Association for Constraint Programming

Annual General Meeting
CP 2026 – July 21, 2026



Gilles Pesant, President of the ACP

Agenda

The ACP: mission, EC, membership	**5 min**
ACP News	5 min
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Mission

- *« Promote CP in every aspect of the scientific world, by encouraging...*
  - *its theoretical and practical developments*
  - *its teaching in academic institutions*
  - *its adoption in the industrial world*
  - *its use in the application fields »*
- And I would add to this...
  - grow the community
  - promote our members (help career advancement)

Current Executive Committee



Gilles Pesant
President



Nadjib Lazaar
Treasurer



Miquel Bofill
Secretary



Hélène Verhaeghe
Conference
Coordinator



Inês Lynce
DEI Delegate



David Bergman
Past president



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Webmaster

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Ruth Hoffmann



Pierre Schaus



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Past president



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Membership

- 388 members currently
- From now on, automatically renewed if attend CP conference or ACP Summer School.
- 3-year term
- Can also ask to join/renew by email to EC secretary.

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DEI Scholarships

- This year’s recipient:
- Arijit Shaw



ACP Awards

- *Distinguished Service*: **Chris Beck**



- *Early Career Research*: **Jeremias Berg**



- *Doctoral Research:* **Tamio-Vesa Nakajima**



  - (honourable mention: Ryo Kuroiwa )

ACP Targeted Sponsorships

- *CPAIOR 2026*

- *Mixed Integer Programming (MIP) Workshop 2026*

Don’t hesitate to get involved!

- *Consider serving on the EC*

- *Nominate your colleagues & students for awards*

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Financial report

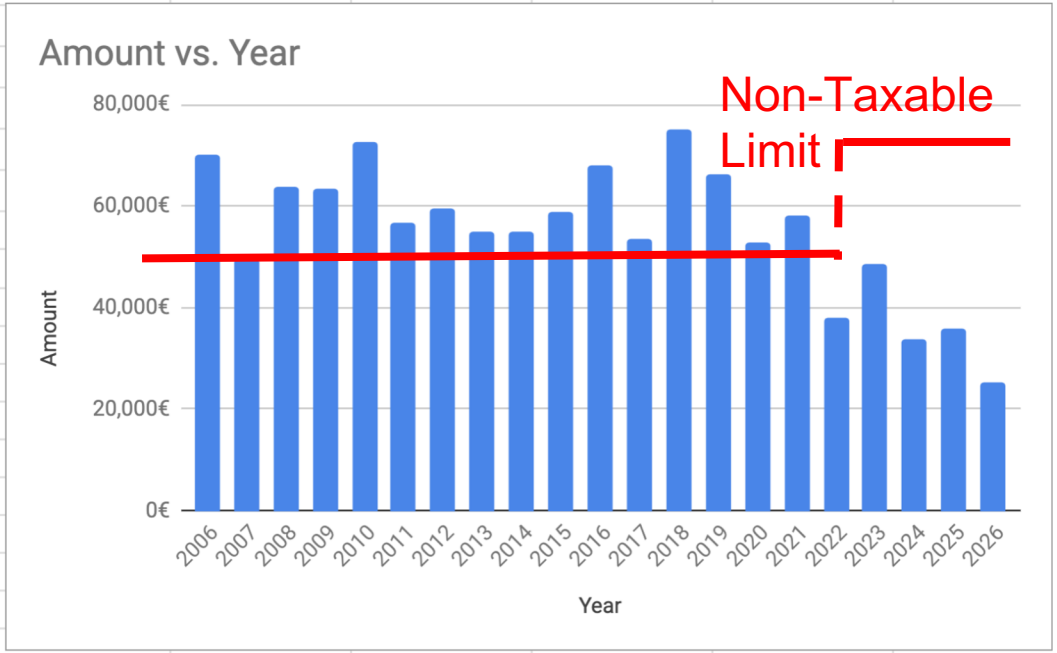
Last year (15/08/2025)			48,726.17
Finalized transactions		**IN**	**OUT**
	Interest 2025	€623	
	AIJ dotation 26	€3,403	
	DEI Scholarship CP25		€8,240
	ACP sponsoring for ACP-SS 26		€4,000
	ACP Doctoral Award 24+25+26		€1,500
	ACP SS 25		€3,817
	ACP Research Excellence Award CP25		€2,678
	ACP sponsoring for CPAIOR25		€3,000
	ACP sponsoring for CPAIOR26		€1,000
	ACP Early Career award CP25		€1,285
	PC CP26 Mission		€1,002
	Web Provider		€572
	Banking Fees		€273

End Balance (CP 2026 LISBON)			€25,385
Ongoing		**IN**	**OUT**
	DEI Scholarship CP26		€1,300
	INFORMS 26 sponsorship		€1,000
	LIPICS: proceedings CP'26		€5,120
	ACP + SPC + DP Dinners CP26		€1,500
	CP25 Revenue	€17,370	
	EurAI - CP26 sponsoring	€900	
	Hexaly - CP26 sponsoring	€1,000	
Expected			**€35,735**

Financial report

Year	Amount
2006	70,093€
2007	49,626€
2008	63,742€
2009	63,530€
2010	72,489€
2011	56,747€
2012	59,528€
2013	54,949€
2014	55,102€
2015	58,940€
2016	68,031€
2017	53,511€
2018	75,169€
2019	66,310€
2020	52,826€
2021	58,099€
2022	38,111€
2023	48,726€
2024	33,743€
2025	35,702€
2026	25,385€

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Thank you CP 2026 organizers!

- Conference Chair: **Inês Lynce**



- Program Chair: **Nicolas Beldiceanu**



- and their team

Summer School 2026

- Changchun (China), August 24-28
- “CP: Explanation, Verification and Applications”
- 10 speakers
- 46 participants
- 40 from China

CP 2027

- Changchun (China), August 16-20
  - Conference Chairs: Yonggang Zhang, Jimmy Lee
  - Program Chair: Claude-Guy Quimper

Summer School 2027

- Call for Bids is Open!
- Deadline : 31st of August 2026
- Preference for a European destination this year

CP 2028

- In discussion for a co-location ;)
- More information soon!

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Minor changes to bylaws

- **Procedure to approve:**
- Need at least one quarter of the members present.
- Otherwise proceed by email

Minor changes to bylaws

- **Article 3**
- “One becomes a Member of the Association by either:
- Paying an annual due as established by the Executive Committee, or
- Being designated an Honorary Member of the ACP”

- **Article 3 (new)**
- “One becomes a Member of the Association by either:
- Registering to the CP conference or the ACP Summer School, or
- Asking in writing the Secretary of the EC, or
- Being designated an Honorary Member of the ACP”

Minor changes to bylaws

- **Article 5**
- “The term of membership for those paying annual dues shall coincide with the calendar year, beginning January 1 and ending on December 31.”

- **Article 5 (new)**
- “The membership term for those other than honorary members is three years.”

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Changing our Publishing Model
Result of the vote by ACP membership

- 143 members voted (37%)
- Question 1: I agree to transition to a new publishing model for our community, as outlined above, i.e., papers are submitted to a journal and accepted papers are offered a presentation spot at the CP conference.
  - **Yes** 74 (52%), No 60 (42%), Abstain 9
- Question 2: I agree to create a new diamond open access journal for our community.
  - **Yes** 92 (64%), No 31 (22%), Abstain 20

Changing our Publishing Model
Result of the vote by ACP membership

Question 2: I agree to create a new diamond open access journal for our community.

Yes 92 (64%), No 31 (22%), Abstain 20

The direction is clear.

The EC will initiate the creation of an open access journal for the community.

- choice of platform: OJS (which includes LIPIcs), EpiSciences, ACM, …
- name
- …

Changing our Publishing Model
Result of the vote by ACP membership

Question 1: I agree to transition to a new publishing model.

Yes 74 (52%), No 60 (42%), Abstain 9

A majority voted in favour but the community appears more divided.

The EC will consider a smooth transition, possibly starting with a hybrid model with presentation of papers at the CP conference both from the journal and from proceedings.

- may accommodate each member
- we can move in one direction or the other over time, according to adoption by the community and/or observed impacts

New Publishing Model

- **Structural organization of the conference and journal:**
- “The CP conference would still have a conference chair and various other chairs (workshop, tutorial, doctoral program, ...) but the main technical programming would be transferred over to the journal, so no more program chair nor program committee. On the journal side, an editorial board would substitute for the former conference program committee. Each member would commit to a 2-year term (possibly staggered) of reviewing papers within 6 weeks of submission (possibly with the help of subreviewers). Papers would be assigned by an associate editor (AE) with the understanding that editorial board members tacitly accept this assignment in the same way we currently do for the conference. This avoids the time spent recruiting reviewers for a paper. It would make sense that this AE be appointed for a 1-year term by the ACP EC, as is currently done for the conference program chair. That editor would also appoint half of the editorial board (under a staggered model). Making decisions for all the papers during a year can seem like a lot but, unlike the conference, it would no longer be a matter of selecting the top papers given a target acceptance rate or how many can be accommodated in the schedule but rather deciding if, at the end of the reviewing process, a paper is good enough. If that’s still too much of a workload, subchairs or a small senior editorial board could be appointed, at the discretion of the AE. »

New Publishing Model

- **Reviewing process:**
- “The journal would have hard deadlines for first decision on submissions, 4 times a year. These would induce similar deadlines for authors to submit, e.g. 6 weeks before. We would set a maximum of two rounds of reviewing in order to keep the process relatively short. Authors would be allowed to revise their submission once, after which the verdict should be either Accept (as is or with minor corrections, not sent out to review again) or Reject. This is consistent with journals such as JAIR.”