

# Newsletter ORAHS

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## Introduction

Dear colleagues/friends! Please find here the first edition of our new ORAHS Working Group Newsletter. With this newsletter we intend to give information on activities of the Working Group to its members and others who are interested in the Working Group. Having a newsletter is one of the requirements of EURO regarding working groups. EURO stimulates by a financial contribution to publish at least two issues a year. To keep this newsletter short, up to date and with as little effort as possible for everybody we like to use the following approach.

Our goal is to publish two issues a year, one in October-November, written by the organiser of the last Working Group meeting. And the second issue in February-March written by the organiser of the next meeting. As basic outline for the newsletter we can use the format as used in this newsletter.

If you have any relevant information, or if you want to write a short contribution for the next newsletter you can send it to Sally Brailsford.

## Agenda of coming meetings

April 11-13th 2002

Fifth International Conference Strategic Issues in Health Care Management, University of St Andrews, Scotland, U.K. Policy, Finance and Performance in Health Care.

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July 8-12th 2002

IFORS 2002. Edinburgh, Scotland, U.K.

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July 28th-2nd August 2002

ORAHS. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Theme: Accessibility and Quality of Health Services.

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[www.po.ufrj.br/~mario\\_jo/orahs2002/index.htm](http://www.po.ufrj.br/~mario_jo/orahs2002/index.htm)

September 2nd-5th 2002

Operations Research 2002. International Conference on Operational Research, University of Klagenfurt, Austria.

Information: [www.uni-klu.ac.at/or2002](http://www.uni-klu.ac.at/or2002) or e-mail: [or2002@uni-klu.ac.at](mailto:or2002@uni-klu.ac.at)

## 2001 meeting

The last Working Group meeting was held from July 30th-August 3rd, at the University of Vienna, Austria and was organised by Marion Rauner. This was a very well organised meeting with presentations of high quality papers.

The theme of the meeting was Prevention and Health Promotion in the 21st Century: planning for Scarce Resources. In total 40 participants were involved in the scientific programme (29 working group members and 11 Austrian colleagues). In total 30 papers were presented. Guest speaker was professor Margaret Brandeau from Stanford University, who gave an overview paper on AIDS policy modelling. The proceedings of the ORAHS2000 meeting in Glasgow were presented in the Vienna meeting. For extra copies contact Jackie Riley (e-mail: [jri@gcal.ac.uk](mailto:jri@gcal.ac.uk)) The proceedings of the papers presented in Vienna will be edited by Marion Rauner and Prof. Kurt Heidenberger, and will be published by Peter Lang. Marion Rauner, Prof. Kurt Heidenberger and Jan Vissers are also preparing an EJOR Special Issue on Health. For more information, contact Marion Rauner ([marion.rauner@univie.ac.at](mailto:marion.rauner@univie.ac.at)) or visit the home page of the ORAHS2001 meeting ([www.bwl.univie.ac.at/bwl/inno/orahs2001.html](http://www.bwl.univie.ac.at/bwl/inno/orahs2001.html)).

See below a picture taken of participants and accompanying persons at the stairs of the Rathaus, before the conference dinner.



As part of the social programme we visited the Vienna General Hospital, a modern university hospital with 2,500 beds. This hospital is constructed in a very spacious way and has an impressive extensive underground transport system. We had a civic reception at the Town Hall, a visit to Schönbrunn Palace and a trip to Wachau, where we visited the Melk

Monastery, had a boat journey on the Danube, strolled around in Dürnstein, and spend a wonderful evening in Weißenkirchen. Also an extensive programme for accompanying persons was organised. This included a sightseeing tour in the city and visits to several museums.

The 2002 meeting will be held in Rio de Janeiro and organised by Mario Jorge Ferreira de Oliveira. As candidate for the 2003 meeting Dr. Martin Dlouhy offered to organise it in Prague.

## **EURO- info**

Euro has an extensive website with information on EURO conferences and EURO Working Groups. The EURO vice-president 2 in charge of the Working Groups is Professor Rainer Burkard, Institute of Mathematics, University of Technology Graz Austria, who is by his function also a member of our working group. For more information see [www.euro-online.org](http://www.euro-online.org)

## **Web-site news**

The web-site is under construction. You can find the web-site at the following address: <http://www.soton.ac.uk/~orahsweb>. An option for downloading and printing a list of working group participants will be realised. Programs of previous meetings are going to be added. If you have any information on this subject please contact Sally Brailsford (scb@socsci.soton.ac.uk)

## **Short communications**

August 12th – 14th, POMS 2001 International conference of the Production Operation Management Society, in Guaruja/Sao Paulo, Brasil. A health session was organised by Prof. Asha Kapadia, including contributions of Mario Jorge Ferreira de Oliveira, Asha Kapadia, Adolf Stephan and Jan Vissers.

Jackie Riley –organiser of the 2000 meeting in Glasgow – has finished her PhD and will graduate on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November 2001. The title of her PhD thesis is ‘Creating a Generic Model of Accident and Emergency Departments’. She has developed a generic visual interactive simulation that is capable of re-configuring resources as required and of analysing the resulting data of A & E departments. For more information contact Jackie Riley (jri@gcal.ac.uk).

Preview Rio. In order to prepare next year’s meeting, Jan Vissers and Mario Jorge Ferreira de Oliveira met in Rio de Janeiro in August. To discuss the activities of the Working Group there was a meeting with Prof. Flavio Fonseca Nobre, from the Biomedical Engineering Programme and Prof. Nelson Maculan Filho, from the Programme of Systems Engineering and Computer Science at COPPE/UFRJ in Rio de Janeiro. Also there was a meeting with a number of PhD students supervised by Mario. Arrangements about conference site and other venues were made. We can recommend everybody to participate in the meeting, you will be surprised! For information about the Rio meeting you can contact Mario (mario\_jo@pep.ufrj.br) or consult the web-site. You can find the web-site at the following address: [www.po.ufrj.br/~mario\\_jo/orahs2002/index.htm](http://www.po.ufrj.br/~mario_jo/orahs2002/index.htm)