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EURO Working Groups

F For smaller groups of researchers interested in a specific OR topic EURO provides an organizational framework in the form of EURO Working Groups (EWGs). These groups are a very important part of EURO. They represent in its best form continuity in research in EURO's activities. Active EWGs have a meeting at least once a year where the members exchange ideas, experiences and research results and support each

other in the research work. Cooperation continuing for several years, even decades has also strengthened personal relations of the group members making the atmosphere in the group open and friendly. In addition to their annual meetings the groups have also other ways of working; for example they organize sessions in conferences, publish special issues of the European Journal of Operational Research or other OR-related journals and organize conferences. In the coming EURO XIV conference in Israel the audience will have an excellent opportunity to get acquainted with areas of interest of the EWGs and the past, presence and future of the respective research fields. In addition to the large number of presentations by individual members of the groups there will be semi-plenary presentation on each topic.

During 20 years that EURO has existed there has also been EURO Working Groups. Four of the groups founded in

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