

Dear Colleagues,

At the beginning of July, the new active board of the European Decision Sciences Institute (EDSI) has taken office. It is a great pleasure and honor for me to serve as President of EDSI. The members of the board come from seven different European countries. In addition, the board has appointed Professor Sridharan as a Regional Advisor to the EDSI board for two years term, with a special responsibility to promote EDSI in the USA. Among the new board members, Professor Bart MacCarthy serves as the vice president for EUROPE of the DSI, and Professor Carmela Di Mauro will chair this year's annual DSI conference. This conference was supposed to be held in San Francisco in November but has been moved to be held virtual. Hopefully, as many EDSI members as possible will decide to attend this conference.

EDSI has been active since 2009. It was established as a regional subdivision of the Decision Sciences Institute (DSI). It is a non-profit professional organization of European researchers, Managers, educators, and students interested in decision-making techniques and processes in private and public organizations.

EDSI has been organizing high-level conferences each year across Europe. There have been conferences from Taormina in the south to Helsinki in the north and from Istanbul in the east to Nottingham in the west. Unfortunately, this year's conference had to be postponed due to the Corona epidemic until next year. At that time, the conference will be held in late May in Lund, Sweden. I hope that as many friends and members of EDSI as possible will attend this conference.

This year, we have had to work in a whole new way because of the coronavirus. It has meant remote working in both teaching and research. University campuses have been closed and visits to other universities as well as participation in physical conferences have been prohibited. I believe and hope that during the spring we have had to learn many new ways of working in academia that will continue to be useful in the future.

When we return to normal mode of operations in the near future, we will hopefully be able to meet each other again on different occasions.

I wish you all a very happy summer,

Markku Kuula

EDSI president 2020-2021