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I would like to thank EURO for providing me with a grant to attend ELAVIO XXIV which took place at the facilities of the Tecnológico de Monterrey Campus Monterrey, located in Monterrey, Mexico. I would also like to extend my gratitude to Yasmin Rios and the entire team of organisers for hosting such an amazing opportunity for young researchers to meet and learn from experts in a wide variety of fields in Operational Research.

ELAVIO has been an unforgettable experience for me, and undoubtedly for everyone that participated. This unique opportunity to extend our professional network is one of a kind due to the nature of the organisation. Outside of the talks during the first part of the week, there were guided tours, lunches, dinners and events organised for all participants. By the third day, it felt like a big group of friends going to classes together. I am very happy to remain in contact with several of the participants that I met there. The second part of the week focused on our own research, and the talks were mainly given by the PhD students. This was a very valuable aspect as we were all prompted to ask questions, give each other advice, support, or simply share contacts.

The content of the school was very well put together, as it covered a wide variety of topics. The speakers were magnificent and well recognised in their own fields. Some of the sessions involved practical group exercises, which only added to the learning and bonding that were achieved in great amounts during the week.

I am very grateful to be given this opportunity to participate in such an amazing event. This would not have been possible without EURO's support, particularly due to the distance of the event itself. ELAVIO has a remarkable reputation of bringing people together, creating collaborations and friendships that last, and for providing an opportunity to create memories for life. I completely agree with that, and I sincerely recommend ELAVIO for any young researcher who is looking to step out of their comfort zone, expand their network and have an unforgettable time.

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