Dear EATCS members,
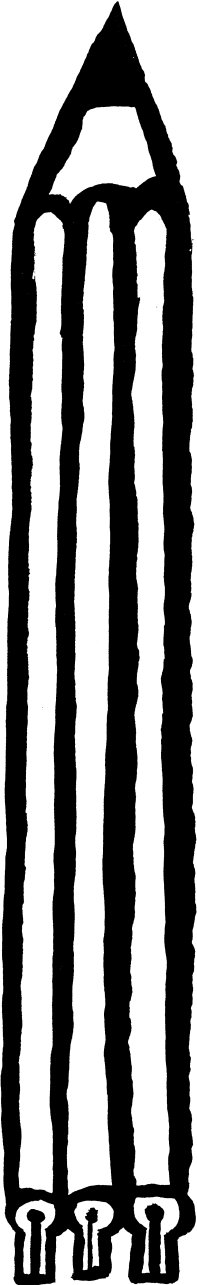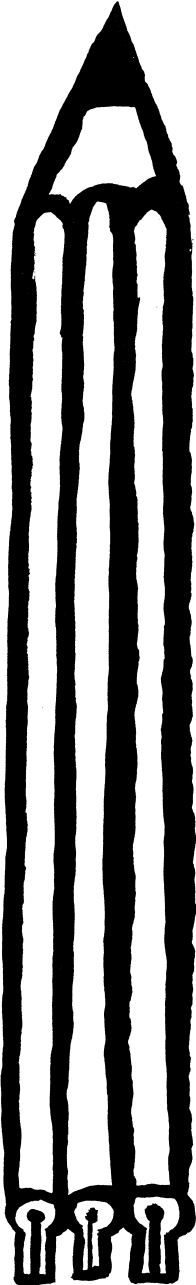
during the last ICALP in Bordeaux I had the honor of being re-elected as EATCS president for the term 2010 to 2012. My first year as EATCS president was an exciting and challenging experience and I want to thank all the people that have given their advice and their support to me. As you can read in my report on the General Assembly, published in this issue of the bulletin, there was a great deal of activities within the last business year. Overall, I believe that EATCS again can present a positive picture during the reporting period.

ICALP 2010 was again a very successful conference. The scientific quality was indeed remarkably high. It was accompanied by the 5 workshops ALGOSENSORS (6th International Workshop on Algorithmic Aspects of Wireless Sensor Networks), AlgoGT (Workshop on Algorithmic Game Theory: Dynamics and Convergence in Distributed Systems), DYNAS 2010 (International Workshop on DYnamic Networks, Algorithms and Security), SDKB 2010 (Semantics in Data and Knowledge Bases), and TERA-NET (Towards Evolutive Routing Algorithms for scale-free/internet-like NETworks). We have to give thanks to the conference chairs Claude Kirchner and Cyril Gavoille, the workshops chair Ralf Klasing, and the program chairs Paul Spirakis (track A), Samson Abramsky (track B) and Friedhelm Meyer auf der Heide (track C) for the perfect organization of the conference and

the excellent choice of the program. The audience fully enjoyed invited talks by Pierre Fraigniaud, Jean Goubault-Larrecq, Joel Ouaknine, Roger Wattenhofer, Emo Welzl, and Burkhard Monien. Moreover, on Friday afternoon a special award session took place to the honour of this year's prize winners Sanjeev Arora and Joseph S.B. Mitchell (Gödel Prize 2010), Kurt Mehlhorn (EATCS Award 2010) and Mikolaj Bojanczyk (Presburger Award 2010).

The organization of the next ICALP in Zurich 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 Rajeev Alur (University of Pennsylvania), Thore Husfeldt (IT University of Copenhagen), Catuscia Palamidessi (INRIA Saclay and LIX), Ronen Shaltiel (University of Haifa), and Eva Tardos (Cornell University). EATCS is proud of the fact that for the first time in the ICALP history we will have two female invited speakers.

Unfortunately, I have to end this letter again with a sad message. On July 2, 2010, our friend and colleague Carl Adam Petri passed away at age 83 in Siegburg, Germany. Carl Adam Petri was the founder of the influential research and application area of Petri nets and therefore one of the most influential scientists of our community. Today, Petri nets are appreciated by hardware and software modelers due to their intuitive graphical representation, the availability of powerful tools for development and simulation and the elaborated theory and algorithms for analysis. For his achievements Carl Adam Petri received a number of awards, among

them the Computer Pioneer Award of the IEEE in 2008. You can find the obituary in this bulletin issue. On behalf of EATCS, I wish to express his family and all his colleagues the deepest mourning of our community.

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 Zurich!

Burkhard Monien, Paderborn
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