



Newsletter 33 of EUROPT

EUROPT - The Continuous Optimization Working Group of EURO

<http://europt.iam.metu.edu.tr/>

October 2015

In this issue:

• Words from the Chair	3
• Laudatio for Panos M. Pardalos, EUROPT fellow 2015	4
• Report of EUROPT Workshop 2015	5
• Forthcoming Events	7
• 14 th EUROPT Workshop on Advances in Continuous Optimization	7
• 28 th European Conference on Operational Research (EURO XXVIII)	10
• Journées SMAI-MODE 2016	13
• 2 nd International Conference and Summer School on Numerical Computations: Theory and Algorithms (NUMTA 2016)	15
• Call for chapter proposal	16
• EUROPT fellow 2016 - call for nominations	18
• Contact	19
• Editor's notes	20

Words from the Chair

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the EUROPT Managing Board let me welcome you to the 33rd EUROPT Newsletter.

A very nice EUROPT Workshop took place in July in Edinburgh. It gathered a lot of us for fruitful discussions and communications on future research. Please find some more information in the report on the 13th EUROPT Workshop on Advances in Continuous Optimization.

During EUROPT Workshop prof. Panos M. Pardalos was awarded EUROPT Fellow 2015. Let me congratulate him once again and I hope all of you will join me in this. Please find the laudatio to P. M. Pardalos in the Newsletter.

We hope to receive your nominations for the next EUROPT Fellow. Please find the call for nominations in this Newsletter. Please look at the nomination criteria in the call and send your nomination letters of no more than two pages describing on how these criteria are met together with a short CV of the candidate to me by January 31.

Please also find some announcements of future events including EUROPT Workshop 2016 and EURO 2016 - 28th European Conference on Operational Research.

Enjoy reading the Newsletter. If you have any thoughts on the Newsletter and material to be included please let us know.

Julius Žilinskas, Chair, EUROPT Managing Board

Vilnius University, Lithuania
julius.zilinskas@mii.vu.lt

Laudatio for Panos M. Pardalos, EUROPT fellow 2015



Panos M. Pardalos
University of Florida
Director, CAO
Industrial and Systems
Engineering
EUROPT fellowship 2015

Panos M. Pardalos is an outstanding researcher in the field of operations research including continuous optimization. He has been actively involved in theoretical as well as applied research. For his innovative ideas, research potential and organizational ability, he has achieved the title of “Distinguished Professor” at University of Florida.

Panos Pardalos made indelible contributions in the field of global optimization. He has authored 18 books, many of them are cited more than 100 times, “Introduction to Global Optimization” and “Handbook of Global Optimization” are cited approximately 1000 times each. He published 360 papers in journals and 170 in refereed books. He is among the most cited authors in Computer Science. He gave 340 invited talks, including invited plenary talks at recent conferences organized by EUROPT: 10th EUROPT Workshop on Advances in Continuous Optimization (2012) and 24th Mini EURO Conference on Continuous Optimization and Information-Based Technologies in the Financial Sector (2010).

P. Pardalos has contributed not only in the form of publications but also in the form of patents. He holds several patents including “Sensor registration by global optimization procedures”. His excellence in optimization and data mining fields often lead to solutions of particularly complex applied problems. He is uniquely qualified for leading such projects, e.g. he has been a consultant for AT&T Research for many years. Currently, his research models and ideas form a significant part of two startup companies.

He is an associate editor or member of editorial boards of around 25 research journals and until recently he was an editor-in-chief and founding editor of several journals publishing papers in continuous optimization: Journal of Global Optimization, Optimization Letters, Computational Management Science. Many EUROPT members are editorial board members of these journals. He is also editor of around 10 book series most on optimization. He edited more than 100 books and numerous special issues of journals.

P. Pardalos has received several academic awards including EURO Gold Medal; Honorary Doctor Degrees from Wilfrid Laurier University, V.M. Glushkov Institute of Cybernetics of The National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, and N.I. Lobachevski State University of Nizhni Novgorod; Senior Fulbright Specialist Award; Greek National Award and Gold Medal for Operations Research; IBM Achievement Award. He is a Fellow of INFORMS (Institute of Operations Research and the Management Sciences) and AAAS (American Association for the Advancement of Science); a Honorary/Foreign Member of Mongolian Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Petrovskaya Academy of Sciences and Arts of Russia, Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, and Reial Academia de Doctors in Spain.

For his outstanding results in continuous optimization Panos M. Pardalos is an excellent choice for EUROPT Fellow 2015.

Report of EUROPT Workshop 2015

<http://www.maths.ed.ac.uk/hall/EUROPT15/>

The 13th EUROPT Workshop on Advances in Continuous Optimization was held on 8-10 July, 2015 in Edinburgh. The conference was organized by Jacek Gondzio and Julian Hall (University of Edinburgh) with contributions from some members of the Organizing Committee and Programme Committee. This annual event of the EUROPT continuous optimization working group of EURO marked 15 years of EUROPT and was held in collaboration with the EURO 2015 conference in Glasgow on 12-15 July 2015.

Organizing Committee

Julian Hall (University of Edinburgh, Chair), Didier Aussel (University of Perpignan), Burak Büke (University of Edinburgh), Fabio Schoen (University of Florence), Sergio Garcia-Quiles (University of Edinburgh).

Programme Committee

Jacek Gondzio (University of Edinburgh, Chair), Immanuel Bomze (University of Vienna), Frédéric Bonnans (Ecole Polytechnique), Roger Fletcher (University of Dundee), Nick Gould (Rutherford Appleton Laboratory), Andreas Grothey (University of Edinburgh), Michal Kocvara (University of Birmingham), Peter Richtarik (University of Edinburgh), Tamas Terlaky (Lehigh University), Gerhard-Wilhelm Weber (Middle East Technical University), Julius Zilinskas (Vilnius University).

Attendance

The Workshop was attended by 144 people from the UK (24), Italy (20), Spain (16), Germany (14), France (12), Brazil (9), Turkey (8), USA (7), Portugal (6), Argentina (3), Austria (3), Czech Republic (3), Mexico (2), Netherlands (2), Poland (2), Romania (2) and one each from Belgium, Canada, Chile, Israel, Japan, Lithuania, Nigeria, Norway, Russia, Slovenia and Switzerland.

Scientific Programme

The scientific program consisted of 34 contributed sessions, comprising 110 talks of 25 minutes, and the following four plenary talks:

- Serge Gratton (CERFACS-IRIT, Toulouse): *Multilevel algorithms for large scale nonlinear optimization problems*
- Sven Leyffer (Argonne National Laboratory): *Mixed-Integer PDE-Constrained Optimization*
- Lieven Vandenbergh (University of California, Los Angeles): *Chordal graphs and sparse semidefinite optimization*
- EUROPT fellow Panos Pardalos (University of Florida): *Computational Models and Challenging Optimization Problems*

Social Programme

As respite from its scientific programme, the Workshop incorporated the following social events

- A welcome reception in the Fellows Library of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh
- A conference dinner in the Playfair Library Hall in the University of Edinburgh's Old College

Some participants relaxed after the Workshop by attending the Scottish Real Ale Festival.

Special issue of Mathematical Methods of Operations Research

Selected papers presented at EUROPT2015 will be considered for peer-reviewed publication in a special issue of Mathematical Methods of Operations Research entitled *Special issue on advances in continuous optimization* on the occasion of EUROPT 2015. Papers are required no later than 1 November 2015.

Sponsors

EUROPT supported the invited guest speakers, EUROPT members from weak currency countries and early stage researchers. Sponsorship from NAG was used to offer a lower conference fee for PhD students. Mosek supported the plenary talk by Lieven Vandenbergh. The meeting was also supported by a London Mathematical Society conference grant, the University of Glasgow Learning and Teaching Development Fund, and by the University of Edinburgh.

Next EUROPT Workshop

The 14th EUROPT Workshop will be held in Warsaw on 1-2 July 2016 and will be organised by Andrzej Stachurski (Warsaw University of Technology).

On behalf of the Organizing Committee

Julian Hall

University of Edinburgh



Picture from the conference dinner

Forthcoming Events

14th EUROPT Workshop on Advances in Continuous Optimization Warsaw, July 1-2, 2016

<http://www.europt2016.ia.pw.edu.pl/>



The 14th EUROPT 2016 Workshop on Advances in Continuous Optimization is the annual event of the EUROPT continuous optimization working group of EURO (The Association of European Operational Research Societies). It is organized in collaboration with the 28th annual EURO conference to be held in Poznań on July 3-6 2016.

The scope of the Workshop covers (but is not restricted to) the following topics:

- Linear and nonlinear local optimization
- Optimal control and applications
- Large-scale optimization
- Multi-objective optimization
- Mixed integer nonlinear optimization
- Robust optimization and applications
- Derivative-free optimization
- Semi-infinite programming
- Global optimization
- Stochastic optimization
- Complementarity and variational problems
- Optimization in data mining
- Conic optimization and semi-definite programming
- Optimization in industry, business and finance
- Complexity and efficiency of optimization algorithms
- Analysis and engineering of optimization algorithms
- Convex and non-smooth optimization

Programme Committee

- Regina Burachik (University of South Australia)
- Immanuel Bomze (University of Vienna)
- Joseph Frédéric Bonnans (Inria-Saclay and CMAP, Ecole Polytechnique)
- Sonia Cafieri (ENAC, University of Toulouse)
- YuHong Dai (LSEC, Institute of Computational Mathematics, Chinese Academy of Sciences)
- Roger Fletcher (University of Dundee)
- Jacek Gondzio (Edinburgh University)
- Andreas Grothey (University of Edinburgh)
- Dmitri Kvasov (University of Calabria)
- Irena Lasiecka (Memphis University, USA and Systems Research Institute, PAS)
- Juan Enrique Martinez-Legaz (University of Barcelona)
- Włodzimierz Ogryczak (Warsaw University of Technology, chair)
- Panos Pardalos (University of Florida)
- Roman SÅowiński (Poznan University of Technology)
- Oliver Stein (Karlsruhe Institute of Technology)
- Tatiana Tchemisova (University of Aveiro)
- Tamas Terlaky (Lehigh University)
- Gerhard-Wilhelm Weber (Middle East Technical University)
- Julius Zilinskas (Vilnius University)

Local Organizing Committee

- Janusz Granat
- Andrzej Karbowski
- Andrzej Stachurski (chair), A.Stachurski@ia.pw.edu.pl
- Tomasz Śliwiński
- Alicja Trojanowska

Contact

email: europa2016@ia.pw.edu.pl

webmaster e-mail: europa2016-webmaster@ia.pw.edu.pl

Conference Venue

Building of the Faculty of Electronics and Information Technology Warsaw University of Technology



Warsaw



28th European Conference on Operational Research (EURO XXVIII)
Poznan University of Technology, Poznan, Poland, July 3-6, 2016

<http://www.euro2016.poznan.pl/>



SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

We have the great pleasure of inviting you to take part in the 28th EURO Conference to be held in Poznan, Poland on 3-6 July, 2016.

The Program and Organizing Committees (<http://www.euro2016.poznan.pl/committees/>), chaired by Daniele Vigo and Joanna Józefowska, are preparing a high quality scientific program and an exciting social program for the Conference.

We are convinced that the EURO XXVIII Conference will be an excellent opportunity for the OR community to get together again in a pleasant atmosphere, and, thus, we are looking forward to meeting you in Poznan, the first capital of Poland, in 2016!

Plenary, Keynote & Tutorial Speakers

Plenary Speakers announced:

- Robert Aumann (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
- Dimitris Bertsimas (MIT)
- Rolf Möhring (TU Berlin)

In addition, several outstanding Keynote & Tutorial Speakers will present the state-of-the-art in Operations Research and outline pathways of its future developments. More information on their presentations will be announced soon. Please follow up further information at the EURO XXVIII Conference webpage (<http://www.euro2016.poznan.pl/speakers/>).

Call for papers and sessions

Researchers, academics, practitioners, and students interested in any branch of Operational Research, mathematical modelling or economic analysis are invited to submit abstracts or organize sessions.

Invited and contributed papers will be organized in parallel sessions. In general, sessions will be a part of the Conference streams, and streams are grouped in 25 areas. The list of areas and streams can be followed at: (<http://www.euro2016.poznan.pl/speakers/>)

No participant can present more than one paper at the Conference.

Abstract submission system is available online, via the Conference web page
(<http://www.euro2016.poznan.pl/abstract-submission/> or <https://www.euro-online.org/conf/euro28/>)

Abstracts: max. 1500 characters; submission deadline: March 1, 2016.

Researchers who wish to organize a stream or an invited session or contribute with a paper within an invited session should contact a PC member of the corresponding area.

Making an impact

Following the path successfully initiated in EURO 2015, we plan to continue the effort in bridging the gap between academics and practitioners in the OR/MS field by organizing several presentation streams and other activities within the “Making an Impact” initiative.

Important dates

Abstracts:

- Abstract submission start: Wednesday, October 1, 2015
- Abstract submission deadline: Tuesday, March 1, 2016

Registration:

- Registration and accommodation booking start: Monday, November 2, 2015
- Early registration deadline: Friday, April 1, 2016
- Author registration deadline: Friday, April 15, 2016

Registration fees

- Regular: 375 EUR (early); 500 EUR (late),
- Student: 200 EUR (early); 300 EUR (late),
- Accompanying persons: 130 EUR.
- Early registration ends April 1, 2016.

The regular/student registration fee includes:

- Participation in all sessions, and access to the exhibition area,
- Conference materials (Final Program, Book of Abstracts in appropriate format),
- Participation in the Welcome Reception, July 3,
- Coffee breaks and lunches, July 4-6,
- 3-day city public transportation card (with badges).

The registration fee for accompanying persons includes:

- Participation in the Welcome Reception,
- Lunches, July 4-6,
- Poznan City tour,
- 3-day city public transportation card (with badges).

The Gala dinner is charged separately, at 70 Euros per person.

Registration system will be available online from November 2, 2015 via the Conference web page (www.euro2016.poznan.pl/registration/).

Further information

For detailed information about Poznan, please, visit the Conference webpage
www.euro2016.poznan.pl/

Further proposals for Book or Software Exhibitions are welcome.

We look forward to welcoming you to our very exciting conference in Poznan!

Prof. Dr. Joanna Józefowska and Prof. Dr. Daniele Vigo

For any further information please contact:

Conference secretariat

Miedzynarodowe Targi Poznanskie sp. z o.o. / Poznan International Fair Ltd.
ul. Glogowska 14
60-734 Poznan, Polska / Poland
ph. + 48 61 869 29 38
email: euro2016@mtp.pl
web: www.euro2016.poznan.pl

Journées SMAI-MODE 2016

Toulouse, France, March 23-26, 2016

<http://mode2016.sciencesconf.org/>



Toulouse will host the *MODE - Mathematics of Optimization and Decision-Making - days* (Journées MODE) 2016 of SMAI - the French Applied and Industrial Mathematics Society-, 23 to 25 March 2016. This event will bring together many PhD students and researchers from academic and industrial areas around optimization and decision making. This will be an opportunity for the participants to present their research and initiate fruitful cooperation, as it was the case in previous editions.

More than a hundred participants are expected at the ENSEEIHT, one of the engineering schools of Toulouse, to exchange around the following themes:

- nonlinear analysis
- optimization
- optimal control
- game theory
- discrete mathematics
- operations research
- mathematical modeling in economics, finance and social sciences

Traditionally, the Conference participants come from many European countries; Germany, Italy, United Kingdom, for example. The conference includes five plenary speakers and around fifty presentations grouped into thematic sessions.

The conference is also an opportunity to award the “Dodu prize” to the best presentations of young researchers. This award is sponsored by the EDF society.

Scientific Committee

- M. F. Anjos (Montréal)
- D. Aussel (Perpignan)
- A. Briani (Tours)
- S. Charousset (EDF)
- R. Cominetti (Santiago)
- S. Gaubert (Paris) - chair

- J. Gergaud (Toulouse)
- S. Gratton (Toulouse)
- M. Haddou (Rennes)
- F. Malgouyres (Toulouse)
- I. Terrasse (AIRBUS)
- T. Tomala (HEC)

Organizing Committee

- L. Amodei (UPS)
- S. Cafieri (ENAC)
- O. Cots (INP)
- F. Gensbittel (UT1)
- J. Gergaud (INP) - chair
- S. Gratton (INP) - chair
- D. Henrion (LAAS)
- Y. Diouane (ISAE)
- J. Renault (UT1)
- D. Ruiz (INP)
- E. Simon (INP)

Important dates

- Call for Papers: October 5, 2015
- Registration opens: November 2, 2015
- Deadline for abstract submission and for applications for financial support for young researchers: 27 November 2015
- Answer: mid-January 2016
- Final program: January 22, 2016
- Late registration: from February 8, 2016
- Conference days: 23-25 March 2015 at the INP-ENSEEIH Toulouse

2nd International Conference and Summer School on Numerical Computations: Theory and Algorithms (NUMTA 2016)
Pizzo Calabro, Calabria, Italy, June 19-25, 2016

<http://si.dimes.unical.it/~yaro/numta2016>



We are happy to announce that NUMTA2016 - the 2nd International Conference and Summer School “Numerical Computations: Theory and Algorithms” will be held in Italy in the Premium All Inclusive Club Med Resort “Napitía”, June 19-25, 2016.

The goal of NUMTA2016 is to create a multidisciplinary round table for an open discussion on numerical modeling by using traditional and emerging computational paradigms. The Conference will discuss all aspects of numerical computations and modeling from foundations and philosophy of mathematics to advanced numerical techniques. New technological challenges and fundamental ideas from theoretical computer science, linguistic, logic, set theory, and philosophy of mathematics will meet requirements and new fresh applications from physics, chemistry, biology, and economy.

Continuous optimization is among the main topics of the Conference (see the web-page of the previous edition NUMTA2013: <http://si.dimes.unical.it/~yaro/numta2013>)

Proceedings will be published as a special volume of the world-renowned “**The American Institute of Physics (AIP) Conference Proceedings**”: <http://proceedings.aip.org>. Today, AIP Conference Proceedings contain over 100,000 articles published in 1,600+ proceedings and are currently indexed in leading databases: Web of Science, Scopus, and Inspec.

A **special issue** of the international journal **Applied Mathematics and Computation** (Impact Factor 2014 = 1.551) produced by Elsevier will be dedicated to the Conference.

Accommodation: Good prices have been obtained for the Conference participants: Euro 660 for 6 nights in a single room with the formula “Premium All Inclusive” (see http://www.clubmed.co.uk/cm/resort-napitia-italy_p-341-1-EN-v-NAPC-ac-vh.html). This means free food and alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks during meals and in bars, entertainment, sport activities, etc. The resort is very close to the International Lamezia Terme Airport: <http://www.lameziaairport.it/english>. A detailed information on accommodation will be available soon.

We look forward to welcoming you next year in Italy!

Prof. Yaroslav D. Sergeyev

Email: numta2016@dimes.unical.it

Call for chapter proposal

“Holistic Optimization Techniques in the Hospitality, Tourism, and Travel Industry”

A book edited by Pandian Vasant (Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS, Malaysia) and Kalaivanthan (Shangri-La's Rasa Sayang Resort & Spa and Golden Sands Resort, Malaysia)

<http://www.igi-global.com/publish/call-for-papers/call-details/1950>

Introduction

Holistic optimization techniques are well known in the research areas of engineering, science and technology. The current trends on application problems in engineering, science and technology are expanded in the areas of hotel, tourism and travel industry across the globe. This book chapter focuses on the best and high quality selected papers on the following research topics. The well-known and new methodologies on the holistic optimization techniques have been used to solve some of the complicated and hard problems in the areas of hotel, tourism and travel industry.

This book chapter project will be open for interested authors in hotel management, social science, hospitality management areas to submit their manuscripts. It would also cover the best chapters from the research areas of information technology and computer science which are related to hotel, tourism and travel industry. The book chapter mainly focuses on new development and contribution of the current research to the body of the knowledge in the areas of hotel, tourism and travel industry which are related to internet and computer technology.

Objective of the Book

The objective of the book is to explore the emerging innovative and novel technology on Holistic Optimization Techniques in the Hospitality, Tourism, and Travel Industry.

Target Audience

The prospective audience of the book “Holistic Optimization Techniques in the Hospitality, Tourism, and Travel Industry” will be decision makers, managers, supervisors, executives, travelers, tourist, hoteliers, agents, researchers, directors, financiers, economics as well as industrialist.

Recommended topics

For the book chapters, we seek original work that has not been published or considered for publication of topics such as, but not limited to:

Linear programming; Non-linear programming; Optimization; Dynamic programming; Mathematical programming; Simplex method; Classical optimization; Combinatorial optimization; Continuous optimization; Fuzzy computing; Evolutionary optimization; Swarm Intelligence; Hybrid optimization; Collaborative techniques; Cooperative optimization; Constraint programming; Unconstrained optimization; Network approaches; Service management; Budget hotel; Customer experience; Hotel performance; Financial orientation; Entrepreneurial orientation; Hotel pricing; Room product ; F&B product; Guest satisfaction; Foodservice; Hotel amenities; Revenue management; Tourism experience; Tourism and hospitality; Sustainable development; Internal market; Seaside resorts; Global-local interactions; Package tours; Tourism networks; Tourist mobility; Benefits of travel; Important of traveling; Travel constraints; Travel behavior; Travel purchases; Luxury cruise; Holiday trips; Trip planning; E-mail contacts; Airport taxi;

Wifi, fax, Photocopy services; Check-in and Check out; Restaurants and Bars; Luggage storage; Credit card payment; Parking; Housekeeping service; Online Booking; Reception; Room service; Hotel reservation; Internet advertisement; Weblink hotels; Customer service; Travel agent; Review of hotel; Room rate; Airport security; Air fair; Travel insurance; Guided tour; Holiday planning.

Submission Procedure

Researchers and practitioners are invited to submit on or before December 15, 2015, a chapter proposal of 1,000 to 2,000 words clearly explaining the mission and concerns of his or her proposed chapter. Authors will be notified by January 10, 2016 about the status of their proposals and sent chapter guidelines. Full chapters are expected to be submitted by February 28, 2016, and all interested authors must consult the guidelines for manuscript submissions at <http://www.igi-global.com/publish/contributor-resources/before-you-write/> prior to submission. All submitted chapters will be reviewed on a double-blind review basis. Contributors may also be requested to serve as reviewers for this project.

Note: There are no submission or acceptance fees for manuscripts submitted to this book publication, Holistic Optimization Techniques in the Hospitality, Tourism, and Travel Industry. All manuscripts are accepted based on a double-blind peer review editorial process.

All proposals should be submitted through the E-Editorial DiscoveryTM online submission manager.

Publisher

This book is scheduled to be published by IGI Global (formerly Idea Group Inc.), an international academic publisher of the “Information Science Reference” (formerly Idea Group Reference), “Medical Information Science Reference”, “Business Science Reference”, and “Engineering Science Reference” imprints. IGI Global specializes in publishing reference books, scholarly journals, and electronic databases featuring academic research on a variety of innovative topic areas including, but not limited to, education, social science, medicine and healthcare, business and management, information science and technology, engineering, public administration, library and information science, media and communication studies, and environmental science. For additional information regarding the publisher, please visit www.igi-global.com. This publication is anticipated to be released in 2016.

Important Dates

- December 15, 2015: Proposal Submission Deadline
- January 10, 2016: Notification of Acceptance
- February 28, 2016: Full Chapter Submission
- April 30, 2016: Review Results Returned
- June 15, 2016: Final Acceptance Notification
- June 30, 2016: Final Chapter Submission

EUROPT fellow 2016 - call for nominations

EUROPT honors outstanding researchers in continuous optimization by awarding the EUROPT Fellowship. The Fellowship is presented to the awarded researcher annually, at the EUROPT Workshop. The Fellow is invited to present the EUROPT Fellow Lecture as a plenary talk at the Workshop.

Each EUROPT member is eligible to nominate candidates for the Fellowship. The nomination must include a nomination letter of no more than two pages and a short CV of the candidate. The nomination material must be sent in electronic form to the current Chair of the EUROPT Managing Board no later than January 31 in the year when the Fellowship will be awarded.

The EUROPT Managing Board serves as selection committee. Based on the nominations and the resulting votes, the selection committee chooses the EUROPT Fellow.

To be nominated as EUROPT Fellow, a researcher must satisfy one or both of the following criteria:

1. Outstanding scientific contributions to continuous optimization, such as original theoretical results, innovative applications, and/or successful software development.
2. Outstanding administrative contributions to the continuous optimization community, in particular to EUROPT, such as organizing conferences, special issues, and serving at editorial boards of international scientific journals.

Members of EUROPT MBs as well as honorary chairs are not eligible to be nominated.

The photo gallery of all previous EUROPT Fellows is presented at the EUROPT web page <http://europt.iam.metu.edu.tr/>.

Please send your nominations to julius.zilinskas@mii.vu.lt by January 31, 2016.

Contacts

EUROPT: <http://europt.iam.metu.edu.tr/>

People wishing to send a message to the EUROPT mailing list should contact our web administrator Semih Kuter semihkuter@yahoo.com. The message will then be distributed upon approval by the EUROPT Managing Board.

For specific questions, the members of the Managing Board can be contacted:

- Julius Žilinskas, chair julius.zilinskas@mii.vu.lt
- Tatiana Tchemisova, vice chair tatiana@ua.pt
- Regina Burachik, website editor Regina.Burachik@unisa.edu.au
- Sonia Cafieri, newsletter editor sonia.cafieri@enac.fr
- Andreas Grothey, communications coordinator A.Grothey@ed.ac.uk
- Dmitri Kvasov, events coordinator kvadim@si.dimes.unical.it
- Oliver Stein, treasurer stein@kit.edu

Editor's notes

Dear members of EUROPT, dear readers,

In this Autumn edition of the Newsletter, we are glad to provide a report on the last EUROPT Workshop, that took place in Edinburgh, and during which we had the pleasure to award Panos M. Pardalos EUROPT Fellow 2015. A laudatio by our chair is included in this Newsletter, as well as a call for nominations for the next Fellow.

A number of events of interest for our community, that will take place in 2016, including the next EUROPT Workshop, have been recently announced. We are pleased to advertise these events, hoping in a wide participation.

As always, I would like to encourage the readers to contribute to the Newsletter sharing any valuable information for our community. A section explaining how to contact us has been included in this Newsletter to make this information sharing easier.

With many thanks to everybody who contributed to this issue.

The Newsletter Editor

Sonia Cafieri

ENAC, University of Toulouse, France
sonia.cafieri@enac.fr