurich, 2011. The council has recommended to the EATCS membership to go along with Springer for the next four years. However, the council leaves the final decision on this issue to a ballot of the EATCS membership at the end of this summer with a quorum of 25 % of the EATCS members. All relevant information with respect to this issue is provided within the EATCS member area for downloading. So, take time to read the documents and take a carefully considered decision on this important issue for EATCS.

ICALP 2011 in Zurich was again a very successful conference. The scientific quality was indeed remarkably high. It was accompanied by the 4 workshops GA (Graph algorithms and Applications), GT (Group Testing), DCM 2011 (7th International Workshop on Developments on Computational Models), and SDKB 2011 (5th International Workshop on Semantics in Data and Knowledge Bases). We have to give thanks to the conference chairs Michael Hoffmann, Juraj Hromkovic, Ueli Maurer, Angelika Steger, Emo Welzl, and Peter Widmayer, and the program chairs Jiri Sgall (track A), Luca Aceto (track B) and Monika Henzinger (track C) for the perfect organization of the





conference and the excellent choice of the program. The audience fully enjoyed invited talks by Rajeev Alur, Thore Husfeldt, Catuscia Palamidessi, Ronen Shaltiel, and Eva Tardos. Moreover, on Thursday afternoon a special award session took place to the honour of this year's prize winners Boris Trakhtenbrot (EATCS Award 2011) and Patricia Bouyer-Decitre (Presburger Award 2011).

The organization of the next ICALP in Warwick is proceeding well. It will again be organized in three tracks and the topics of the tracks remain the same as this year. The invited talks will be given by Daniel Spielman (Yale University), Stefano Leonardi (Sapienza University of Rome), Gilles Dowek (INRIA Paris), Berthold Vöcking (RWTH Aachen), and Kohei Honda (Queen Mary & Westfield College London).

In these days, I received the good news from our secretary office that for the first time in a very long time the number of EATCS members has exceeded 1000. Certainly this is due to the fact that we have redefined and formalized the arrangements with other conferences. In this context we were able to finish contracts with ESA (The Annual European Symposium on Algorithms), MFCS (The International Symposium on Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science) and DISC (Distributed Computing). Additionally, we are currently conducting dialogues with LICS (Logic in Computer Science) and CSL (Computer Science Logic). Overall, I think this is the right way to strengthen the impact of our association.

The electronic Council Election of new members started already in September and



will run until October 13th. At the time of editorial deadline of this volume the analysis of the results is not available. On behalf of EATCS I would like to offer our sincere thanks to all leaving council members for their commitment in the last four years!

Finally, all that remains for me is to encourage you to send your best paper to the next ICALP so that we can keep the standard as one of the world leading conference in theoretical computer science. See you in Warwick!

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