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Presidents of EURO Through the Decades:

Honoring 50 Years of Leadership and Legacy

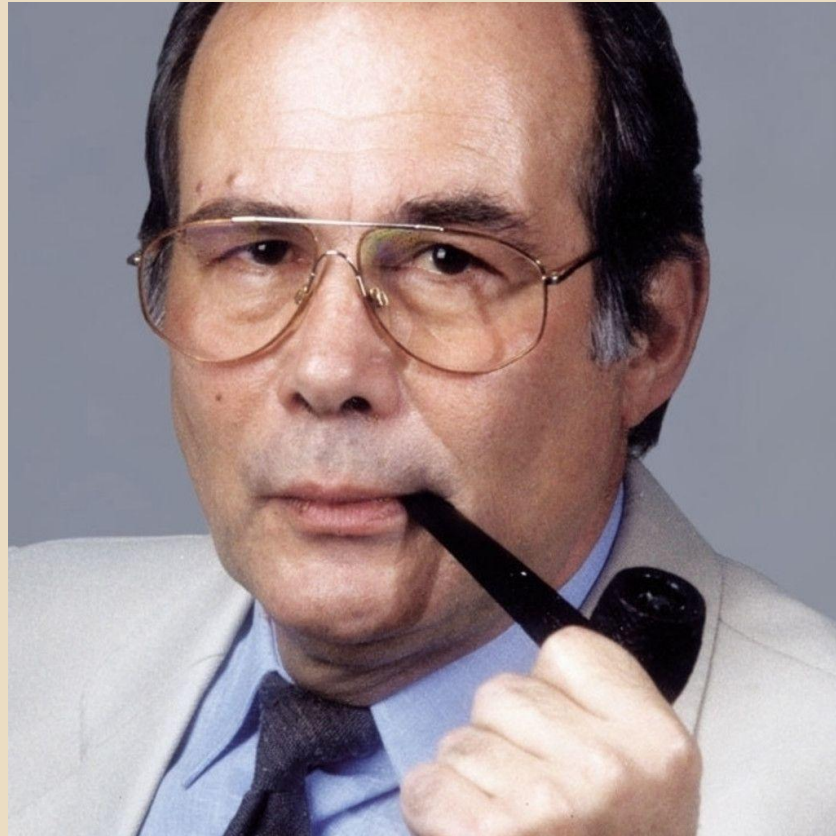


UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS



1st PRESIDENT of EURO

Laying the Foundation of a European Legacy



As first president of EURO it was my honor to develop EURO in its first years. I am proud of what EURO is today!

Hans-Jürgen Zimmermann (Germany)

1975-1978

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2nd PRESIDENT of EURO

From Foundations to Growth: EURO's Early Leadership Continues



Birger Rapp (Sweden)

1979-1980

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3rd PRESIDENT of EURO

Enhancing EURO's International Reach and Building Cross-Border Collaboration



Rolf Tomlinson (UK)

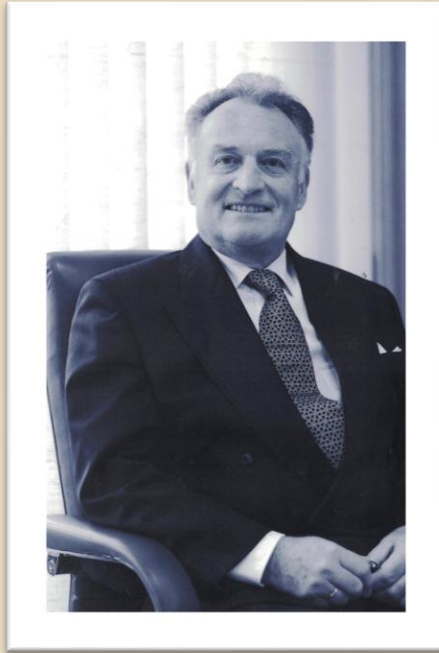
1981-1982

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4th PRESIDENT of EURO

Launching the EURO Gold Medal, Summer Institutes, and Thematic Conferences



During my presidency I initiated the EURO summer institutes (ESI), the EURO Gold Medal (EGM) which is now considered as the highest OR distinction in Europe, and the EURO Mini Conferences. I organized the two first ESI in Brussels and one EURO Mini Conference in Bruges on Decision Support Systems.

Jean-Pierre Brans (Belgium)

1983-1984

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5th PRESIDENT of EURO

Pioneering Multicriteria Decision Aiding and Shaping EURO's Scientific Community



Bernard Roy (France) [1934-2017]

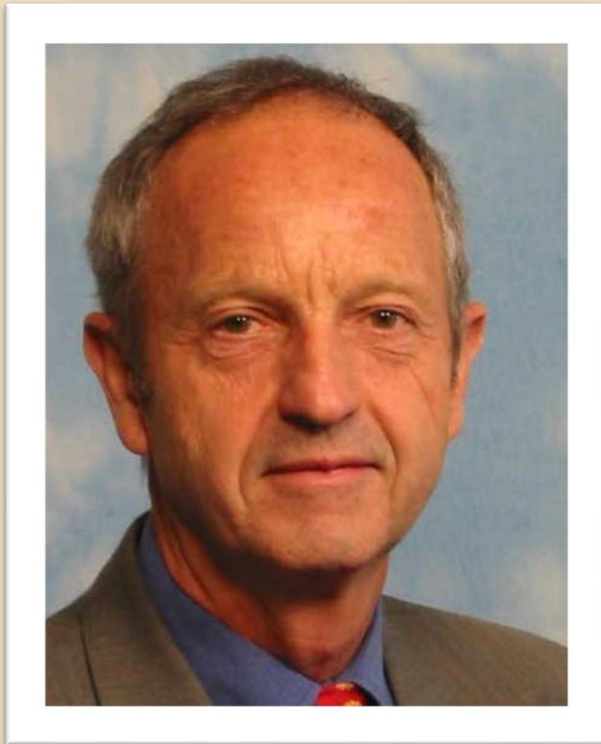
1985-1986

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6th PRESIDENT of EURO

Promoting Academic Excellence and Expanding EURO's Scholarly Networks



The astonishment of the audience hearing that the EGM 2004 was awarded to Agenor T. Restmilch, Charles Tim Togner and Henri Mac Grelotts...

Their relief when they saw that all these names were anagrams of Martin Groetschel.

Dominique de Werra (Switzerland)

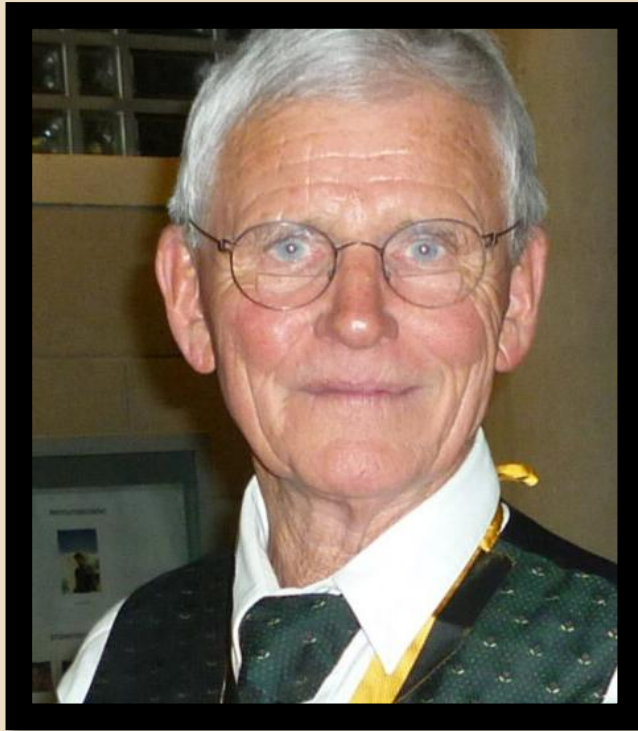
1987-1988

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7th PRESIDENT of EURO

Bridging Theoretical OR and Practical Application Across Europe



Jakob Krarup (Denmark) [1936-2023]

1989-1990

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8th PRESIDENT of EURO

Fostering Young Researchers and Supporting Emerging OR Communities



Jaap Spronk (Netherlands) [1949-2021]

1991-1992

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9th PRESIDENT of EURO

Securing EURO's Financial Future and Strengthening East–West Collaboration



Maurice F. Shutler (UK) [1931-2015]

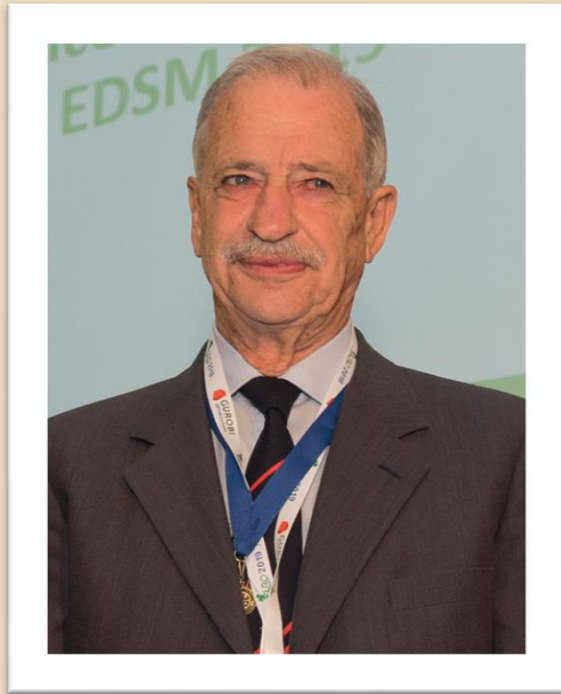
1993 -1994

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10th PRESIDENT of EURO

Safeguarding EURO's Identity During a Historic European Transformation



During my period as EURO President, the European Council adopted the name of the new currency "Euro". To preserve the name of our "EURO", and following the suggestion of our lawyer, I had to send a letter to the European Council pointing out that the name "EURO" was already officially registered as a "Scientific Association", in this way we had no problem.

Paolo Toth (Italy)

1995 -1996

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11th PRESIDENT of EURO

Championing OR in Central and Eastern Europe



During EURO1998 in Brussels I was honored to present the special award, EURO Golden Pass, to the three first Editors of EJOR: Alan Mercer, Bernhard Tilanus and Hans-Jürgen Zimmermann.

I also co-chaired crucial discussions and decisions concerning the future of the journal.

Jan Węglarz (Poland)

1997 -1998

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12th PRESIDENT of EURO

Celebrating 25 Years of EURO: OR for a United Europe



Besides the developing internet which made direct communication of the EC with each individual member possible, the highlight of the millennium presidency certainly was the 25th anniversary of EURO in Budapest. At that time Hungary was since 1983 a member of EURO but not yet a member of the EU. The motto was (nota bene!) OR for a united Europe. We celebrated the anniversary with the composition: the travelling musician of Daniel Schell who used OR techniques as a composing principle.

Christoph Schneeweiß (Germany)

1999 - 2000

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13th PRESIDENT of EURO

Supporting Ethical and Participatory Dimensions of Decision Making



Philippe Vincke (Belgium)

2001 - 2002

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14th PRESIDENT of EURO

Legal Recognition and Policy Engagement: Elevating EURO's Institutional Presence



It was my honor to serve to EURO.

Probably, the most relevant activities were:

- Registering EURO in the Belgium legal system as an international non-profit society.
- Working, jointly with the European OR Societies, on the relationship between EURO and EU, trying to convince them that EURO, through its tools, could be the best partner for structuring OR research within Europe.

Laureano Escudero (Spain)

2003 - 2004

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15th PRESIDENT of EURO

Connecting EURO with Africa and Reinforcing Ties Across European OR Communities



I initiated the Africa OR project, and managed to visit all OR societies in Europe and most EURO Working Group meetings.

Alexis Tsoukiàs (France)

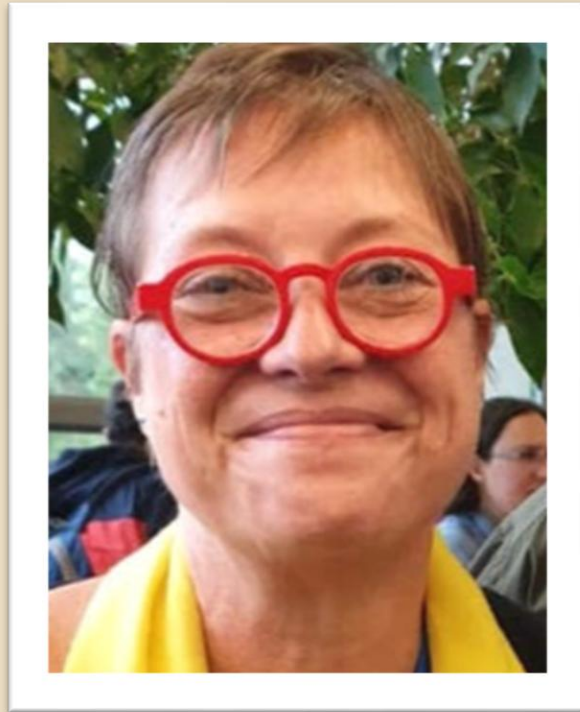
2005 - 2006

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16th PRESIDENT of EURO

Empowering Generations of Researchers Through EURO Summer Institutes



My first contact to EURO was in 1984, when I participated as Ph.D. student to the first EURO Summer Institute. I still keep contact with many of the participants. It had a very important impact on my career and I consider EURO Institutes as the best instruments of EURO.

Martine Labbé (Belgium)

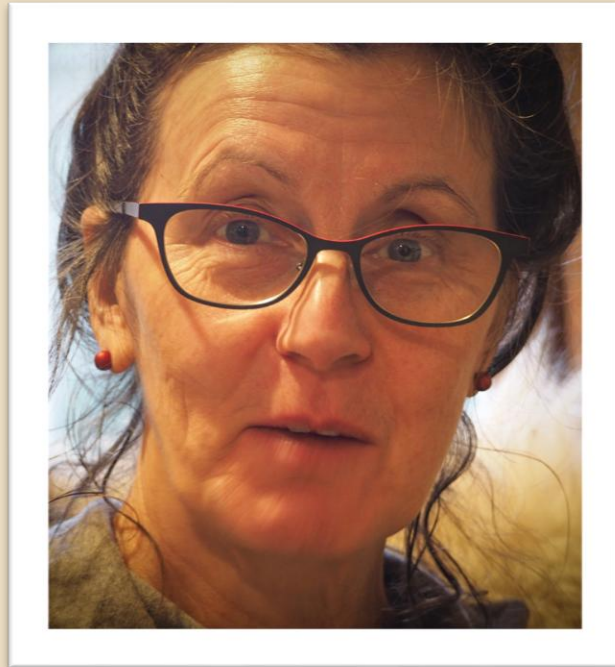
2007 - 2008

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17th PRESIDENT of EURO

Championing Multicriteria Decision Analysis and Educational Innovation



I remember a productive meeting in London of many presidents of EURO OR Societies, along with the executive committee. The meeting resulted in a scheme to exchange researchers with IFORS. I also remember starting the process that led to the recruitment of Sarah Fores.

Valerie Belton (UK)

2009 - 2010

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18th PRESIDENT of EURO

Expanding EURO's Scientific Reach Through New Journals



I am proud of having expanded the EURO portfolio of publications with three EURO specialized journals and the EURO Advanced Tutorials on Operational Research, a series of short thematic books that fill the gap between papers and traditional books.

Maria Grazia Speranza (Italy)

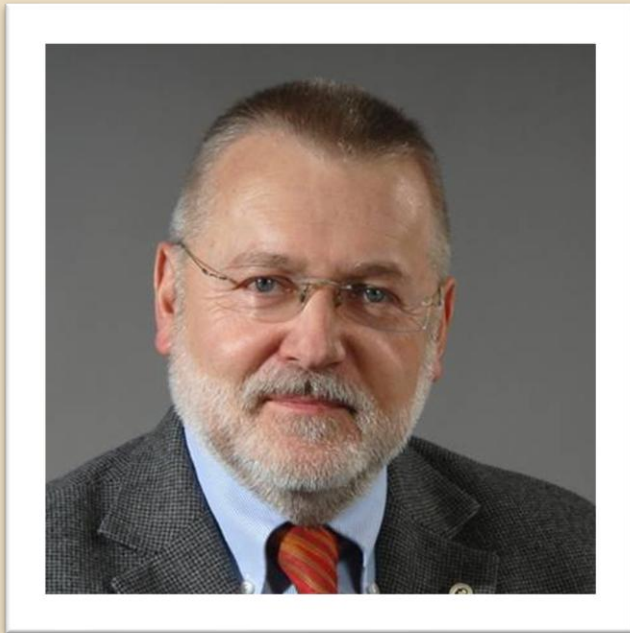
2011 - 2012

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19th PRESIDENT of EURO

A Testament to EURO's Strength: Collaboration in the Face of Adversity



Kick-Off Meeting of the OC and PC for the Organization of the EURO XXV Conference, Vilnius, end of June 2011, one year ahead of the conference: We were informed that no conference rooms are available and, thus, came close to a cancellation of the conference.

We got the conference going though, thanks to great enthusiasm and support from many members of EURO who felt responsible and got involved.

Gerhard Wäscher (Germany)

2013 - 2014

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20th PRESIDENT of EURO

Advancing Operational Research and Strengthening EURO's Scientific Community



My summary memory:
the engagement of the EURO Manager (thank you Sarah!)
and EC members + the conferences in Glasgow (2015)
and Poznań (2016)

Elena Fernández (Spain)

2015 - 2016

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21st PRESIDENT of EURO

Behind Every Presidency: The Strength of a Dedicated Team



I remember the brilliant Vice-Presidents and officers in the Executive Committee. I chaired the meetings – but they did the real work!

Richard Eglese (UK)

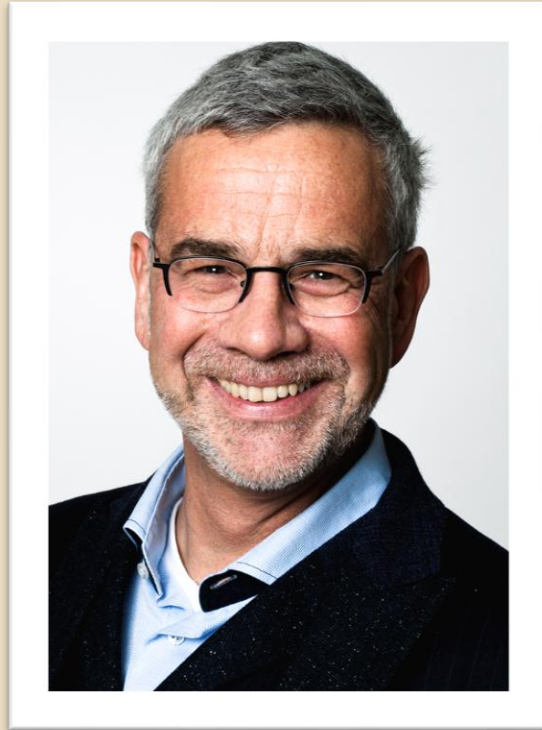
2017 - 2018

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22nd PRESIDENT of EURO

Celebrating the Power of Voluntary Service in Building EURO



Recognition of voluntary work for EURO is important! Manager Dr. Sarah Fores FORS and I boosted EURO's tradition of certificates.

Immanuel M. Bomze (Austria)

2019 - 2020

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23rd PRESIDENT of EURO

Leading EURO Through COVID-19 Challenges, Navigating a New Virtual Reality



My most memorable fact as president was the introduction of the EURO Athens conference that I did from distance. It was awkward in the situation of COVID...

As president of EURO, I had the misfortune to be elected just before the worldwide lock down. I did not travel and participate to conferences as the other presidents. Despite the COVID and all the side effects, we succeeded to maintain EURO as an active and lively scientific association. Many thanks to all the EURO members!

Marc Sevaux (France)

2021 - 2022

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24th PRESIDENT of EURO

Establishing January 27th as #ORawarenessDay Every Year



In my time, we introduced the EURO Open Seminar Series, the 27th January as OR recognition day, and we organized the celebration of our 50th Anniversary this year!

Anita Schöbel (Germany)

2023 - 2024

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