

# EURO Bulletin

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## from the Vice-President

The EURO Working Groups represent the only permanent form of scientific cooperation undertaken by EURO. As such, their activities are strongly encouraged by the Executive Committee that has traditionally delegated this responsibility to its Vice-President.

During my three years in office I have assumed this responsibility as my first priority. Different working groups have their own ways of cooperating but they all serve a common purpose - the exchange of ideas, experience and results. Most of them resemble clubs where friendship is an important factor for fruitful scientific cooperation.

This is the second yearly report of the activities of EWGs. Our newly created bulletin is the ideal means for the circulation of this type of information.

As a further push to support the working groups the EURO Council approved for the first time a special budget for some special activities. This year the Executive Committee is going to submit a general revision of the charter for EWGs. A major chance in which is the consideration of financial support as follows:

### 1.1) Administration

- Printing costs of common stationery;
- Printing of a special issue of the EURO Bulletin containing the yearly report of the activities of EWGs (to be distributed during the EURO conferences and directly to OR societies);
- Cost of a yearly meeting of EWGs coordinators, over lunch, during the EURO conferences;
- Administration costs entailed in the

establishment of new EWGs (first two years of activity) when alternative financing can not be found.

### 1.2) Scientific Activities

A "reserve budget" that EWGs could call upon should be created. This fund could be used to pay for expenses of guest speakers (non-members of the Working Group) to initiate and/or publish results of joint research projects, and similar activities. The money would be paid out by the Treasurer after approval by the Vice-President in charge of EWGs.

2) EURO encourages and supports activities that can further the scientific objectives of the EWGs, promote their activities and raise funds. Namely:

2.1) Mini-EURO conferences: the EWGs are encouraged to organize such conferences within the general rules established by EURO;

2.2) Special issues of EJOR: the EWGs are encouraged to produce special issues of EJOR after consultation and approval by EJOR editors. 50% of the royalties from those issues would be made available to support the scientific activities of the EWGs. The money would be kept in EURO custody and paid out by the Treasurer to cover specific expenses after approval by the Vice-President in charge of EWGs.

My warmest thanks to all the coordinators of EWGs who are doing a great job and who have so kindly kept me informed of their activities. I hope to meet you all again in Helsinki for our annual meeting on the 30th June at 12 o'clock.

Any member interested in the activities of a Working Group should contact the coordinator of that group.

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