The purpose of the “General Support funds” is to support any activity related to EURO that cannot be covered by other instruments of EURO.

Priority will always be given to:

- bids that give special consideration to the need of students (e.g. organiser of an event related to EURO willing to subsidise the participation of students),
- bids that give special consideration to the need of organisers of OR events in Central and Eastern Europe,
- bids that emanate from a member society of EURO or organisers of EURO sponsored events or organisers of events sponsored by a member society of EURO.

The budget for this instrument was CHF 15 000 for 2000 (see item 30/98/1/C in the minutes of the Council in Brussels, 1998).

The deadline for the submission of bids for the “General Support” funds of EURO was widely announced to be: 15 December 1999 for the first semester of 2000 and 1 June 2000 for the second semester of 2000.

Funds were allocated as follows.

- AIRO (OR Society of Italy), 3500 CHF, supporting an european call for proposals in order to create the new web pages of the society.
- EWG "Multi-criteria Decision Aid" (B. Roy): 4000 CHF, contribution to the edition of a CD-ROM dedicated to the 25 years of activity of the group.
- ORSIS (Israeli OR Society): 2000 CHF, in order to support the invitation of guest speakers to the national OR conference.
- CSOR (Czech OR Society): 1000 CHF to support the organisation of MME 2000, Prague, 13-15/9/2000, (supporting the publication of the proceedings).
- CRORS (Croatia OR Society): 1000 CHF to support KOI 2000, Rovinj, Croatia, September 27 - 29, 2000, (to support the organisation of the conference).

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