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from Graham K. Rand, Chairman of the Jury

EURO GOLD MEDAL 1995

Ladies and Gentlemen, my
Operational Research Friends

May I first respond to our welcome to Jerusalem. This is the first EURO Conference to be held outside Europe. I am sure that we are all delighted to be here. Many of us will regard it as a pilgrimage. On a personal note it is my first visit, and one that I have been looking forward to for a considerable time. It was great to be able to say last year: 'Next year in Jerusalem', it is even better to be here. Shalom.

This is EURO's 20th anniversary. It is also the 10th anniversary of the presentation of the first gold medal: to Hans Jurgen Zimmerman in Bologna on June 17th 1985 during

EURO VII. The Gold Medal is conferred on a prominent person either for a remarkable role in the promotion of OR or for an outstanding contribution to OR Science. The establishment and this award, a solid gold medal and the opportunity for a lifetime's free attendance at EURO Conferences, was largely the initiative of Jean Pierre Brans, and it was very fitting that he should be awarded the Gold Medal last year in them to you today as it has been a pleasure working with them. They made my task so much easier. My intention when asking them to join the Jury was to get a range of expertise and a wide geographical spread. I would be surprised if you didn't think that I had achieved that.

Silvano Martello from the University of Bologna is widely recognised for his work in combinatorial optimisation. I first met him at the second EURO conference, but my first, held in Stockholm in 1976, where he gave a paper with Paolo Toth, EURO's present President.

Carlos Romero from the Universidad Politecnica de Madrid is well known for his work in Goal Programming.

Paul Fatti from the University of Witwatersrand in South Africa is known to me as a very serious climber of very serious mountains. He was especially welcome as a member of the committee as an expression of South Africa's recent affiliation to EURO. He is an expert on statistical analysis and multicriteria decision making.

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