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SECOND MINI EURO CONFERENCE

THE NETHERLANDS - LUNTEREN

NOVEMBER 17-20, 1985

EXPERT SYSTEMS AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

IN DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEMS: ON OPERATIONS

RESEARCH INTERFACE TO MANAGEMENT

REPORT

Organization

The conference was organized by NSOR for which purpose two ad hoc committee's were formed.

Programme Committee

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Chairman	H. van Gelder
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Conference manager	C. van Bremen
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Accompanying persons	M.B. van Gelder-Kop
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Scientific Programme

Key-note lectures were presented by:

- professor D.B. Hertz, director of the Intelligent Computer Research Institute at the University of Miami, Florida, U.S.A. (opening address)

- professor Ch.H. Kriebel, Graduate School of Industrial Administration, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (closing address)
- professor Ron H. Lee of the Graduate School of Business, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, was the third invited speaker.

The scientific programme is detailed in the enclosed programme booklet.

Participants

A total of 97 participants from 15 European countries plus 4 participants from the U.S.A. and 1 from Canada attended. Less than 50% of attendees were Dutch.

Social Programme

The conference started on November 17, with an informal get together and get acquainted.

On Tuesday evening the venue was moved to Doddeldael Castle, just west of Nijmegen, for an informal traditional Dutch dinner party.

A social programme for accompanying persons (in this case only female) was organized in the day time.

Finance

About 45% of the conference cost was borne by our sponsors, Netherlands government and the business community. It was only necessary to use one third of a financial guarantee given by the Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs; consequently the guarantee provided for by the Euro III Foundation could remain untouched.

NSOR will repay the loan extended by the Euro organization early January 1986 and has voluntarily decided to pay an 8,5% rate of interest on this loan as a token of our appreciation for the initial help received.

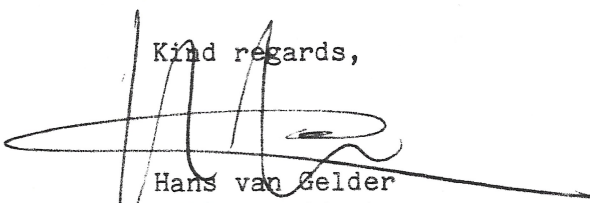
Location

The conference was being held in the Conference center "De Blije Werelt" in Lunteren. The accomodation was somewhat sober but totally adequate and the management was particularly friendly and forthcoming in accomodating every wish from our side.

Conclussion

It is too early and I am too biased to consider this conference a success. We have mailed a detailed questionnaire to all participants early December. As soon as a sufficient number has been returned we will analyse them and subsequently report on our findings and recommandations for further action

Kind regards,



Hans van Gelder
NSOR president