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## 1. NEWS ABOUT EURO K AND ABOUT A EURO-TIMS MEETING

$K = 1$ . The proceedings of the first European Congress on Operational Research, EURO I, which was held in Brussels on January 27-29, 1975 are still available. These proceedings include the abstracts of all papers and the addresses of the authors, as well as the full texts of the opening and closing papers. It is published by the North Holland Publishing Company. The price is very low but a limited number of copies are available. People interested in these proceedings are requested to fill in the order form on page 4 of the present bulletin.

$K = 2$ . The Second European Congress on Operational Research, EURO II, will be held in Stockholm on November 29 - December 1, 1976. There will be plenary sessions and a paper fair. The deadline to introduce an abstract was February 1, 1976. About 150 abstracts were submitted to Professor Dr. M. ROUBENS, Chairman of the programme committee, so that we may expect that EURO II will again be a success.

The programme committee selected the papers on the basis of these abstracts on February 28 and the authors were notified on March 15. The papers will be refereed in September and proceedings of selected papers will be printed. Copies of the presented papers will be distributed to the participants.

Registration forms and documentation about EURO II can be obtained at the following address :

Dr. S.E. ANDERSON Chairman of the Organization Committee  
EURO II c/o STOCKHOLM CONVENTION BUREAU  
STRANDVÄGEN 7c  
S-11456 STOCKHOLM - SWEDEN



**EURO-TIMS MEETING** : The TIMS XIII international meeting will be co-sponsored by the EURO association. This meeting will be held on July 25-27, 1977 in ATHENS, GREECE. The deadline for abstracts is OCTOBER 30, 1976. The theme will be : «MANAGEMENT SCIENCE SERVING SOCIETY THROUGH MANAGEMENT».

Documentation and call for papers can be obtained at the following address :

Professor Dr. H.J. ZIMMERMANN

RWTH Aachen — Templergraben 64 — D-51 Aachen — WEST GERMANY.

Abstracts can be introduced at the same address.

## 2. NEWS ABOUT THE EURO ASSOCIATION

The first meeting of the Council of the EURO association was held on Friday June 18, 1976 in Brussels.

The definitive statutes and by-laws of EURO were ratified in toto by the OR Societies of : BELGIUM, DENMARK, FINLAND, FRANCE, GERMANY, GREECE, IRELAND, ITALY, THE NETHERLANDS, SPAIN, SWITZERLAND and the UNITED KINGDOM. These societies are therefore members of the Association. The Swedish Society asked to make the interpretation of article III about the commitment of a member society clear. This article was amended with very restricted commitment. It was hoped that the Swedish Society would find it easier to accept. It was unanimously agreed that TURKEY be admitted as an associate member. The applications of ALGERIA and AUSTRIA were also discussed but no decision was taken because of some local particular situation.

The election of officers of the association took place. The following nominations were made :

President : Professor Dr. H.J. ZIMMERMANN

Vice-President : Professor Dr. G. KREWERAS

Secretary : Professor Dr. R. EDDISON

Treasurer : Professor Dr. J.P. BRANS.

It was unanimously agreed that these four would form the executive committee.

The EJOR, European Journal, made good progress and the first issue dated January 1977, will in fact be published before the EURO II Conference. (see also point 5 : Publications).

The TIMS (Technical Institute of Management Science) was interested in having its XIII International meeting co-sponsored by EURO. This meeting will take place in Athens (GREECE) on July 25-27, 1977. It was decided that if the Greek society is in favour of participation EURO should co-sponsor this conference. In the meantime the Greek society accepted.

## 3. MEETINGS - CONFERENCES - CONGRESSES

— A conference on the use of computers and Operational Research Methods in the area of production control and scheduling algorithms will be held in Karlovy Vary, Czechoslovakia on September 14-16, 1976.

Information : House of Technique, Jiri Král, nám. Gorkého, 23, 11282 Praha 1, Czechoslovakia.

Remark : Papers from European steelworks are especially invited.

— An international meeting on « Markov Decision Theory », will be held in Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands on September 13-17, 1976.

Information : Mathematisch Centrum - 2de Boerhavestraat 49, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

— The SOGESCI (Belgian O.R. Society) will organize a conference on « L'Analyse des données : des méthodes statistiques puissantes au service de la gestion » on September 28, 29, 30, 1976 in Brussels.

Information : SOGESCI, rue de Neuchâtel 66, 1060 Brussels, Belgium.

— The « Mathematisch Centrum of Amsterdam » organize an international meeting on « Markov Decision Theory ». This meeting will be held in Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands on September 13-17, 1976.

Information : Mathematisch Centrum - 2de Boerhavestraat, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

— The annual conference of the British O.R. Society will be held at the University college of Swansea, West Glamorgan, Great-Britain on September 21-24, 1976. The theme of the Conference is centred mainly around the subjects of government, transport, steel, energy, manpower...

Information : Mr. D.T. STEER, British Steel Corporation, New Office Block, Research Centre, Port Talbot Works, Port Talbot, West Glamorgan, Wales, United Kingdom.

— A congress will be held by the Italian O.R. Society (GIORNATE DI LAVORO AIRO 1976) in Taranto on September 27-29, 1976.

Information : Dr. Arnaldo BERNADELLI, c/o Italsider S.P.A., Org. Ros. - Nuova Direzione, Via Appia, I-74100 Taranto, Italy.



- The Spanish O.R. Society will hold its 9th Congress in Barcelona on September 27-29, 1976. The themes of the congress will be : Applications in public affairs, environmental problems, public transport, input-output models...
- AFCET (FRANCE) organize : — « Des journées de formation en commande et gestion des systèmes complexes » on October 6-7, 1976 in Toulouse.  
— « Panorama de la nouveauté informatique en France » on November 3-5, 1976 in Paris.  
Information : AFCET, 156 Boulevard Pereire, 75017 Paris, France.
- GWILYN JENKINS and PARTNERS organize three conferences on BOX-JENKINS Forecasting :  
- Introduction for Managers - Frankfurt (W. Germany), September 9-10, 1976  
- Theory and practical application - Brussels (Belgium), October 18-22, 1976  
- Recent advances - Brussels (Belgium), October 25-26, 1976.  
Information : Dr. G. McLEOD, Gwilyn Jenkins Ltd., St. Leonard's House, Lancaster, England, LA1 1NN.
- The EURO II Conference will be held in Stockholm, Sweden on November 29-30, December 1, 1976.  
Information : Dr. S.E. ANDERSON, Chairman of the Organization Committee, EURO II, Stockholm Convention bureau, Strandvägen 7c, S-11456 Stockholm, Sweden.
- The Special Programme Panel on Systems Science (SPPOSS) organize a conference on environmental assessment of socio-economic systems, Summer/Fall, Istanbul Turkey.  
Information : Prof. Dr. Reiner K. HUBER, Hochschule der Bundeswehr, 8 München 40, Postfach 400030, W. Germany.
- The IFIP (International federation of information processing) Conference 1977 will be held in Toronto (Canada) from August 8-12, 1977.
- The IFIP also organizes the 8th Conference on « Optimization techniques » on September 5-10, 1977 in Wurzburg, W. Germany.  
Information : Prof. J. STOER, Inst. für Angewandte Mathematik, Am Hubland, D-8700 Wurzburg, W. Germany.
- The Finnish O.R. Society will organize the 6th NOAK congress in Turku (Finland) on October 24-25, 1977.  
Information : Mr. C. CARLSSON, Turku - Swedish University School of Economics, Henrikinkatu, 7, 20500 Turku, Finland.

#### 4. EUROPEAN WORKING GROUPS

- **O.R. and Energy Problems**  
The first meeting was held in April 1976 at Stratford-upon-Avon. The next one will be held in Stockholm (EURO II).  
Information : R.J. ORMEROD, O.R. Executive, National Coal Board, Coal House, Lyon Road, Harrow, Middx, HA 2EX England.
- **O.R. applied to Health Services**  
Two meetings have been held in Exeter (Sept. 75) and in Munich (June 76). There is documentation available. The next meeting will be held in Patras, Greece in the summer of 1977.  
Information : Dr. Duncan BOLDY, Institute of Biometry, Community medicine, University of Exeter, Bowmoor House, Dryden Road, Exeter, United Kingdom.
- **Working group on Fuzzy sets**  
The third meeting was held during the third European meeting on Cybernetics and Systems Research in April 75 in Vienna. More than 100 participants attended this working group. The next meeting will be held in Stockholm together with EURO II.  
Information : Prof. Dr. H.J. ZIMMERMANN, Unternehmensforschung, RWTH Templergraben 55, D-51 Aachen, W. Germany.
- **O.R. in Government and in the Public Sector**  
A draft report of the activities since EURO I is available. The last meeting was held on April 13, 1976 in Stratford-upon-Avon. The next meeting will be held in Stockholm (EURO II).  
Information : Prof. M.F. SHUTLER, O.R. Society, Neville House, Waterloo street, Birmingham, B2 5TX, United Kingdom.
- **Multicriteria Decision Making**  
Three meetings have been held : Brussels (EURO I), Mons (October 1975), Brussels (March 1975). The next meeting will be held in Stockholm (EURO II). A report of these meetings and a list of participants are available.  
Information : Prof. Dr. B. ROY, c/o SEMA, 16-20, rue Barbès, 92128 Montrouge, France.
- **O.R. in Banking — IBRO**  
Three meetings have been held in London (April 1975), in Brussels (October 1975) and in Rome (April 1976). No meeting will be held during EURO II. The next meeting will be in Amsterdam in April 1977. Documentation is available.  
Information : Mr. P.G. HIRSCH, Inter Bank Research Organization, Moor House, London Wall, London EC2Y 5ET, Great Britain.



- **O.R. in Regional and Urban Planning**  
A first meeting was held in March 1976. The next meeting will be held on September 14, 1976 in Erlangen.  
Information : Prof. Dr. B. DEJON, Universität Erlangen Nürnberg, Egerlandstrasse 13, 852 Erlangen, W. Germany.
- **Working group on Education**  
The first two meetings were held in Varesa (Italy) on October 16-17, 1975 and in Darmstadt, W. Germany on April 14, 1976.  
Information : Ing. Massimo MERLINO, Praxis Calcolo, S.P.A., Via Visconti di Modrone 32, 20100 Milano, Italy.

## 5. PUBLICATIONS

- **EJOR. European Journal of Operational Research.** Aims and Scope : The European Journal of Operational Research will be an international journal, serving primarily the professional interests of European O.R.-workers both in practice and theory. It wants to exploit the potential of operational researchers in all European countries and further improve the communication in the O.R.-community. The Journal will be a high-level professional journal, well balanced with respect to applications and theory. The Journal will be supported by an editorial organization, the members of which will not only be of high international reputation but also be in a position to actively stimulate potential authors to communicate their experience and research results to the Journal.

Call for papers : Authors of articles within the scope of the Journal are invited to submit their papers to one of the editors :

- Prof. Alan Mercer, Operational Research Department, University of Lancaster, Bailrigg House, Lancaster, U.K.
- Dr. C.B. Tilanus, Department of Industrial Engineering, Eindhoven University of Technology. P.O. Box 513, Eindhoven, The Netherlands.
- Prof. Dr. H.J. Zimmermann, RWTH Aachen, Templergraben 55, 51 Aachen, Germany.

Papers should preferably be written in English and contain an abstract of about 200 words.

The first issue will be available at the EURO II Conference in Stockholm, it will contain papers by Pat RIVETT (U.K.), R.L. ACKOFF (U.S.A.), R.C. TOMLINSON (U.K.), H. SPÄTH (Germany), A. CHARNES and W.W. COOPER (U.S.A.) and W. RÖDDER (Germany).

The plan is to have six issues a year of about 70 pages each. Each issue will contain 6 or 7 papers, together with communications, technical notes, letters, book reviews.

**The present EURO Bulletin will be discontinued under the present form, henceforth it will be included in this new European journal.**

- **New Journal : « Journal of Computational and Applied Mathematics ».**  
Principal Editors : J.P. Brans, J. De Kerf, M.J. Goovaerts, R. Piessens.  
Information and papers : Mr. F. Broeckx, Ruca, Middelheimlaan 1, B-2020 Antwerpen, Belgium.
- The EURO I Proceedings (abstracts) are available at a very low price, but only a limited number of copies are available. It is published by the North Holland Publishing Company. If you are interested please fill in the following order form.

## 6. NEXT BULLETIN

- The Bulletin will be discontinued under the present form. Henceforth it will be included in the European Journal of Operational Research (EJOR), the first issue of which is foreseen for January 1, 1977. There will be 6 issues a year.
- Members of O.R. Societies having information for the bulletin are requested to inform their national societies.
- The national societies are requested to send their information to Prof. J. Pierre BRANS, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, C.S.O.O., Pleinlaan 2, 1050 Brussels, Belgium as soon as possible.  
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