

My view on the EATCS action.

EATCS, the European Association for Theoretical Computer Science, plays an important role in Europe for researchers in theoretical computer science. Its main conference, ICALP, together with other sponsored conferences, are important meeting places for the community. Also, the various awards supported by EATCS are important recognitions (and are received as such).

At a time where TCS feels a bit less supported (it is at least my feeling in France with CNRS competitions, where more applied profiles are searched for), I feel it as important to have this strong and live community in Europe.

There is one particular aspect of EATCS action that I would like to stress: I attended the first EATCS summer school in Telč in 2014. While there exist many summer schools in all countries, I found it the summer-school-to-go for young researchers working in the domain of Automata, Logic and Games, or willing to learn about this domain. I really believe the EATCS should support young researchers in TCS, and especially PhD students; and organizing summer (or any season) schools, on various TCS topics, seems important to me.

I also feel pretty concerned with access to scientific publications, in particular with open access. I believe this is the role of associations like the EATCS to look for ways of open-access publications, cheap for everyone (the authors, the conference organizers and the readers).

Finally, I think that we should encourage video recording of invited talks at ICALP (or even more generally in sponsored conferences), so that interested people could listen to it after the conference. This is systematically done at Collège de France (see <http://www.college-de-france.fr/site/en-college/index.htm> then click on “Teachings”), and it has been done punctually at ETAPS 2016 (see <https://www.etaps.org/index.php/2016/invited-speakers>). I think this is very instructive and profitable; technical aspects and costs might be problematic, though.

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