

General Support Funds - Report for 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.

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 15 000 for 2000 (see item 30/98/1/C in the minutes of the Council in Brussels, 1998).

The deadline for the submission of bids for the "General Support" funds of EURO was widely announced to be: 15 December 2000 for the first semester of 2001 and 1 June 2001 for the second semester of 2000.

Funds were allocated as follows.

- EWG "Financial Modelling" (J. Spronk): 3750 CHF, contribution to the organisation of the meeting of the group in Vilnius, Lithuania, 3-5 May 2001.
- Christian Prins (co-organiser of the conference MOSIM 2001, sponsored by ROADEF), 1500 CHF, as support for the organisation of the conference MOSIM 2001, Troyes, 25-27/4/2001.
- CSOR (the Czech OR society), 1000 CHF, as support for the conference Mathematical Methods in Economics, Hradec Kralove, 5-9/9/2001.
- EU/ME (EWG on Meta-heuristics), 2000 CHF, in order to support the invitation of guest speakers to a one day workshop to take place in London, October 2001.

Is still pending a demand from the EWG MCDA for 3000 CHF for the creation of an on-line bibliography on the subject of the EWG. Further details have been requested.

For the first time since its institution, the budget of this instrument has not been exhausted. A better advertising has to be undertaken for this purpose. On the other hand it appears that this fund is often used by the EWGs as a complement for special initiatives. A co-ordination with the EGWs budget is recommended.

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