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## Words from the chair

Dear Members of EUROPT,

This is my last possibility to greet you as the chair of EUROPT. My term will end in July and the voting for the new Managing Board including a new chair is open. Please, see further information about the voting in this Newsletter and vote actively!

Once again, I would like to remind you that the 10th EUROPT Workshop on Advances on Continuous Optimization, EUROPT 2012, will be organized in Šhialiaiai, Lithuania on July 5-7, 2012. Please, note that the abstract submission deadline has been extended till June 8. Further information is available at <http://www.mii.lt/EUROPT-2012/>.

In the EUROPT workshop, there will be four invited talks given by highly distinguished researchers. Prof. Boris T. Polyak (Institute of Control Problems, Moscow, Russia) will talk about  $L_1$  Problems in Control, Prof. Adilson Xavier (University Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) will talk about Hyperbolic Smoothing Method: A Novel Approach for Solving Clustering Problems, Prof. Panos M. Pardalos (University of Florida, Gainesville, USA) will talk about Global Optimality Conditions in Non-convex Optimization and the EUROPT Fellow 2012 Prof. Joaquim Joao Judice (University of Coimbra, Coimbra, Portugal) will talk about Linear Programming with Linear Complementarity Constraints. In Shiauliai, Prof. Judice will be awarded for his efforts and contribution in the field of continuous optimization with the EUROPT Fellow title. More information about him will be given in the Newsletter which will be published after the Workshop.

Information about the many events to be organized this year can be found in this newsletter. Among others, the EURO 2012 conference in July and the ISMP2012 conference in August have attracted over 2000 participants, each. I wish you all a most fruitful conference summer!

If you know a colleague who is not yet a member of EUROPT, please, invite new members to EUROPT. Becoming a member is simple: all that is needed is filling the form at [http://anadolu.lib.metu.edu.tr/EUROPT/h\\_newuser.php](http://anadolu.lib.metu.edu.tr/EUROPT/h_newuser.php). Remember that EUROPT has no membership fees!

Finally, I would like to very warmly thank all of you and, in particular, my colleagues in the Managing Board for fruitful collaboration during the years. Special thanks I devote to Prof. Gerhard-Wilhelm Weber who originally invited me to the Managing Board. I'll now step down as new challenges are awaiting for me: I have been appointed as the vice-rector of the University of Jyväskylä as of August 1, 2012. I wish all of you as well as EUROPT a lot of success in the future!

With best wishes, *Kaisa Miettinen*, Chair of EUROPT

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and Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden  
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# EUROPT Managing Board elections

Dear Members of EUROPT,

It is time to elect a new Managing Board (MB) of EUROPT, EURO Working Group on Continuous Optimization election (six members). The term of the new MB starts in July 2012 and is for two years. You as a member of EUROPT are entitled to cast your vote.

In the February 2012 Newsletter I invited EUROPT members to express interest by the end of March if they wished to serve EUROPT as a member of the MB. Nobody expressed interest so the current MB has prepared a proposal.

The current MB proposes the following composition of the new MB:

**Chair:** János Pínter

**Vice-Chair:** Tatiana Tchemisova

**Members:**

- Adil Bagirov
- Kathrin Klamroth
- Oliver Stein
- Julius Zilinskas

This is time to vote, supporting the proposal, rejecting it, or giving a blank vote. Please send your votes to [kaisa.miettinen at jyu.fi](mailto:kaisa.miettinen@jyu.fi), with copy to Köksal ([yucesoy@metu.edu.tr](mailto:yucesoy@metu.edu.tr)), before June 15, 2012.

I hope that many of you will participate in the election process.

To vote, please answer the e.mail that you will receive in several days or copy the following text putting a cross in your favorite option:

- I give my POSITIVE vote to the list above as new MB:*
- I give my NEGATIVE vote to the list above as new MB:*
- I prefer to give a BLANK VOTE:*

Thank you very much for your active participation!

With best wishes,

*Kaisa Miettinen*, Chair of EUROPT

## Forthcoming Events

- **Workshop on Combinatorics**  
**Lisbon, Portugal**  
**September 3-5, 2012**

<http://worklis2012.fc.ul.pt>

**Scope.** The "Workshop on Combinatorics" will be held at IIIUL (Institute of Interdisciplinary Investigation of University of Lisbon), ([http://www.ciul.ul.pt/index\\_en.htm](http://www.ciul.ul.pt/index_en.htm)). This meeting consists of two mini-courses, supplemented by contributed talks and posters and it is mostly addressed to graduate students and researchers interested in exploring and extending their knowledge on topics related to Matroid Theory and Triangulations of Polytopes.

### Invited Speakers:

- Henry Crapo, (Centre de Recherche Les Moutons Matheux, La Vacquerie-et-Saint-Martin-de-Castries, France) *Topics on Matroid Theory*
- Francisco Santos, (Universidad de Cantabria, Spain) *Triangulations of Polytopes*

### Organizing Committee:

- Fátima Rodrigues (CELC, Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal)
- José Agapito Ruiz (CELC, Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal)
- Maria Manuel Torres (CELC, Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal)

**Contacts:** [worklisb2012@fc.ul.pt](mailto:worklisb2012@fc.ul.pt)

### IMPORTANT DAYS

**Early registration:** June 30, 2012

**Paper submission:** July 15, 2012

- **Workshop on Stochastic and PDE Methods in Financial Mathematics**  
**Yerevan, Armenia**  
**September 7-12, 2012**

<http://math.sci.am/conference/sept2012/index.html>

**Organizers.** Institute of Mathematics of the National Academy of Sciences in association with Yerevan State University and American University of Armenia

**The program** of the workshop will consist of invited 50 minutes plenary lectures and contributed 20 minutes talks, poster sessions as well as short presentations

**Scientific Committee.** Rama Cont (Universite Paris VI-VII, France), Levon Goukasian (Pepperdine University, USA), Walter Schachermayer (University of Vienna, Austria), Henrik Shahgholian (KTH, Sweden), Johan Tysk (Uppsala University, Sweden)

**Organizing Committee.** A. Hakobyan (YSU, Armenia), M. Poghosyan (YSU, Armenia), R. Barkhudaryan (Institute of Mathematics, Armenia), A. Hajian (AUA, Armenia)

**Main Speakers.** Amel Bentata (Universite Pierre et Marie Curie (P6), France), Rama Cont (Universite Paris VI-VII, France), Boualem Djehiche (KTH, Sweden), Diogo Gomes (Instituto Superior Tecnico, Portugal), Dmitry Kramkov (Carnegie Mellon University, USA), Michael Mania (A. Razmadze Mathematical Institute, Georgia), Peter Markowich (University of Cambridge, UK and University of Vienna, Austria), Aleksandar Mijatovic (University of Warwick, UK), George Papanicolaou (Stanford University, USA), Andrea Pascucci (Universita di Bologna, Italia), Huyen Pham (University Paris Diderot (Paris 7), IUF, France), Camelia Pop (Rutgers University, USA), Walter Schachermayer (University of Vienna, Austria), Henrik Shahgholian (KTH, Sweden), Halil Mete Soner (ETH Zürich, Switzerland), Josef Teichmann (ETH Zurich, Switzerland), Nizar Touzi (Ecole Polytechnique, France), Thaleia Zariphopoulou (Oxford-Man Institute of Quantitative Finance, UK)

**Online registration** is available at <http://math.sci.am/conference/sept2012/registration.html>

**Contacts.** e.mail: [mathconf@gmail.com](mailto:mathconf@gmail.com), [mathconf@ysu.am](mailto:mathconf@ysu.am), Fax: (+374 10) 524801

### IMPORTANT DAYS

**Abstract submission:** July 31, 2012

**Registration deadline:** August 10, 2012

- **12th Workshop on Optimization and Inverse Problems in Electromagnetism  
Ghent, Belgium  
September 19-21, 2012**

[www.oipe2012.ugent.be](http://www.oipe2012.ugent.be)

**Aims and scope.** The 12th Workshop on Optimization and Inverse Problems in Electromagnetism, OIPE 2012, will be organized by the Department of Electrical Energy, Systems and Automation (EESA), Faculty of Engineering and Architecture of the Ghent University. The OIPE workshop was first established in 1989 and now comes to its 12th edition.

The aim of this workshop is to discuss recent developments in optimization and inverse methodologies and their applications to the design and operation of electromagnetic devices. It is intended to establish an occasion when experts in electromagnetics and other areas (in e.g. engineering, mathematics, physics), involved in research or industrial activities, can discuss on the theoretical aspects and on the technical relevance of optimization and inverse problems, in the general framework of the innovation in electromagnetic methods and applications.

Moreover, prior to the workshop, several PhD courses will be organized on September 17th-18th, 2012, with respect to optimization and inverse problems in electromagnetism with eminent international professors. The workshop will offer an exciting technical program, with invited and contributed oral presentations as well as a number of poster sessions.

## Topics Workshops

### 1. Theoretical aspects and fundamentals

- mathematical theory and formulation of inverse and optimization problems
- regularization techniques
- (model) order reduction
- identification problems
- sensitivity analysis
- new approaches

### 2. Algorithms

- reconstruction techniques
- deterministic, stochastic and hybrid techniques
- multi-objective and multi-level optimization
- heuristic approaches
- design of experiments
- constraints
- robust optimization under uncertainty
- objective functions and direct problems
- numerical efficiency
- numerical problems
- new techniques

### 3. Applications

- optimal design in electrical and electronic engineering
- optimization in information and communication systems
- non destructive evaluation
- industrial and biomedical tomography
- optimization in measurement systems
- optimization and inverse problems in biomedical engineering

- control systems
  - large scale systems
  - mechatronics
  - nano- en microsystems
  - benchmark problems
  - coupled problems
  - other applications
4. Software methodologies
- parallel and distributed computing, GPU
  - soft computing and artificial intelligence
  - new methodologies

**Organizing Committee:** Ahmed AbdAllh, Guillaume Crevecoeur, Nele De Geeter, Tom Dhaene, Ingrid Dubois, Luc Dupré, Hans Hallez, Jan Melkebeek, Hendrik Rogier, Peter Sergeant, Marilyn Van den Bossche, Ben Van de Wiele, Roger Van Keer, Nic Vermeulen

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**Technical Committee:** Guillaume Crevecoeur, Luc Dupré, Peter Sergeant, Roger Van Keer

**International Doctoral Course:** Prior to the OIPE 2012, an International doctoral course Optimization and Inverse Problems in Electromagnetism will take place. For more information, see the website.

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#### IMPORTANT DAYS

- Early registration:** June 11th, 2012
- Begin of doctoral course:** September 17th, 2012
- Begin of workshop:** September 19th, 2012
- Full paper submission:** September 24th, 2012



# Nominations

## INFORMS Prizes

The INFORMS Optimization Society awards four prizes annually at the INFORMS annual meeting. Each of the four awards includes a cash amount of 1000 of US Dollars and a citation certificate. The four awards are listed below with links to more information about them, including detailed eligibility requirements. For each award, nominations and inquiries should be sent directly via email to the chair of the corresponding prize committee.

**Deadline for nominations:** June 30, 2012

1. **Khachiyan Prize:** awarded for outstanding lifetime contributions to the field of optimization by an individual or team.

**2012 Committee Chair:** Kurt Anstreicher ([kurt-anstreicher@uiowa.edu](mailto:kurt-anstreicher@uiowa.edu))

Webpage: <http://www.informs.org/Community/Optimization-Society/Optimization-Society-Prizes/Khachiyan-Prize>

2. **Farkas Prize:** awarded for outstanding contributions by a mid-career researcher to the field of optimization, over the course of their career.

**2012 Committee Chair:** David Shmoys ([shmoys@cs.cornell.edu](mailto:shmoys@cs.cornell.edu))

Webpage: <http://www.informs.org/Community/Optimization-Society/Optimization-Society-Prizes/Farkas-Prize>

3. **Prize for Young Researchers:** awarded to one or more young researcher(s) for an outstanding paper in optimization that is submitted to and accepted, or published in a refereed professional journal.

**2012 Committee Chair:** Endre Boros ([Endre.Boros@rutcor.rutgers.edu](mailto:Endre.Boros@rutcor.rutgers.edu))

Webpage: <http://www.informs.org/Community/Optimization-Society/Optimization-Society-Prizes/Young-Researchers>

4. **Student Paper Prize:** awarded to one or more student(s) for an outstanding paper in optimization that is submitted to and received or published in a refereed professional journal within three calendar years preceding the year of the award.

**2012 Committee Chair:** Katya Scheinberg ([katyas@lehigh.edu](mailto:katyas@lehigh.edu))

Webpage: <http://www.informs.org/Community/Optimization-Society/Optimization-Society-Prizes/Student-Paper-Prize>

**Contact:** Jim Luedtke, Assistant Professor Secretary/Treasurer, INFORMS Optimization Society Dept. of Industrial and Systems Engineering University of Wisconsin-Madison 3236 Mechanical Engineering Building 1513 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53706

## INFORMS award for best paper

**Call for Submissions.** The INFORMS Section on Public Programs, Services and Needs is sponsoring an award for best paper presented at the INFORMS fall national conference in Phoenix, October 14 - 17, 2012. This award is intended to encourage journal-quality research in all of the disciplines and application areas represented within SPPSN, and to build a tradition of scholarly exchange of knowledge at our research meetings beyond attendance at sessions. Participation is open to all INFORMS members, whether students, academics or practitioners. Each submission must be associated with a presentation at the fall national conference. Subject to receiving qualified submissions, one first prize of 250, *onesecondprizeof*100 and an honorable mention will be awarded at the SPPSN business meeting, to take place at the INFORMS fall 2012 conference.

**The submission process** consists of the following:

- A nomination letter, not to exceed two pages, explaining the relevance of the paper to SPPSN’s mission and the paper’s significance to research and/or practice, as well as a paper abstract (not to exceed 250 words), are due by July 6, 2012.
- Eligible participants will be invited by July 20, 2012 to submit a full paper to the judging committee.
- Final drafts of papers are due on September 7, 2012.

**Submission requirements.** Papers must be a maximum of 32 pages long, including title, abstract, all text, references, figures and tables. Papers must be formatted to one-inch margins on all sides, a font size of at least 10 point, and at least 1.5 line spacing. The paper under consideration for this prize shall not have not been published elsewhere.

Details of this award will be posted on the SPPSN website:

<http://www.informs.org/Community/PPSN>

**Contacts.** All inquiries about this award should be made to Michael P. Johnson, SPPSN Past President and chair, Best Paper committee, University of Massachusetts Boston, [michael.johnson@umb.edu](mailto:michael.johnson@umb.edu), 617-287-6967 and Julie L. Swann, SPPSN President, Georgia Institute of Technology, [jswann@isye.gatech.edu](mailto:jswann@isye.gatech.edu), 404-385-3054

# Journals, Special Issues and Series

## SpringerBriefs in Optimization

The new series SpringerBriefs in Optimization will publish concise summaries of theoretical advances and practical applications in the ever growing field of optimization. SpringerBriefs present concise summaries of cutting-edge research and practical applications across a wide spectrum of fields. Featuring compact volumes of 50 to 125 pages, the series covers a range of content from professional to academic. Briefs are characterized by fast, global electronic dissemination, standard publishing contracts, standardized manuscript preparation and formatting guidelines, and expedited production schedules.

Contributions are invited in the following categories:

- A timely report of state-of-the art techniques
- A bridge between new research results, as published in journal articles, and a contextual literature review
- A snapshot of a hot or emerging topic
- An in-depth case study
- A presentation of core concepts that students must understand in order to make independent contributions

**Series Editors:** Panos M. Pardalos, University of Florida, János D. Pintér, PCS Inc., Stephen M. Robinson, University of Wisconsin-Madison, My T. Thai, University of Florida, Tamás Terlaky, Lehigh University

For more details, please visit <http://www.springer.com/series/8918>

# Call for chapter proposals

A book edited by P. Vasant (PCO Global, Malaysia)

"Soft Computing Intelligent Algorithms in Engineering, Management, and Technology"

<http://bit.ly/KeaqRn>

**Introduction.** During the past few years, usage of new intelligent algorithms in engineering, technology, modelling, computing, and simulations has attracted the attention of many researchers worldwide. Currently used methods are mostly based on soft computing, which is a discipline tightly bound to computers, representing a set of methods of special algorithms, and belonging to the artificial intelligence paradigm. The most popular methods are artificial neural networks, evolutionary algorithms, fuzzy logic, and swarm intelligence, ant colonies, artificial immune systems, and cultural algorithms, simulated annealing, and genetic programming. Presently, intelligent soft computing algorithms are known as a powerful set of tools for almost any chaotic, disastrous, difficult and complex optimization problem. Furthermore, in today's area of hybrid technology, specialized methods exist which allow synthesis of complex structures (mathematical formulas, etc.). Well-known techniques are, for example, evolutionary swarm intelligence or a novelty method called hybrid intelligent programming. These global soft computing-based techniques are used for global optimization problems of decision making, supply chain management, power and control optimization, and nuclear energy, space exploration, biomedical and health care, pattern recognition and image processing, operation research, industrial informatics, and planning, scheduling and assignment problems, power and smart systems, financial and stock market monitoring, and prediction in an unexpected and uncertain environment.

Besides global soft computing based methods, the current trend covers usage of knowledge-based systems, expert, hyperheuristics, memetic algorithms, and hybrid intelligent systems, and intelligent agents, and multi-agent systems. Moreover, the rapid development in information technologies has generated development of high performance computing, hybrid and parallel systems, grid and cloud computing, and has created a new research field of development of high performance and memory optimized codes. In addition to this, the global digitalization of the world and arising complex networks have given rise to the expansion of knowledge discovery, high productive energy efficiency systems, high quality health-care systems, and effective, innovative security systems, and its algorithmic methodology.

**Objective of the Book.** The objective of the book is to explore the emerging and current cutting edge technology in the research fields of soft computing intelligent algorithms and its original, novel and innovative modern time real world applications.

**Target Audience.** The prospective audience of the book "Soft Computing Intelligent Algorithms in Engineering, Management, and Technology," will be decision makers, managers, engineers, researchers, scientists, financiers, and economists, as well as industrialists.

**Recommended topics.** This book project offers an excellent opportunity for the researchers in the field of artificial intelligent algorithms to disseminate their original, quality, novel and innovative research findings and results to the global research scholars. The topics covered by this book include, but not limited to:

· Artificial neural networks · Evolutionary algorithms · Fuzzy logic · Swarm intelligence · Ant colonies · Artificial immune systems · Cultural algorithms · Simulated annealing · Genetic programming · Genetic algorithms · Gravitational search algorithm · Cuckoo search · Fire flyer · Imperialist competitive algorithms · Bat algorithms · Team optimization · Fuzzy-rough sets · Fuzzy neural modelling · Fireworks algorithms · Differential evolution · Hybrid technology · Human-computer interaction · Direct search · Chaotic systems · Evolvable control · Evolutionary Swarm multi-objective optimization · Power control optimization · Uncertainty and prediction of natural disaster · Bioinformatics · Operational research · Industrial informatics · Supply chain management (SCM) · Planning, scheduling and assignment problems · Holistic approaches for Energy efficiency, Healthcare and Security systems · Financial stock market monitoring and prediction · Optimal reactive power dispatch (ORPD) · Application of soft computing in Electrical, Mechanical and Chemical Engineering · Simulation modeling with intelligent soft computing algorithms

**Submission Procedure.** Researchers and practitioners are invited to submit a 2-3 page chapter proposal (MS Word document) on or before August 15, 2012, clearly explaining the mission and concerns of their proposed chapter. Authors of submitted proposals will be notified by August 31, 2012 about the status of their proposals. Accepted proposals will receive chapter guidelines upon notification. Full chapters are expected to be submitted by September 30, 2012. All submitted chapters will be reviewed on a double-blind review basis.

**Publisher.** This book is scheduled to be published by IGI Global (formerly Idea Group Inc.), publisher of the "Information Science Reference" (formerly Idea Group Reference), "Medical Information Science Reference," "Business Science Reference," and "Engineering Science Reference" imprints. For additional information regarding the publisher, please visit [www.igi-global.com](http://www.igi-global.com). This publication is anticipated to be released in 2013.

**Contacts.** Inquiries and submissions can be forwarded electronically (MS Word document) to the Guest Editor P. Vasant, Ph.D, [pcoiglobal@gmail.com](mailto:pcoiglobal@gmail.com) and [pvasant@gmail.com](mailto:pvasant@gmail.com)

#### IMPORTANT DAYS

**Proposal Submission Deadline:** August 15, 2012

**Notification of Acceptance:** August 31, 2012

**Full Chapter Submission:** September 30, 2012

**Review Results Returned:** November 15, 2012

**Final Chapter Submission:** January 30, 2013

**Final Deadline:** March 15, 2013

# Job opportunities

## 2 PhD positions in Scheduling Theory

Two PhD positions are available in the DFG-funded Junior Research Group "Models, algorithms and complexity for scheduling under uncertainty" led by Nicole Megow at Department of Mathematics Technische Universität Berlin. The successful candidates will perform research in the areas of (i) stochastic scheduling and (ii) periodic real-time scheduling.

Both positions are fulltime positions for 3 years with a possible extension. There are no teaching obligations. The positions are available immediately.

The junior research group is associated with the "Combinatorial Optimization and Graph Algorithms Group" at TU Berlin (<http://www.math.tu-berlin.de/coga/>) with 20+ researchers interested in combinatorial optimization, integer programming, network flows, scheduling, online and robust optimization, graph theory, and their application in practice. The successful candidate is encouraged to apply to be a member of the BERLIN MATHEMATICAL SCHOOL (<http://www.math-berlin.de>), the joint international graduate program of the three major Berlin universities, which is promoted by the German Excellence Initiative and offers training and support to PhD students in many ways.

Candidates must hold a diploma/master's degree in mathematics, computer science or a related area, and must have a very good knowledge in combinatorial optimization and algorithm theory. A background in scheduling, approximation algorithms, or probability theory is desirable. Good communication skills are necessary.

**Application.** Applicants should send their application as a single pdf file containing cover and motivation letter, curriculum vitae, copies of diplomas, summary of Diploma/masters thesis (max. 3 pages in english or german), names and contact details of two referees (including thesis advisor) by June 15, 2012 to Dr. Nicole Megow, [nmegow@math.tu-berlin.de](mailto:nmegow@math.tu-berlin.de), [www.coga.tu-berlin.de/people/megow](http://www.coga.tu-berlin.de/people/megow)

Applications arriving by the above date will receive full consideration, however, the search remains open until the positions are filled.

## Editor's notes

Dear members of EUROPT, dear readers.

The most important event, the EUROPT Workshop in Šhiauiai, Lithuania will start in one months, 5 of July of 2012. The deadline of the Workshop has been extended till 8 of June. During this he Workshop the EUROPT Fellow 2012, professor Joaquim Júdice for University of Coimbra, Portugal, will give his talk on Linear Programming with Linear Complementarity Constraints and the Ceremony of the EUROPT Fellow award will take place. We congratulate professor Joaquim Júdice with this award and wish him everything the best in his life and professional activities. In the next Newsletter an article about life and professional activities of professor Júdice will be published.

Dear friends, since July 2012, the Managing Board of EUROPT will take the baton from the actual team. In this Newsletter you can find the form for voting for the new Managing Board, the same information you will receive these days by mail. As usually, this Newsletter contains the announcements about several events that are planned for the autumn. The information about four INFORMS nominations for 2012, Khachiyan Prize, Farkas Prize, Prize for Young Researches and the Student Paper Prize should be interesting both for experienced researches and for those who are just starting their scientific carrier. The Newsletter contains also the information about launching the new series "SpringerBriefs in Optimization", where our colleague from EUROPT Managing Board, János D.Pínter is one of the editors. He invites all interested members of EUROPT to send their contributions. In the section "Call for chapter proposals", professor P. Vasant invites EUROPT members to contribute with chapters to the book "Soft Computing Intelligent Algorithms in Engineering, Management, and Technology" to be published by IGI Global (formerly Idea Group Inc.) in 2013.

Finally, I would like to say "Good Bye" to the readers of the EUROPT Newsletters. As our chair, Kaisa Miettinen, has announced in her introductory word, in July the new Managing Board of EUROPT will be elected and the new Editorial Board will start its work. I will transfer my responsibilities to the next elected Editor. During almost four years, I was participating in the Newsletter' editions, together with my colleagues and friend from the great team that included the previous editors Kaisa Miettinen and Domingos Cardoso, other members of the Editorial Board and the technical staff. I would like to express here my great gratitude to the Editorial Board members presented by János D.Pínter, Gerhard-Wilhelm Weber, Semih Kuter, Koksál Yucesoy, Aysun Tesel as well as to all EUROPT members who has contributed to the Newsletter editions with their news, short articles and other valuable information. I hope that the new Editorial Board will maintain the good old tradition of our newsletters, but also bring new ideas that will enrich the content and format of our publications. I wish to all a lot of success and happiness.

Hope to meet you soon in Šhiauiai.

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