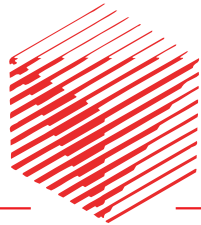


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**ERCIM**

European Research Consortium  
for Informatics and Mathematics

The most recognized European ICT professional society<sup>1</sup>

## ERCIM

For over twenty years, ERCIM has been a consortium of leading research institutions committed to cooperating for excellence in research. Focusing on information and communication science and technology (ICST) and related areas of mathematics, ERCIM has a successful track record of promoting ICST research and cooperation in Europe and beyond. The members are leading European research institutions in ICST, each acting as a national representative. ERCIM aims to foster collaboration within the European ICST research community and to increase cooperation with industry. As a European-wide network of centers of excellence in ICST, ERCIM is internationally recognized as a major representative organization in its field<sup>1</sup>, providing access to all major ICST research groups in Europe. It has established an extensive program of working groups, publications, fellowships and prizes.

## What's new at ERCIM?

After having successfully grown to become the most recognized ICST Society in Europe, acting as a hub to national ICST research via a national representative member, ERCIM has opened membership to allow multiple members per country, allowing excellent research institutions (including universities) in ICST to directly become members of ERCIM.

<sup>1</sup>According to the SMART study by the European Commission, <http://www.cs.uu.nl/groups/AD/panel-survey2011.pdf>

## Activities

ERCIM has an excellent track record of successful initiatives to promote ICST research and cooperation in Europe and beyond. These include:

- **Working Groups**, on topics ranging from computing and statistics to software evolution, preparing the way for top level research in new domains.
- The **Alain Bensoussan Fellowship Programme**, currently co-funded by the EC which has brought some 300 postdoc fellows to the members since its inception.
- The renowned **Cor Baayen Award**, presented each year to a promising young researcher in computer science and applied mathematics.
- **ERCIM News**, a quarterly magazine with a circulation of 9000 copies, as well as free on-line access, providing a forum for the exchange of information between the institutes and also with the wider scientific community.
- **Cooperation with professional bodies**, specifically with the European Mathematical Society (EMS), the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI), and the European Science Foundation (ESF). Additionally ERCIM is a founder-member of the European Forum for ICST (EFICST) bringing together professional ICST societies in Europe.
- **Strategic advice** for European and non-European bodies, realised through studies, strategic workshops and leadership of or participation in expert groups.
- **Research project management support**: ERCIM has successfully applied for and managed numerous leading research projects in the range of European Framework Programs.

## Benefits of membership

ERCIM members benefit from:

- international recognition as a leading centre for ICT R&D;
- more influence on European and national government R&D strategy in ICST (ERCIM writes strategy papers for these organisations either on request or sometimes under contract);
- influence on the future direction of W3C and hence the Web (the president of ERCIM is a member (representing Europe) of the 5-person W3C Steering Committee chaired by Tim Berners-Lee);
- invitations to join projects of strategic importance where the development is ~50% funded by the EC – this reduces the costs of organisationally-required developments of software and also develops staff;
- excellent networking possibilities with 16000 high-quality research colleagues across Europe;
- professional development of staff including international recognition;
- invitations to join committees and boards developing ICT strategy nationally and internationally;
- publicity through the ERCIM website (high google ranking) and ERCIM News, the widely read quarterly magazine.

## How to become an ERCIM Member?

Prospective members must be outstanding research institutions (including universities) within their country. Membership applications will be reviewed by an internal board and may include an on-site visit. Membership is renewable as long as the criteria for excellence in research and a active participation in the ERCIM community, cooperating for excellence, are met.

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