

# Bulletin

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 Vice-Rector of the University, since 1992.

## Teaching

Multicriteria decision analysis and preference modelling.  
 Combinatorial optimisation and mathematical programming.  
 Probability and statistics.

## Research

Preference modelling and aggregation.  
 Axiomatic and development of decision support methods.

## Research and Development

Industrial contracts in Operations Research and Decision Support.  
 Founded, in 1990, the DECIS company, specialised in Information Science and Logistics (10 people).

## Published books

- Preference modelling, Lecture Notes in Economics and Mathematical Systems, 250, Springer Verlag, 1985 (with M. Roubens).
- L'aide multicritère à la décision, Editions de l'U.L.B. and Ellipses, 1989.
- Multicriteria Decision-Aid, J. Wiley & Sons, 1992.
- Semiororders, Kluwer, 1997 (with M. Pirlot).
- Evaluation and decision models : a critical perspective, Kluwer, 2000 (with D. Bouyssou, T. Marchant, P. Perny, M. Pirlot and A. Tsoukias).

## Papers

About 100 papers in European Journal of Operational Research, Theory and Decision, Econometrica, Management Science, Discrete Mathematics, Journal of Multicriteria Decision Analysis, Journal of Mathematical Psychology, Mathematical Social Sciences, Discrete Applied Mathematics, Information Sciences, International Journal on Fuzzy Sets and Systems, ...

## Activities in Belgium

- Belgian Science Foundation : member of the Commission for Mathematics from 1990 to 2000 and co-ordinator of the interuniversity postgraduate seminar on Operations Research and Decision Support since 1982.
- Belgian Society of O.R. : member of the board, treasurer from 1983 to 1987, president from 1988 to 1990.
- From 1995 to 1997, advisor for Prime Minister of the Communauté Française de Belgique.

## International activities

- Chairman of ESIGMA (European Group on Multicriteria Analysis) from 1985 to 1990.
- Chairman of the International Scientific Committee for the Summer Schools on Multicriteria Analysis since 1985.
- Co-editor of the Journal on Multicriteria Decision Analysis.
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## Resume

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## Scientific fields

He has worked in the following fields: Mathematical programming, statistics, PERT, CPM, DTPS, forecasting, sampling theory, statistical theory, queuing and simulation systems, factorial analysis, decision theory and pattern recognition. His actual field of interest is mathematical programming, risk management and parallel computation.

## Main professional subjects :

- Simulation/Optimisation decision support tools for Open Market Energy Generation Allocation, unit power commitment and hydro-thermal electric generation co-ordination and bidding modelling.
- Water resource systems planning decision support modelling.
- Risk Management.
- Supply chain management support systems.
- Operations' Sequencing and Scheduling.
- Production and Financial Planning under uncertainty.

## Vitae

Author of several books and numerous scientific papers published in leading journals. He has worked at IBM Scientific Center Madrid (Spain), 1972-1985, IBM Scientific Center Palo Alto (California) 1978-1980, IBM German Manufacturing Technology Center at Sindelfingen (Germany) 1986-1987 and IBM T.J. Watson Research Center at Yorktown Heights (NY), 1988-1991.

L.F. Escudero has been Assistant Director at IDS (Intelligent Decision Systems), 1992. He has held different positions at the IBERDROLA group (an Spanish group whose leading company is one of the biggest companies in the electric sector), being Technology Manager at UITESA, 1993-1996 and Manager of the Dept. of Decision Support Systems Engineering at IBERINCO (Iberdrola Ingeniería y Consultoría, a leading engineering company in the energy sector), 1997-1999.

## European Union R&D related activity

L.F. Escudero has contributed to the following European Commission projects:

1. HChLOUSO (HydroChemical Logistics Optimization under Uncertainty via Stochastic Optimization), ESPRIT, PE24897, 1997-2000. Project leader.
2. OMEGA (Open Market Energy Generation Allocation), IST- 1999-1088, 1999-.
3. PARALIN (Parallel in Industry), INCO-DC 950845. Project leader.
4. SCHUMANN (Supply Chain Uncertainty Management Network), ESPRIT PE26267, 1998-2000. Project leader.
5. SLOEGAT (Short-and-Long Optimization Energy Generation and Optimization), ESPRIT PE22695, 1996-1999.
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 1970 - 1973: M.A., Tel Aviv University, Statistics  
 1974 - 1978: Ph.D., Case Western Reserve University, Operations Research

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1969 - 1971: Teaching Assistant: Tel Aviv University, Statistics  
 1974 - 1978: Graduate Assistant: Case Western Reserve University, Operations Research  
 1978: Travel Grant: Case Western Reserve University, Graduate Alumni Fund  
 1978: Prize Competition: Operations Research Society of America, the Educational Science Section, was one of the three finalists  
 1978: Omega Rho: the International Honorary Society of Operations Research

### Employment History

2000 - present: Vice President for Academic affairs, College of Judea and Samaria  
 1978 - present: Department of Industrial Engineering and Management, Ben-Gurion University, Full Professor (Since 1995)  
 1989 - 1990: Adjunct Professor, Hebrew U., School of Business  
 1984 - 1985: (Sabbatical) National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, Boulder, Colorado

1979 - 1980: Adjunct Lecturer: Bar Ilan University, Department of Mathematics  
 1974 - 1978: Lecturer and Assistant: Case Western Reserve University, teaching Operations Research in the School of Management

### Positions in Academic Administration

1996 - 1999: Head of the Promotion Committee of the Department of Industrial Engineering and Management, Ben-Gurion University  
 1996 - 1999: Member of the University Board of Directors (elected by Senate)  
 1996 - 1999: Member of the R&D Board of Directors of Ben-Gurion University  
 1997: Member, promotion committee of the Faculty of Engineering Sciences.  
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 1987 - 1988: Coordinator of the Departmental Seminars  
 1986 - 1991: Acting Chairman (during the summers) of the Department of Industrial Engineering and Management, Ben-Gurion University  
 1982 - 1984: Head of the Graduate Studies Committee of Industrial Engineering and Management, Ben-Gurion University

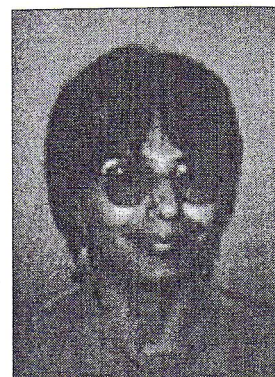
### Consulting

- Various consulting firms and companies in Israel
- Cleveland Trust Bank, OH, USA
- Commission for Higher Education, Indiana, USA
- Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland, OH, USA
- Public Utilities Authorities-Electricity (currently)

### Additional Professional Functions outside the University

1976 - 1977: Co-chairperson of the ORSATIMS student chapter in Cleveland, Ohio  
 1977: President of the Israel Student Organization, Cleveland area  
 1991 - present: Representing ORSIS in EURO (European Operational Research Society)  
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**Zilla Sinuany-Stern**



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 1995 - present: Committee member of the Council of Higher Education of Israel for evaluating several colleges  
 2000 - present: Vice President of EURO

#### Referee in Scientific Journals

European Journal of Operations Research  
 JORS  
 IJPR  
 BSF (USA, Israel)  
 NSF (USA)  
 GIF  
 Trans. of Eng. Mgmt. Operations Research  
 OMEGA  
 Management Science  
 J. of Quality Technology  
 J. of Advanced Transportation Models  
 Socio-Economic Planning Science  
 Computers and Operations Research

#### Editorial Positions

- Member of the International Advisory Board of the Journal of Operational Research Society
- Co-editor, Studies in Regional & Urban Planning
- Guest editor, European Journal of Operations Research
- Guest editor, Annals of Operations Research
- Guest editor, The Journal of Management Sciences and Regional Development

#### Conference Organizing Committees

1983, 1992, 1999: Chair, ORSIS, Beer-Sheva  
 1995: Chair, EURO, Jerusalem  
 1997, 2000, 2001: EURO, Budapest  
 1998: Informs, Tel-Aviv  
 1994, 1996: ORSIS

#### Scientific Publications

- Over 100 Publications, including about 70 refereed, articles and 3 edited volumes
- Over 60 Presentations in conferences

Rainer E. Burkard



Rainer E. Burkard is Professor of Mathematics at the University of Technology in Graz, Austria. He obtained his PhD in Mathematics at the University of Vienna in 1967. From 1973-81 he was Professor of Applied Mathematics at the University of Cologne, Germany, 1979-1981 he had a joint appointment with the Technical University of Aachen (Germany). His research interests lie in Discrete Optimisation, being the author of the first German book on Integer Programming (1972), co-author of a book on Assignment and Matching Problems (1981) and author of over 140 papers dealing mainly with structural and algorithmic aspects of combinatorial optimisation and its applications. Moreover, he is author of a computer course (teachware) on graph algorithms and co-editor of several collected works in Operations Research, Applied Mathematics and Computer Science. He received the Award of the Austrian Mathematical Society in 1971, the Scientific Prize of the Society of Mathematics, Economics and Operations Research in 1991 and the EURO Gold Medal 1997. He served as Vice-President of GMÖOR from 1984-86, as President of the Austrian Operations Research Society from 1986-88, as EURO Vice-president of IFORS from 1995-97 and as

Dean of the Faculty of Science, Graz University of Technology, 1993-96. He was member of the Council of the European Consortium of Mathematics in Industry (1994-1998) and has been a member of the Senate of the Christian Doppler Research Society (1991-2000). 1998 he was elected as an Honorary Member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

He is editor of Zeitschrift für Operations Research (editor in chief from 1984-89), and member of the editorial board of Annals of Operations Research, of Discrete Applied Mathematics, of European Journal of Operations Research, of the Belgian Journal of Operations Research, Statistics and Computer Science, of Optimisation, of Yugoslav Journal of Operations Research, of Central European Journal of Operations Research, of RAIRO Recherche Opérationnelle, of Computing, of the Journal of Universal Computer Science, of the Journal of Computing and Information Technology, of the Chinese Transactions in Operations Research and of the Journal of Combinatorial Optimisation. He is Principal Editor of Mathematics in Industrial Systems and editor of the SIAM Monographs on Discrete Mathematics and Applications.

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### Degrees

1976 : high school degree in Athens.

1983 : I graduated civil engineering studies in transportation in Politecnico di Torino on 26/7/1983 with a thesis on "Decision Processes Analysis: the case of the Susa Valley road network".

1989 : I got my PhD degree in computer science and systems engineering from Politecnico di Torino defending the thesis "Formalisation and representation of the multi-criteria analysis approach by artificial intelligence techniques".

1997 : I got my "Habilitation à diriger la recherche" degree from Université Paris Dauphine discussing the thesis "Sur la généralisation de concepts de concordance et discordance en aide multicritère à la décision". My jury was composed by Philippe Besnard, Ivar Ekeland, Henri Prade, Bernard Roy, Roman Slowinski and Philippe Vincke.

### Professional activities

From 1990 to 1992 : I hold a two years post-doctoral fellowship from Politecnico di Torino.

In 1993 : I was with the "Service Mathématique de la Gestion", Université Libre de Bruxelles, working on non conventional preference modelling under an IRSIA research fellowship.

Since 1/11/93 : I am senior researcher at CNRS (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique) within LAMSADE, Université Paris Dauphine.

For more details on my research see my Research Interests and my Papers.

From November 2001 to April 2002 : I am distinguished fellow at Université Libre de Bruxelles.

I occasionally practice decision aiding for private and public organisations in fields like transportation, quality evaluation, software evaluation, vendor rating and regional planning.

### Teaching experience

Since 1987 : I teach Quantitative Methods (120 hours/year) in the European Business School with Technology of Politecnico di Torino. Under this position I supervised more than 50 industrial placements of students. One of these won the AMMA prize for the best report of the year (1991).

Since 1994 : I teach "Non classic logics" (21 hours/year) in the DEA 127 (Master course), "Computer Science and Intelligent Systems" of Université Paris Dauphine

Since 1995 : I teach, together with Patrice Perny, "Artificial Intelligence and Decision" (24 hours/year) in the DEA 103 (Master course), "Management Science" of Université Paris Dauphine.

In 2000 : I taught "Multi-criteria Decision Support Methodology" (48 hours) at the Operations Research Master Course of the Technical University of Crete (Chania).

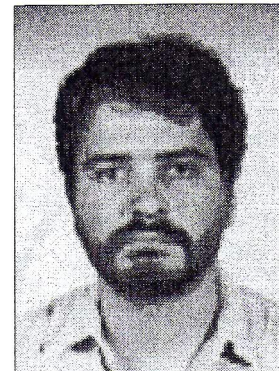
I also give classes for the Master degree in Public Policy Evaluation and in Transportation organised by Politecnico di Torino as well as for the ESSEC Executive MBA programme.

### Varia

I have been invited and gave lectures in several places including Université Libre de Bruxelles, Linköping University, Universidad Politecnica de Madrid, Russian Academy of Science, Technical University of Poznan, Politecnico di Bari, Universidad de Curico, (Chile). I was invited professor at the Technical University of Crete in 2000.

I have been organiser and chairman of invited sections and streams in different international conferences (EURO, MCDM etc.). I am active member of the International Society on MCDM and of the EURO working group on Multiple Criteria Decision Aid of which I organised the 49th meeting (together with Alberto Colomi) and the 50th meeting (together with Denis Bouyssou, Bernard Roy and Daniel Vanderpooten). I am member of ROADEF, AIRO, ORS. Reviewer of different international operational research and MCDM journals. Member of the editorial board of the International Journal of Multi-criteria Analysis and guest editor of the European Journal of Operational Research. Until 31/12/99 I was vice-president of ROADEF (the French Society of OR and Decision Aiding) and presently I am secretary of EURO (the federation of European OR societies within IFORS).

Alexis Tsoukias



I was chairman (together with Patrice Perny) of the XIX EURO Summer Institute on "Decision Analysis and Artificial Intelligence", who take place at Toulouse, 9-22/9/2001.

Since November 1994 I organise, with Suzanne Pinson the permanent LAMSADE seminar "Rationality and Artificial Intelligence".

I am member of the LAMSADE administration council and executive delegate. Member of the personnel selection committee of Université Paris Dauphine in the section "Computer Science".

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Marino Widmer was born on 12 March 1960 and is Swiss citizen. He studied at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne (EPFL). In 1985 he became mathematics engineer and in 1990 he completed a PhD in technical sciences (applied mathematics). Finally, he obtained an "habilitation" in information management in 1998 at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences of the University of Fribourg (Switzerland).

From 1985 to 1991 he was first assistant and afterwards scientific fellow in Operational Research at the EPFL (with Professor Dominique de Werra). In 1991 he was appointed at the University of Fribourg as associate professor in Production Management and CIM (Computer Integrated Manufacturing). Since the first February 2002, he is full professor in information management at the University of Fribourg.

His research activity is mainly focused on the application of operational research to industrial problems (layout, planning, scheduling, human resource management, supply chain management). He is author or co-author of number of publications in renowned journals and was guest editor of three special issues of Discrete Applied Mathematics.

Additionally he acts as referee for international journals (over 60 papers) and was member of over thirteen PhD commissions. He is expert for international research projects (Canada, Italy, France and Switzerland) and participated till now in the organisation of many international conferences. He realises also industrial projects for companies.

He is member of the Swiss (ASRO), the Italian (AIRO) and the American OR societies (INFORMS). Since 1997 he is in charge of the bulletin of the Swiss OR Society.

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## The new EURO web site

A new EURO web site has been build. This site is available since December 2001. The main topics of the previous one have been kept and several new features introduced. The objective is to enhance contact and exchange of information in the EURO community.

At the National Member Society level, each societies has its own site within the EURO web site and is able to present and update their own information, e.g. address book, executive committee, meeting announcement.

At the EURO Working Group level, the same facility is available. Each EWG presents its activity report. Furthermore, the registered visitors of the site may print the annual report of all the EWGs from the site directly.

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# **EURO XIX Conference**

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**July 06-10**

**Organisation**

The conference will be hosted jointly by  
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First Circular and Call for Papers  
14th Mini EURO Conference  
**Human Centered Processes HCP'2003**  
**"Distributed decision making and  
man-machine cooperation"**  
5-7 May 2003, Luxembourg

### Objectives

The Commission of the European Union, in its forthcoming sixth framework Programme, specifically recognizes the necessity to place human beings at the centre of future development of the knowledge-based society and more specifically the emerging e-government. In addition, a EURO working group on Human Centered Processes has recently been created in order to tackle the study of operational strategies and processes used by people in professional contexts (<http://www-hcp.enst-bretagne.fr/>). Such problems represent important challenges for both public administrations and commercial firms. More generally, the analysis and study of distributed decision making and man-machine interaction requires a multi-disciplinary approach involving cognitive psychology, operational research, cognitive science and domain expertise. Indeed, cognitive design and implementation approaches can complement more traditional frame-works. They may allow design and analysis of more complete, complex, robust and secure systems involving experienced users with specific domain expertise as well as common users.

The purpose of this conference is to bring together:

- Practitioners from industry and administration who are confronted with issues related to cognition and domain expertise and computer assisted collaborative work.
- Researchers who have expertise in Cognitive Psychology or more generally Cognitive Science, Artificial Intelligence and Computer Science.
- Operational Researchers interested in discussing human centred approaches applied to complex industrial and administrative problems.

In view of this, the Conference focuses on practical application oriented themes where human cen-

tered approaches have already shown their usefulness including planning, scheduling, decision making, quality control, project management, intelligent management of multimedia documents, e-commerce and e-government.

Also, this Mini EURO conference shares the interest of the Luxembourg National Research Fund in promoting international scientific cooperation on the topic of security and efficiency of new organizational models and new practices in electronic cooperation.

### Venue

The conference will be located at the Kirchberg Conference Centre, the hemicycle of the European Parliament in Luxembourg (<http://www.luxcongress.lu>).

### Call for papers

Three kinds of submissions are welcome:

- Proposal for a session (of three papers) dedicated to a given topic. After acceptance, the promoter will be responsible for his/her session and will chair it.
- Proposal for a panel discussion on a given topic (one hour). After acceptance, the promoter will be responsible for his/her session and will serve as session chair.
- Free submission of papers on the basis of a summary (one page). The accepted papers will be organized into sessions devoted to given topics.

Two types of sessions, panel discussions or papers are solicited: those discussing cognitive theories and practices from a practical application perspective and those presenting administrative, business or industrial applications. Suitable sessions, panel

discussions and papers include: distributed decision making, human expertise centred decision aids, man-machine cooperation, intelligent assistance for decision, knowledge extraction, representation and modelling, intelligent management of multimedia documents, perception, recognition and interpretation and intelligent operator guidance and assistance systems.

Application reports may cover the following: practice and integration, quality control, management of industrial and administrative processes, scheduling and planning, industrial production, supervision and control, public administration, transportation, health care, banking, insurance, telecommunications, management of the environment, new technologies for information and communication.

### Publication

Selected papers will be proposed for publication (and refereed separately) in a feature issue of the European Journal of Operational Research (EJOR).

A specific publication for French, Italian, Spanish or Portuguese versions of the accepted papers is also foreseen in a special issue of the IN COGNITO journal.

### Important dates

Papers, proposals for sessions or panel discussions should be submitted by September 2002. Authors intending to submit to EJOR or IN COGNITO must provide this information in their abstract. Notification of acceptance will be given by the end of January 2003 for all types of proposals.

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**The European Association of OR  
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**EURO Summer Institute (ESI-XXI)**

**Stochastic and Heuristic Methods in Optimization  
 2003, July 25 - August 7, Neringa, Lithuania**

### Scope

The issues such as planning and optimization under uncertainty were begun to consider in the middle of the last century, however the existing experience remains more questions than offers ready methods and ways for practical solution. New methods that differ, at first sight, in initial hypotheses and methodology, still appear in journals and scientific events. We encourage those interested in the following topics to discuss a variety of these methods in order to gain a common attitude:

- new trends in stochastic linear and nonlinear optimization;
- neural networks for optimal decisions;
- genetic algorithms for optimization;
- optimization by the annealing method;
- taboo search in optimization;
- aspects of multi-mode and multi-objective optimization.

Contributions on other topics of optimization theory, methods and application are also welcome.

### Time and location

The duration of the ESI-2003 - two weeks, the Institute will be held in the Baltic seaside resort Neringa, Lithuania, on July 25-August 7, 2003. The lectures and sittings will be held in the Cultural Center of Neringa, Taikos 18, Neringa, Lithuania, telephone: +3759 52345.

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### Travel, Accommodation

The participants will be transferred from Vilnius to Neringa and back to Vilnius by bus (4-5 hours).

Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, is directly connected by plane with Amsterdam, Warsaw, Berlin, Copenhagen, London, Paris, Frankfurt/Main, Kiev, Riga, Stockholm, Tallinn and other cities in Europe. There is a convenient connection by train or bus with Warsaw, Berlin, Vienna, Praha, Riga, Moscow, Minsk.

The next way for travel to Neringa is through Klaipeda city, connected by ferries with other Baltic harbors.

The participants will be accommodated at the hotel "Jurate", Pamario st 3, Neringa, Lithuania, telephone: +3759 52618, +3759 52619, fax: +3759 51118 (daily rate 50-80 CHF).

### Social Program

The Baltic sea-side resort Neringa (Kursiu Nerija) is located on a sandy peninsula with wonderful beaches and places for walking, swimming and sport activities. The social program of the Institute includes:

- cheese party on the opening day, at Friday evening, July 25, 2003;
- excursion through the Kurshiu Nerija by bus on Sunday, July 27, 2003;
- bus tour to the sea side resort Palanga and the Klaipeda city, on Sunday, August 3, 2003;
- the farewell party at Thursday, August 7, 2003.

A diploma to be offered to the participants at the end of the event.

### Deadlines

- Circulation of information among O.R. Societies: May 25, 2002.
- Nomination of Candidates by O.R. Societies: March 25, 2003.
- Selection of Candidates by Scientific Committee: April 25, 2003.
- EURO Summer Institute ESI-2003: July 27 - August 9, 2003.
- Submission of the final version of papers for publication in EJOR: October 25, 2003.
- Presentation of manuscripts for a special EJOR volume to EJOR editors: March 2004.

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Dear Presidents of Member Societies of EURO,  
Dear EURO representatives,

This is to announce the deadline for submission of bids for  
General Support for the second semester of 2002.  
The following announcement has been posted on the EURO server  
on WWW (<http://www.euro-online.org>):

## General Support Deadline for the submission of bids for the second semester of 2002

The purpose of the "General Support funds" is to support any activity related to EURO that cannot be covered by other instruments of EURO. However, the "General Support fund" should not be used as a support to regular activities of the member societies (such as national meetings and conferences). Priority will always be given to:

- bids that give special consideration to the need of students (e.g. organiser of an event related to EURO willing to subsidise the participation of students),
- bids that give special consideration to the need of organisers of OR events in Central and Eastern Europe,
- bids that emanate from a member society of EURO or organisers of EURO sponsored events or organisers of events sponsored by a member society of EURO.

The bids are kept informal. They should however always contain a description of the project and a budget. They should mention the support that has been obtained or solicited from other sources. Although bids emanating from individuals (e.g. students willing to attend a Conference closely related to EURO) are, in principle, acceptable they will be given a very low priority. They are approved only in exceptional cases.

Organisers of events receiving General Support funds from EURO are required:

- to publicise the support of EURO in the documents of the Conference,
- to produce a report on the use of the funds no later than 3 months after the event,
- to accompany their report by all original receipts.

Bids for "EURO General Support funds" are examined twice a year on a competitive basis. For 2002 the budget allocated to this instrument is 10000 euros. We plan to spend half of this money for the second semester of 2002 (bids are not restricted to projects taking place during this period).

For the second semester of 2002, bids should be sent to the Secretary of EURO (Alexis Tsoukiàs, LAMSADE - CNRS, Université Paris Dauphine, 75775 Paris Cedex 16, France, Tel (direct): +33144054401, Fax: +33144054091, E-mail: [tsoukias@lamsade.dauphine.fr](mailto:tsoukias@lamsade.dauphine.fr)) before 1 June 2002.

Would you be so kind as to publicise this announcement and deadline as widely as possible?

Thanking you in advance, I remain  
Sincerely yours,

Alexis Tsoukiàs  
Secretary of EURO

EURO MEMBER SOCIETIES CORNER

Lisbon, 4th January, 2002

Dear Colleague,

Unfortunately, our colleague Isabel Themido who was vice-president of EURO (89-90 and 91-92) and president of the Portuguese OR society, APDIO (95-97) died last month.

Isabel Themido was associate professor of OR and Systems Engineering at IST-Technical University of Lisbon and Head of Research at CESUR-Centre of Urban and Regional System-IST.

She was quite well known by the OR national communities and her early death has left us with sorrow and regret.

A former student of IST (Chemical Engineering, 1974) and the University of Lancaster where she got her PhD on OR (1984), she was a source of energy and ideas, not just teaching and motivating students for the realm of OR and Systems Engineering but also promoting and leading research projects as well as consulting activities for Industry and Government.

During her last years of life, still fighting her irreversible illness, she has shown us, once again, her courage and commitment to pursue challenging missions such as the development of the school network mapping for the new country of East Timor, completed last November under a contract with World Bank.

She will remain in our personal and collective memory as a brilliant and trustful colleague and friend.

Yours,

Luís Valadares Tavares  
Full Professor of OR and Engineering at IST  
President of CESUR



## EURO MEMBER SOCIETIES CORNER

Dear Friends,

I am very very sad to announce that last Saturday March 16 our best friend Mario Lucertini suddenly died. Everyone knows Mario. He has been one of our more brilliant OR scientists and the current President of the Italian Inter university OR Group. But Mario has been first of all a real friend, his rare human features have made of him a guide for young scientists and a reference point for all of us.

We miss him very much.

I kindly ask you to announce this very sad new to the other friends and colleagues in Europe and the rest of the world.

Best regards.

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## EURO events calendar

2-5/04/02	Mini EURO	Decision Support Systems and HCP Brussels, Belgium jpbrans@vnet3.vub.ac.be <a href="http://www.DSS.Brussels-2002.vub.ac.be">http://www.DSS.Brussels-2002.vub.ac.be</a>
3-5/04/02	EWG	8th International Workshop on Project Management and Scheduling Valencia, Spain pms2002@uv.es <a href="http://www.adeit.uv.es/pms2002/">http://www.adeit.uv.es/pms2002/</a>
12-13/04/02	EWG	5th Distributed Decision Making Meeting Istanbul, Turkey Schneeweiss@bwl.uni-mannheim.de <a href="http://www.bwl.uni-mannheim.de/schneeweiss/ddm/ddm.html">http://www.bwl.uni-mannheim.de/schneeweiss/ddm/ddm.html</a>
30/05-01/06/02	EWG	EWG ECCO Lugano, Switzerland <a href="http://www.prism.uvsq.fr/~vdc/ECCO/">www.prism.uvsq.fr/~vdc/ECCO/</a>
10-12/06/02	Mini EURO	Abstract Submission and Time Schedule Bari, Italy Ewg2002@poliba.it <a href="http://www.poliba.it/ewg2002">http://www.poliba.it/ewg2002</a>
29/07-02/08/02	EWG	EWG ORAHS 2002 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil Mario_jo@pep.ufrj.br <a href="http://www.po.ufrj.br/~mario_jo/orahs2002/index.htm">http://www.po.ufrj.br/~mario_jo/orahs2002/index.htm</a>
21-23/08/02	EWG	The 4th International Conference for the Practice and Theory of Automated Timetabling Gent, Belgium ekb@cs.nott.ac.uk <a href="http://project.kahosl.be/patat2002/">http://project.kahosl.be/patat2002/</a>
23/08-1/09/02	ESWI	EURO Summer Institute XX Grainau, Germany EsiXX@bwl.tu-darmstadt.de
27-28/09/02	EWG	MODEST, Modelling of economies and societies in transition Warsaw, Poland nahorski@ibspan.waw.pl, owsinski@ibspan.waw.pl <a href="http://www.euro-online.org/wg/modest.html">http://www.euro-online.org/wg/modest.html</a>
5-7/05/03	Mini EURO	14th Mini-EURO Conference Human Centered Processes: Distributed Decision Making and Man-Machine Cooperation Luxembourg Hcp2003@cu.lu <a href="http://www.cu.lu/hcp2003">http://www.cu.lu/hcp2003</a>
6-10/07/03	EURO-k	EURO XIX Istanbul, Turkey Istanbul2003@boun.edu.tr <a href="http://www.istanbul2003.org">http://www.istanbul2003.org</a>
4-7/07/04	EURO-k	EURO XX Rhodes, Greece