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7th MINI EURO CONFERENCE - *DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEMS, GROUPWARE, MULTIMEDIA, ELECTRONIC COMMERCE* - MARCH 24-27, 1997.

A strong interest has been expressed for this 7th MINI EURO Conference. The theme was particularly attractive, oriented to updated applications and related to promising topics.

314 participants registered for the Conference, among them 270 from Europe, 23 from America and 19 from Asia.

Prior to the conference a tutorial on Groupware, Multimedia and Electronic Commerce was held on Monday, March 24. Over 120 participants attended this very successful activity.

Over 300 papers were submitted for presentation at the conference itself, the Programme Committee has been rather strict so that only 240 were accepted. These papers were presented in nine parallel sessions on Conceptual Framework, DSS Application, Groupware, Multimedia, Electronic Commerce and Multicriteria Analysis.

The plenary speakers at the opening and at the closing sessions were respectively H.J. Zimmermann, S.I. Gass, M. Theys, D. Davidson, T. Jelassi, J.P. Brans and R. Sprague.

The conference included also software demonstrations, a book exhibition, a multimedia EDS exhibition corner and demonstration sessions of the GDSS-Promethee software. A large attendance participated actively in all these extra activities.

No proceedings will be edited about this conference, but it is foreseen to publish some of the presented papers in special issues of EJOR, of the Journal of Decision Systems and of the Information Systems Journal. Over 120 papers were submitted to be included in these special issues, but prior to the publication all the papers will be refereed by at least two specialists of the considered field. The organisers will do their best to have the papers published about one year after the conference.

An attractive Breughelian Banquet has been offered to all the participants in the Belfry Halls of Bruges, the gothic scenery was unforgettable, the dishes delicious and the classic music particularly enjoyable.

The conference was considered as so successful that it has been decided at the closing session to organise a new version of it in a 5 years from now.

Some documents about the conference such as Call for Papers, Invitation Programme, Final Programme, Abstract Booklet, List of Participants, ... can still be obtained from the organisers.

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COPIE POUR INFORMATION

Dear Jean-Pierre,

Allow me in the name of the Euro Committee to express you our greatest thanks for your organisation of the 7th MINI EURO Conference and by the occasion address you our felicitations for the great success this manifestation has been.


Indeed, listening to the attendance, I could hear only positive comments about the conference programme as well as the conference organisation.

A special mention must be made to the lovely site which is the city of Bruges. As the weather was specially in favour of your manifestation (How couldn't it be such a way) even the off conference context was particularly nice and allowed not so hard-working conference members (Do you noticed some ?!) to spent a very good moment in Bruges and keep this 7th Mini EURO Conference warmly in our heart.

Please continue on this way. We will always support you the most we can.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely



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