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1. NEWS ABOUT EURO K.

K = 1 : EURO 1, the first Congress on Operations Research jointly organized by the European O.R. Societies was held in Brussels on January 27-29th 1975.

Most of the classical topics of O.R. were treated during this Conference, but recent themes so as Fuzzy Sets and Multicriteria Analysis were also discussed.

105 papers were presented during 36 sessions. Some of them were devoted to theory (Mathematical Programming, Branch and Bound Methods, Queuing Theory, Game Theory...) but there were also important sessions devoted to practical applications (Decision Making in the public sector, Health Services, Production Control...).

More than 450 participants registered. Most of them came from Western Europe, but here were also some people from Eastern Europe, Africa, Australia, Canada, Israël and the United States.

K = 2 : The EURO II Congress will probably be organized in Sweden in the Winter 1976/77.

2. NEWS FROM THE EURO ASSOCIATION.

EURO I was the first visible result of common activities of the European Operations Research Societies. In its framework an agreement was signed by eleven European Operations Research Societies establishing the **European Association of the International Federation of Operations Research Societies, the EURO ASSOCIATION.**

The Preamble of this agreement expressing the intention of its founders reads as follows :

«In the belief that the purpose of Operational Research is to improve the well-being of people by improving the relevance and effectiveness of the institutions and organisations which serve them ; that it seeks to do so by means of the rational methods of science exercised by representatives of divers disciplines working together, each supporting the others ; that

this co-operation which respects no boundaries between disciplines should respect no boundaries between peoples; and that the Operational Research Societies of Europe should more closely cooperate one with another to further the theory and practice of Operational Research; we the authorised representatives of our several societies make this Agreement to establish the European Association of the International Federation of Operations Research Societies».

The next meeting of this association will be held in Amsterdam on May 8th.

3. MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, CONGRESSES.

- 7th International Conference on Operations Research (I.F.O.R.S.), Tokyo-Kyoto, Japan, Juli 17-23, 1975.
Information : Operations Research Society of Japan,
Gakkai-Center Bldg, 2-4-16- Yagoi, Bunkyo-Ku,
Tokyo 113, Japan.
- A Colloquim devoted to GAME THEORY will be held in the University of Brussels on May 29-30, 1975.
Information : Institut de Statistique, U.L.B.,
Avenue Franklin Roosevelt, 1050 Brussels, Belgium.
- MINI 75 : Mini and Microcomputers and their applications, June 2-5, 1975, Kongresshaus, Zurich, Switzerland. Call for papers : abstracts to be send before April 11.
Information : Institute for Automatic Control,
Swiss Federal Institute of Technology,
Physikstrasse, 3,
CH - 8006 Zurich, Switzerland.
- SIMULATION 75 :
 - International symposium and a short Course, June 23-26, 1975. Call for papers : abstracts to be send before April 18.
Information : see MINI 75.
- **The O.R. Society of Great-Britain** is holding a two-day Conference in London jointly with the Institute of Fuel on 15th-16th April. The subject is «Understanding Energy Systems» and papers are being given by representatives from all major providers of energy in the U.K. In all 14 papers are to be read, their purpose being to underline the systems approach to the energy problem. **The North East of England and the Scottish O.R. Societies** are holding a joint Conference in Edinburgh University on 11th April. The subject is «Models in Action» and there will be a presentation of six computer models that have been succesfully implemented.

Information : O.R. Society, Neville House,
Waterloo Street,
Birmingham B2 5TX, Great-Britain.
- NOAK 75 : The fifth Nordic Congress in Operations Research, Oslo, October 20-21, 1975. Theme : Operations Research and Management. Call for papers : abstracts to be send before April 15.
Information : Dipl. Ø.K. Erik Engebretsen,
Oslo Institute of Business Administration,
Frysjaveien, 33C, Oslo 8, Norway.
- The Swiss and the German O.R. Societies (SVOR and DGOR) organize jointly their annual meeting in Bern on September 17-19, 1975. Theme : O.R. in Switzerland. Call for papers : abstracts to be send before April 18.
Information : SVOR Geschäftsstelle,
Postfach 57, 3000 Bern 25, Switzerland.
- A workshop devoted to «Short-Dated and Financial Forecasting» will be organized by the section «O.R. - Decision Aid» of AFCET (France) at the Hotel Sofitel Sevres Paris on April 15.
Information : AFCET Mlle Jouanneau,
156 Bd. Pereire, 75017 Paris, France.

— The Section «O.R. - Decision Aid» of AFCET organize BLOTTO Seminars on :

- Génétique animale (élevage chevalin)
- Implantation des équipements sportifs et des loisirs
- Transport vertical (ascenseurs, élévateurs)
- Alimentation du bétail.

Information : G. Gomes or Mr. Barbier,
Auroc,
33 quai Galliéni,
92 Suresnes, France.

— Conference on «Multi Criteria Decision Making», May 21-23, 1975, Jouy en Josas, France.

Information : Professor Stanley Zions,
European Institute for Advanced Studies in Management,
20, Place Stéphanie, 1050 Brussels, Belgium.

4. WORKING GROUPS.

— As another attempt to improve communication in the area of Operational Research in Europe, the following European Working Groups were started during EURO I in Brussels.

- Energy Problems
- O.R. in Banking
- Fuzzy Decisions and Fuzzy Systems
- O.R. in Health Services
- O.R. in Education
- Multi Criteria Decision Making
- Dynamic Programming

Information : concerning the Working Groups or other activities can be obtained by writing to Professor H. J. Zimmermann, President of the EURO Association.

— European Working Group : O.R. in Health Services.

First meeting : Exeter, Great-Britain, September 1-2, 1975.

Information : Mr. Duncan Boldy, Institute of Biometry,
Medicine, University of Exeter, Bowmoor House,
Dryden Road, Exeter, Great-Britain.

— European Working Group : O.R. in Banking.

Information : P.G. Hirsch, Inter Bank Research Organization,
Moor House, London Wall,
London EC 2Y 5 ET, Great-Britain.

— French Working Group : Combinatorial Programming (AFCET).

Next meeting : June 12, 1975. Transport and Distribution Problems.

Information : M. Pla, S.N.C.F. Direction du Transport TER,
20, rue de Rome, 75008 Paris, France.

— French Working Group : Production Management.

Next meeting : June 5-6, 1975, Toulouse.

Information : G. Doumeingts, G.R.A.I. - I.U.T.,
Génie Mécanique, 33405 Talence, France.

5. PUBLICATIONS.

- New Journal : «Journal of Computational and Applied Mathematics».

Information and papers : Mr. F. Broeckx, Ruca,
Middelheimlaan 1, B-2020 Antwerpen, Belgium.

- A European Journal on Operations Research is under discussion.

- The EURO I proceedings limited to the abstracts of the papers will be published soon.

- The preprints of the following Congresses and Symposia are still available :

- «Aide à la décision», AFCET, Paris, May 15-17, 1974.
- «Project Management», INTERNET, Paris, September 30 - October 1, 1974.
- «Régulation du Traffic et Système de transport», IFAC, IFIP, IFORS, Monte Carlo, September 16-21, 1974.

Information : AFCET France,
156, Bd. Pereire, BP 571, 75826 Paris, Cedex 17, France.

6. MISCELLANEOUS.

- Charter flights at discounted rates are organized from Europe to Japan for the 7th IFORS meeting of July 17-23, 1975.

Information : — France : 2 trips (FF 5900 and 7200)
Mr. Jacquet, 1 Square Max Hymans, 75015 Paris.
— Great-Britain : 4 trips (£ 443, 470, 480, 593)
Mrs. Margaret Kinnaird, 16 Anchor Down, Solvia,
Penbrokshire, Wales.

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- 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
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before April 15th.

Thank you for your cooperation.