General Support Funds – Report for 2020

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

Priority will be given to:

- bids that give special consideration to the need 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 the General Support Fund for 2020 was €15,000. In total, €13,200 was handed out. We tried a second round for handing out the remaining part of the budget, that did not give any more bids. Half of the bids we received did not apply for a specific amount, and therefore had to be negotiated afterwards.

In our new set up we focus on supporting events in the oncoming year, so not all events has taken place yet. Just as COVID-19 has push some events.

Funds were allocated as follows:

- Boot camp on reinforcement learning by the Danish OR Society (€1,500)
- ECCO XXXIV (€2,000).
- ORAHS, reduced student fee for their work shop (€2,100)
- ICDSST meeting (€2,100)
- 3rd SYSORM, student conference (€2,500)
- OR and IE doctoral student colloquium by the Turkish OR Society (€3,000)

Best regards,

Jesper Larsen, Secretary of EURO

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