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EURO WORKING GROUPS & EURO NETWORKS

Since the first EURO Conference, EURO I, several EURO Working Groups (EWGs) have been established. They have been established to give an organizational framework for smaller groups of researchers interested in a specific OR-topic. EWGs organize meetings and most of them publish a newsletter regularly. A common purpose for all the EWGs is to exchange ideas, experience, and results.

The creation of new EWGs is left to individual initiative. After the convenor of the new working group has gathered a group of people interested in cooperation in a specific topic of OR, the group can apply to become a EURO Working Group. For this purpose they have to produce a short report containing preferably the ob-

jectives of the group and a tentative schedule of activity. The EURO Executive Committee decides on delivering the EURO label.

If the EURO label is delivered to a group it means that EURO has to be kept informed about the activities of the group. EURO includes the new EWG in the list of its official activities.

In forming a new EWG the following principles have to be met:

1. The EWGs should as far as possible bring together people with different professional backgrounds (industry, university, etc.).
2. They should be actually international; this requirement is met satisfactorily if at least 4, but possibly 5 or 6 nations are represented at each meeting and if the meetings do not take place too often in the same country.
3. Any group should be open to any individual member of any EURO member society. Also persons that are not members of a national OR society can be accepted.

The EWGs have a duty to report yearly on their activities to the second EURO Vice-President. EWGs should also provide EURO with general information about some other (e.g. professional) body with which it plans a joint meeting.

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