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PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT

# EURO 2001

*the European Operational Research conference*

*Rotterdam, the Netherlands, July 9-11, 2001*

**information & registration:**

**[www.euro2001.org](http://www.euro2001.org)**

**mail to [info@euro2001.org](mailto:info@euro2001.org)**

**A conference with:**

All OR topics

Special attention to Smart Logistics

Company visits

Europe's cultural capital of 2001

Port of Rotterdam experience

Financial Risk Management Seminar in Amsterdam.

*Location:*

*Erasmus University Rotterdam*

*Program committee:*

*Prof. dr. L.N. Van Wassenhove (chair)*

*Organizing committee:*

*Prof. dr. J.A.E.E. van Nuenen (chair)*



ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN OPERATIONAL RESEARCH SOCIETIES

# EURO 2001 Conference

The eighteenth conference of the Association of European Operations Research Societies will be a forum for academics and business on recent developments in OR

The conference will take place at the Erasmus University in the logistic "mainport" Rotterdam, The Netherlands, on July 9-11, 2001. Besides the exchange of knowledge on all OR topics and tutorial sessions on "smart logistics and innovative operations", many company visits and invited sessions will enrich the conference.

The modern conference site is situated on the campus of the Erasmus university in Rotterdam, the city with the largest port in the world and 2001's European cultural capital. Moreover, a post conference seminar on financial risk management will take place in Amsterdam.

## Registration

Use preferably our web site to register electronically, otherwise ask for register card (see : further information).

Fees	Early	Late
Regular	300 euro	350 euro
Student	200 euro	250 euro

## Abstract Submission

Please refer to our web site for submission instructions, otherwise ask for abstract submission instructions (see : further information).

## Further Information

E-mail: [info@euro2001.org](mailto:info@euro2001.org)  
 Web site: [www.euro2001.org](http://www.euro2001.org)  
 Fax: +31 10 408 92 22

## Deadlines

Abstract submission  
 March 1, 2001

## Early Registration

May 1, 2001



## Mini EURO Conferences and ORP<sup>3</sup> call for proposals

Dear Colleagues, I would like to draw your attention to two EURO initiatives, the Mini EURO Conferences and the new ORP<sup>3</sup>-conferences for young people organised by young people.

The Mini EURO Conferences, introduced in 1984 are specialised conferences on a particular promising OR theme for a limited audience of specialists. Up to now 11 such conferences were held on themes like Management and Modelling of Dynamic Systems, Expert Systems, Transportation, Risk Management and many others. For a complete list see the EURO homepage

[http://www.ulb.ac.be/euro/euro\\_welcome.html](http://www.ulb.ac.be/euro/euro_welcome.html)

The next Mini EURO Conference is planned for April 2002 on Decision Support Systems and will take place in Brussels.

EURO offers financial assistance to the organisers of a Mini EURO Conference: it gives a loan for printing costs of conference material and it offers financial assistance for participants coming from Eastern European countries.

We are looking forward to receiving proposals for future Mini EURO Conferences. Any member of any member society of EURO can make a proposal for organising a Mini EURO conference. Guidelines are available from the Secretary of EURO or from vice-president 2. These proposals have to be approved by the EURO Executive Committee.

Moreover, I would like to draw your attention to the new initiative of ORP<sup>3</sup>-conferences. The first ORP<sup>3</sup>-conference will be held from September 26-29, 2001 in Paris. ORP<sup>3</sup>, the Operational Research Peripatetic Post-graduate Programme is intended as a forum for young OR researchers and practitioners to promote scientific and Professional exchanges. ORP<sup>3</sup> is a conference hosted by a renowned European centre of OR. The organisation of this postgraduate programme lies entirely in the hands of young OR people in the hosting centre. Proposals for the next ORP<sup>3</sup>-conference which is planned for 2003 are welcome.

As EURO vice-president 2 responsible for these two initiatives I am ready to give you any advice and support. My co-ordinates are:

Prof. Dr. Rainer Burkard  
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Proposals for Mini EURO Conferences as well as for ORP<sup>3</sup>-conferences should be made such that they can be discussed and decided on the next EURO Council meeting. Our next EURO Council meeting will be at the EURO meeting in Rotterdam on July 8, 2001. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

**Rainer E. Burkard**, Vice-President 2



# Organisation of a Mini EURO Conference

## Mini EURO Conference (MEC) guidelines

### Principles

EURO supports Mini EURO Conferences, specialised conferences on a particular promising O.R. theme for a limited audience of specialists. Mini EURO Conferences are a good framework for the specialists of a particular field of research to participate in a meeting where the screening of papers can be more effective and participation in the debates can be more lively than at larger meetings.

EURO has agreed to support two Mini EURO Conferences a year. National Societies, Working Groups and O.R. workers can make a proposal to organise a Mini EURO Conference. It is therefore an instrument that provides opportunities for many members to get involved in the activities of our Association. Those interested in organising such a conference are requested to complete the enclosed form. All proposals will be submitted to the EURO Executive Committee.

### Financial Assistance

EURO offers financial assistance to the organisers of a Mini EURO Conference for printing a call for papers (10.000 copies) and a scientific programme (500 copies). The call for papers will be distributed to all EURO members through the National O.R. Societies. This financial assistance is a loan and not a gift. It must be refunded to EURO. EURO is covering no losses, but is requesting no profits. Financial assistance up to 5000 CHF can be obtained for covering the costs of Eastern European participants to the conference. For applying EURO's support the budget proposal must be enclosed in the application. In the end of the conference the original receipts with a detailed account of the support to Eastern European participants must be sent to Vice-President 2 of EURO.

### Publications of the Proceedings

EURO encourages the organisers to offer the Proceedings of a Mini EURO Conference to be published in a special issue of EJOR, the European Journal of Operational Research. However, this has to be discussed with the Editors of EJOR and approved by them.

## Previous Mini EURO Conferences

First Mini EURO Conference	Belgium - Bruges	Management and Modelling of Dynamic Systems, 1984.
Second Mini EURO Conference	The Netherlands - Lunteren	Expert Systems and Artificial Intelligence in Decision Support Systems: An Operations Research Interface to Management, 1985.
Third Mini EURO Conference	Yugoslavia - Herceg Novi	O.R. Methods in Transport Planning and Traffic Control, 1987.
Fourth Mini EURO Conference	United Kingdom - Warwick	Visual Interactive Modelling, 1988.
Fifth Mini EURO Conference	Greece - Thessaloniki	Managing Business Opportunities in the Changing Balkan Markets, 1993
Sixth Mini EURO Conference	Belgium - Liège	Risk Management, 1994.
Seventh Mini EURO Conference	Belgium - Bruges	Decision Support Systems, Groupware, Multimedia, Electronic Commerce, 1997.
Eighth Mini EURO Conference	Greece - Thessaloniki	3rd Balkan Conference on Operational Research, 1995.
Ninth Mini EURO Conference	Yugoslavia - Budva	Fuzzy sets in Traffic and Transport Systems, 1997
Tenth Mini EURO Conference	France - Brest	Human Centred Processes, 1999
Eleventh Mini EURO Conference	Finland - Helsinki	Artificial Intelligence in Transportation Systems and Science, 1999

# Mini EURO Conference Information Sheet

National OR Society of:.....

Theme of the Conference:.....

Dates and Location:.....

Organising Committee:.....

Programme Committee:.....

Chair of the Conference (contact address):

Name:.....

Address:.....

Phone:.....

Fax:.....

E-mail:.....

Signature and date:

Financial assistance requested (in Swiss Francs)\*.....

Loan:.....

Subsidies:.....

(Available once the cfp has been printed, not before.)

(The loan is to be refunded to EURO after the Conference.)

Additional information:.....

\* If financial assistance is requested, a budget must also be presented.

# Budget Proposal for a Mini EURO Conference (In Swiss francs (CHF))

## A. Income

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Registration fee: CHF ..... Expected number: .....

Registration fees: CHF .....

Sponsorship: 1 ..... CHF .....

2 ..... CHF .....

3 ..... CHF .....

Total Income: CHF .....

## B. Expense

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### 1) Printing

Call for papers (10.000 copies): CHF .....

Invitation programme (5000 copies): CHF .....

Final programme (500 copies): CHF .....

Abstract booklet (300 copies): CHF .....

List of participants (300 copies): CHF .....

Total printing costs CHF .....

### 2) Mailing

3) Rooms, equipment: CHF .....

4) Supplies (telephone, copies, insurance, etc.): CHF .....

5) Refreshments: CHF .....

6) Wages (secretary, hostesses): CHF .....

7) Guest speakers (travel, accommodation, luncheon): CHF .....

8) Conference Committee: CHF .....

9) Support for eastern European participants: CHF .....

Total expense: CHF .....

## C. Expected Profit

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CHF .....

## General Support

# Deadline for the submission of bids for the second semester of 2001

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 2001 the budget allocated to this instrument is CHF 15 000. We plan to spend half of this money for the second semester of 2001 (bids are not restricted to projects taking place during this period).

For the second semester of 2001, bids should be sent to the Secretary of EURO:

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E-mail: [tsoukias@lamsade.dauphine.fr](mailto:tsoukias@lamsade.dauphine.fr)

**before 1 June 2001**

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

**Alexis Tsoukiàs**  
Secretary of EURO

## EURO MEMBER SOCIETIES CORNER

This corner is devoted to news passed on by EURO Member societies to the EURO Bulletin. In view of its international scientific status, EURO reserves the right not to publish in its bulletin any statement that is only slightly (or not at all) related to Operational Research.

# MIC'2001 4th Metaheuristics International Conference 16-20 July 2001, Porto, Portugal 2nd announcement

Conference supported by the University of Porto (Faculty of Engineering),  
and APDIO (the Portuguese Operations Research Society) <http://www.mic2001.com>

### Conference Information

#### Scope and objectives

MIC'2001 aims at bringing together researchers in several fields (operations research, management science, computer science, artificial intelligence) to present and discuss the more recent advances in the theory and application of metaheuristics, including genetic algorithms, greedy randomised adaptive search procedures, neural networks, simulated annealing, taboo search, and other hybrid approaches to solving hard combinatorial problems.

#### Organising committee

Jorge P. Sousa (chairman), Ana Viana, A. Miguel Gomes, Helena Correia, João Claro, José F. Oliveira, José S. Ferreira, M. Antónia Carravilla, Pedro Borges.

#### Programme committee

Jorge P. Sousa (Portugal) - Chairman, Jacek Blazewicz (Poland), Edmund Burke (UK)  
Theo Crainic (Canada), Jacques Desrosiers (Canada), José S. Ferreira (Portugal), Dominique Fortin (France), Michel Gendreau (Canada), Fred S. Glover (USA), Peter Greistorfer (Austria), Toshihide Ibaraki (Japan), Pierre Hansen (Canada), Martine Labbé (Belgium)  
Arne Lokketangen (Norway), Helena R. Lourenço (Spain), Nelson Maculan (Brazil)  
Pablo Moscato (Brazil), Heinz Muehlenbein (Germany), José F. Oliveira (Portugal), Ibrahim Osman (Lebanon), Gérard Plateau (France), Colin Reeves

(UK), César Rego (USA), Maurício Resende (USA), Celso C. Ribeiro (Brazil), Catherine Roucairol (France), Eric Taillard (Switzerland), Jacques Teghem (Belgium), Vicente Valls (Spain), Stefan Voss (Germany), Marino Widmer (Switzerland).

#### Invited Speakers

Fred S. Glover (University of Colorado at Boulder, USA) - title to be announced; Celso C. Ribeiro (Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) - title to be announced; Stefan Voss (Technical University of Braunschweig, Germany) - title to be announced.

#### Important dates

Submission of extended abstracts (5/6 pages, precise format to be defined): from 1 February to 12 March 2001

Early registrations: 22 April 2001

Event date: 16-20 July 2001 (Monday to Friday)

Submission of full papers for publication in the conference book: 27 July 2001.

### Registration and Accommodation

#### Fees

Conference Fees (including proceedings book and general conference materials, coffee breaks, lunches, guided tour and conference dinner): early registration by April 22nd, 2001: euro 380; late registration: euro 450. We hope to be able to offer special conditions for full-time students.

**Pre-registration**

For planning purposes, potential participants are kindly requested to pre-register for the conference, as soon as possible please use the pre-registration form on the MIC'2001 homepage, available at: <http://www.mic2001.com>

**Accommodation**

In Porto, lodging conditions are good and at quite reasonable prices. Arrangements are being made in order to offer the participants a good range of hotels.

**Abstract Submission**

Submission of extended abstracts (5/6 pages, precise format to be defined): from 1 February to 12 March 2001.

Submission of full papers for the conference book to be published by Kluwer: 27 July 2001.

**Useful Information****Conference location**

The conference will be held at Fundação Dr. António Cupertino de Miranda, in a nice, odern part of the city. This foundation is located in front of the City Park of Porto, near the sea and the river Douro, not far from the main hotels, and the historical centre of the city.

**About Porto**

Getting to Porto is easy and convenient. There are direct flights from all major European cities, and from all over the world, via Lisbon or via Madrid. Porto is an ancient historical city (the old part of the town and the main monuments were classified as World Heritage by UNESCO), with a lot of interesting sites and monuments, leisure facilities, and very good well-known gastronomy (it is also famous for the excellent wines produced in the region, mainly Port Wine).

Porto is the centre of a culturally and naturally rich region that gathers together history, arts and nature (sea and mountains); it is a perfect starting point for tourist excursions (of various durations and flavours). As European Capital of Culture, during 2001, Porto will hold hundreds of very high quality artistic and cultural events (with a lot of concerts and exhibitions).

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## EURO events calendar

29-30/03/01	EWG	Multicriteria Aid For Decisions, Athens, Greece mcda53@mail.ntua.gr <a href="http://www-liee.chemeng.ntua.gr/MCDA_53/">http://www-liee.chemeng.ntua.gr/MCDA_53/</a>
25-27/04/01	EWG	EUROFUSE Workshop on Preference Modelling and Applications, Granada, Spain viedma@decsai.ugr.es <a href="http://decsai.ugr.es/~viedma/Eurofuse2001">http://decsai.ugr.es/~viedma/Eurofuse2001</a>
18-20/05/01	EWG	Euro Working Group on Decision Support Systems, Cascais, Portugal rr@di.fct.unl.pt <a href="http://ssdi.di.fct.unl.pt/~rr/ewgdss">http://ssdi.di.fct.unl.pt/~rr/ewgdss</a>
31/05-2/06/01	EWG	European chapter on combinatorial optimization, Bonn, Germany e.pesch@uni-bonn.de <a href="http://www.bwl3.uni-bonn.de/pesch/ECCO.htm">http://www.bwl3.uni-bonn.de/pesch/ECCO.htm</a>
9-11/07/01	EURO-k	EURO XVIII Conference, Rotterdam, The Netherlands info@euro2001.org <a href="http://www.euro2001.org">http://www.euro2001.org</a>
9-11/07/01	EWG	Methodology for Handling Complex Societal Problems, Rotterdam, The Netherlands detombe@tbm.tudelft.nl <a href="http://www.tbm.tudelft.nl/webstaf/detombe/index.htm">http://www.tbm.tudelft.nl/webstaf/detombe/index.htm</a>
29/07-03/08/01	EWG	Operational Research Applied to Health Services, Vienna, Austria marion.rauner@univie.ac.at <a href="http://www.bwl.univie.ac.at/bwl/inno/orahs2001.html">http://www.bwl.univie.ac.at/bwl/inno/orahs2001.html</a>
09-19/09/01	ESWI	Decision analysis and artificial intelligence, Toulouse, France Patrice.Perny@lip6.fr Alexis.Tsoukias@lamsade.dauphine.fr <a href="http://www-poleia.lip6.fr/~perny/ESI2001">http://www-poleia.lip6.fr/~perny/ESI2001</a>
26-29/09/01	ORP3	Conference for young OR researchers, Paris, France bouyssou@essec.fr <a href="http://www.orp3.com">http://www.orp3.com</a>
4-5/10/01	EWG	Multicriteria Aid For Decisions, Durbuy, Belgium pvincke@ulb.ac.be
2-6/04/02	Mini EURO	Decision support systems jpbrans@vnet3.vub.ac.be

If you want to add any EURO event, please contact the EURO Office (euro@ulb.ac.be).

ESWI: EURO Summer & Winter Institute

EURO-k: EURO Conference

EURO Prime: EURO Prime Conference

EWG: EURO Working Group Meeting

Mini EURO: Mini EURO Conference

ORP<sup>3</sup>: Operational Research Peripatetic Post-graduate Programme

## **EURO XVIII**

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Deadline for abstract submission: 1 March 2001

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