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***On the “Life” in the German Operations Research Society
GOR – a Partner of ORST***

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In our previous reports, we already draw your and our attention to ***Operations Research 2008***, the annual international conference organized by the German OR Society, GOR which took place in Augsburg, Germany (<http://www.or2008.de>). Today we will speak about this event via the report given by two members of the nice and actually big delegation from Turkey: *Dr. Derya Eren Akyol* (presently at Erasmus University in Rotterdam, The Netherlands) and *MSc. Demet Çetiner* (presently at University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany). **Çok merci, sevgili arkadaşlarım!**

This participation and entire fruitful collaboration between ORST and GOR, between OR in Turkey and Germany, has been encouraged and supported very much by the former President of GOR, *Prof. Dr. Thomas Spengler* (Braunschweig University of Technology). **Thank you very much, dear Thomas**, for all your helps and friendship, for the honour and value which you have given to the Turkish-German partnership! In this report, the successor of Professor Spengler, the new President of GOR, *Prof. Dr. Horst Hamacher* (University of Kaiserslautern), addresses warm words of welcome and invitation to you and us! In his column, he cordially invites us to come to our special highlight of this new year – to the **23rd European Conference on Operational Research, EURO XXIII 2009**, that will be celebrated in Bonn, Germany, from July 5 to 8 (<http://www.euro-2009.de/>). It is a great pleasure and honour for me and us to know the new GOR President to be so very close at our side! **Vielen Dank, lieber Horst!**

Furthermore, also the Chair of the Organizing Committee of EURO 2009, *Prof. Dr. Erwin Pesch* (University of Siegen), did not hesitate to send to us his salutation at the occasion of this special event! Thanks a lot, dear Erwin! You will find both welcome addresses below. In order to round up our block on the EURO conference, I am attaching the newest version of the Flyer prepared for EURO 2009.

We will conclude today’s ORST-GOR report with the report prepared for us by the leaders of *GOR Working Group “OR and Environment”*, *Prof. Dr. Axel Tuma* (University of Augsburg) and *Prof. Dr. Peter Letmathe* (University of Siegen). As I noted and understood, the topic of creating a sustainable economy is of a growing importance also in Turkey, such that there is a valuable potential for fruitful collaboration in this common environmental and economical sector. Please find the report of the two friends as our second attachment. **Thank you very much, dear Axel and dear Peter.**

Let us please continue with the “*Grusswort*” of our our new GOR President, ***Professor Horst Hamacher***:

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Dear Members of ORST, The OR Society of Turkey,
dear Readers of this Newsletter,

as new president of the *Gesellschaft für Operations Research* (GOR) - the German OR Society – I would like to send you all my best wishes for a Happy New Year 2009!

I am very happy and proud to continue the work of my predecessors, *Professor Gerhard Waescher* and *Professor Thomas Spengler* who initiated the partnership between the GOR and the OR Society of Turkey. This partnership is since some years based on a collaboration agreement signed by the leaders of both organisations and has been put to life very successfully by mutual visits of colleagues, especially, young ones, and joint projects. For me personally, one of the very visible expressions of our new and dynamical Turkish-German relations has been and is the attendance of more and more friends from Turkey at the annual GOR international OR conferences. The last one in this series took place in Augsburg, September 3-5, 2008. Many friends from the German OR community, obviously including myself, were very impressed by the large Turkish delegation which participated.

In this year, the regular GOR Conference will be part of a larger endeavour, the *23rd European Conference in Operational Research*, EURO 23, which is going to take place July 5-8, 2009, in Bonn. The second Call for Papers is published within this ORST-GOR e-newsletter. The team of organizers headed by *Professor Erwin Pesch*, and all of GOR, are looking forward to welcoming many friends from all over the world for unforgettable days of science and friendship. The preparations for the meeting are well under way, and we trust the Erwin Pesch and his team will be good hosts. In particular, we are looking forward to meeting with you, our friends from Turkey! We will have a wonderful opportunity to introduce ourselves, our GOR working groups and projects in some detail, and also have the pleasure and chance to learn about you, your research and, in general, the scientific life of OR in Turkey. Together we can deepen our understanding, our collaboration and friendship – to the best of our countries and the perspectives of our youth.

Looking forward to your visit in Bonn and to a continuation of the successful cooperation between ORST and GOR I remain

with best regards,

Prof. Dr. Horst W. Hamacher
President, German OR Society (GOR)

Let us now please see what EURO 2009 OC Chair ***Professor Erwin Pesch*** writes to us.

As you know the 23rd European Conference on Operational Research (EURO XXIII) will take place July 5-8, 2009 in Bonn, Germany.

<http://www.euro-2009.de/>

EURO conferences are huge meetings that cover a broad range of topics from Performance Measurement to Financial Modeling, from Metaheuristics to Decision Analysis, etc.

The last meeting in this series (in Prague) attracted 2022 participants.

As chair of the organizing committee of the next conference it is my great pleasure to invite our friends from Turkey to participate in this big event. The group of Turkish delegates is always one of the biggest and the strength of their scientific community and consequently their excellent research has been recognized all over the world for many years.

I am absolutely convinced that this conference will benefit from every single delegate making the long way from Turkey in order to actively participate in this event.

Many of you have already contacted a number of people in order to organize a stream, a session or to motivate a speaker. Others agreed to give a talk. Thank you very much for your work and your commitment.

We appreciate your contribution so much and it will be a cornerstone for a successful conference.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Bonn
Erwin Pesch

As mentioned by Professor Hamacher above, the annual international meeting of GOR will in this year of 2009 be a part of the EURO conference. Let us now please read what our friends *Dr. Derya Eren Akyol* and *MSc. Demet Çetiner* tell to us about the last year's annual meeting:

Dear Colleagues,

The annual international conference of the German Operations Research Society was held in Augsburg on September 3-5, 2008, under the theme of "Operations Research and Global Business". Approximately 550 participants from 35 countries had the opportunity to get together at the University of Augsburg, with more Turkish participants compared to last year.

Over 400 talks were given in 12 thematic sessions, which were classified according to the different Theories and Applications of Operations Research. The participants shared their knowledge and experience with other researchers who have similar research interests. The main theme of the conference was emphasized in the plenary and semi-plenary talks, which enabled the participants to discuss the recent advances and trends in several fields

of Operations Research. More information about the conference can be found on the webpage www.or2008.de.

The social program including welcome reception, the conference dinner and several excursions in the city of Augsburg brought the participants together in a friendly atmosphere and the 10th year anniversary celebration with fireworks displays was one of the most surprising events during the conference dinner.

With its scientific and social programs, the GOR conference 2008 was an enjoyable organization contributing to the cooperation between the researchers. We were pleased to be there and to meet each other, and hope that you will also have the chance to participate next year.

With our best and kind regards,

Derya and Demet

Both young ladies served us in former ORST-GOR newsletters with interesting reports already.

With drawing your attention to the following two attachments again, and in the hope that we can meet soon, e.g., at the occasion of *EURO 2009* and maybe at one of its *satellite events* (please visit the homepage of the EURO conference), I thank you very much for your attention!

With best wishes and cordial regards,
I remain, yours sincerely,

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Appendicies:

- *Present Flyer of EURO 2009,*
- *Report of GOR Working Proup "OR and Environment"*

(please cf. attachments).

PS : Please find our earlier ORST-GOR Reports under

<http://www.iam.metu.edu.tr/EUROPT/>, Link : Newsletters & Letters, or under

http://www3.iam.metu.edu.tr/iam/index.php/Conference_Reports.

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