

A Tribute to Maciej Koutny's Exceptional Scientific Leadership

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Maciej Koutny has been – and still is – a very active and very influential member of the International Petri Net Society. He has participated in most of the nearly forty annual Petri Net Conferences. Nine times, from 1996 to 2010, he was member of the programme committees – one as Chair and two as Workshop & Tutorial Chair. Furthermore, Maciej also organized the conference on three or four occasions.



Maciej served as a member of the International Petri net Steering Committee in nearly twenty years until he became the Chair in 2013 – at which time he also became the Editor-in-Chief of the LNCS Transactions on Petri Nets and Other Models of Concurrency. In 2010 Maciej was also one of the scientific directors of the Advanced Course on Petri Nets and for many years, he has been a regular lecturer at the Petri Advanced Courses and the Petri Net Tutorials.

In addition to this, Maciej has been active in several related scientific communities – in particular the one around the Application of Concurrency to System Design conferences.

Hence, Maciej is without any doubt one of the handful of persons who have been most influential with respect to securing the success of the Petri Net community. We should all be extremely grateful to Maciej for the enormous work he has carried out for the International Petri Net community.

Maciej is known and highly respected as a very knowledgeable and solid scientist. Over a span of thirty years, he has published numerous papers of which nearly one hundred have ten or more citations. This is a quite impressive number for a person working in his research area.

Maciej is always easy to communicate with and he is friendly towards everyone – old friends as well as newcomers in the research society. Moreover, he is one of the most reliable persons I have worked with – always on time and with excellent quality.

I have had the privilege to work with Maciej over a period of more than twenty years – during which we became close friends. This has always been a pleasure, and I sincerely hope that Maciej will continue his successful leadership of the International Petri Net community for many years to come.

Dear Maciej. Thank you very much for the time we have known each other and worked together.