

30/98/1/C

General Support Funds - Report for 1998

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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 budget for this instrument was CHF 10 000 for 1998 (see item 30/97/1/C in the minutes of the Council in Barcelona).

The deadline for the submission of bids for the “General Support” funds of EURO was widely announced to be:

- 30 November 1997 for the first semester of 1998,
- 30 May 1998 for the second semester of 1998.

Funds were allocated as follows.

- SOGESCI/BVWB – 2430 CHF to cover the cost of a video conference between Brussels and the AIRO Conference in Aosta : video transmission of the plenary lecture of L. Bianco (President of the CNR) and discussion.
- EURO XVI – 2500 CHF to support the attendance of participants from Central and Eastern Europe.
- CRORS (Croatia) : 2000 CHF to support the organisation of KOI’98 (supporting invited lecturers and supporting the publication of the proceedings).
- Department of Math of the University of Coimbra, Organiser of “Optimization 98” a conference supported by APDIO (Coimbra July 20-22 1998) : 2000 CHF to support the participation of students.
- FORS (Finland) : 1000 CHF in order to support the celebration of the 25th anniversary of FORS : writing the history of FORS and inviting guest speakers.

Please note that, for the second consecutive time in the - short - history of the General Support funds, we were not able to respond favourably to all bids. Some bids were rejected (individual bids) and some other were only partially funded.

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May 1998

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General Support Funds - Proposal

For the second consecutive time in the – short – history of “General Support funds”, it was not possible to respond favourably to all bids in 1998 within the budget limit of 10 000 CHF. The purpose of the “General Support funds” is to support any activity related to EURO that cannot be covered by other instruments of EURO. Priority is always given to:

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In contrast with this situation, EURO has an annual budget of 5000 CHF for “Conferences in Central and Eastern Europe” monitored by Jaap Spronk. This budget can be allocated to fund travel by speakers to a conference in Central or Eastern Europe organised jointly by an OR Society in that region and by a Western one – see minutes of Council meeting in Lisbon 07-93, item 3.93. Experience shows that these funds are never used and that organisers of events in Central and Eastern Europe regularly seek funds from General Support.

Therefore, I propose to the Council on behalf of the EC and in agreement with Jaap Spronk:

- to suppress the Central and Eastern Europe Conference item in the budget of EURO,
- to increase the budget of General Support up to 15 000 CHF per year.

Denis Bouyssou
May 1998