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## The Association of European Operational Research Societies

Dear EURO Friends,

This is the first issue of the EURO Newsletter, a new service which is meant to inform you promptly and regularly about the latest developments within the EURO community. This newsletter will mainly include

- information on activities of EURO, in particular concerning the EURO instruments like conferences, working groups, summer and winter institutes, publications, education initiatives etc., and
- information which the national OR societies would like to have brought to the attention of the EURO community.

We hope that you will find this new service beneficial. Please feel free to let us have your opinion and suggestions for improvement at the address given at the end of this newsletter.

Sincerely yours,

Gerhard Wäscher, President of EURO

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## EURO Mini Conference Graz-2013 - Call for Participation

The EURO Association of European Operational Research Societies invites you to participate in the EURO Mini-Conference Graz-2013, which will be hosted at the Karl-Franzens University of Graz in Austria, in cooperation with its the Institute of Statistics and Operations Research, from **October 17th to 19th, 2013**.

**Scope:** The EURO Mini-Conference Graz-2013 on "**Collaborative Decision Systems in Economics and in Complex Societal and Environmental Applications**" will be composed of 4 Streams, namely: 1. Stream of Decision Support Systems (chaired by the EWG-DSS); 2. Stream of Experimental Economics (chaired by the EWG E-CUBE); 3. Stream of Complex Societal Problems (chaired by the EWG-MCSP); and 4. Stream of OR in Agriculture and Forest Management (chaired by the EWG-ORAFM). Due to its interdisciplinary flavour, this conference brings together researchers of the areas of Decision Sciences, Operations Research, Economics, Societal Complexity, Environmental Management and their respective fields of applications. Collaborative Decision Systems in the areas of Economics, Societal and Environmental Applications are very much encouraged to be submitted to this EURO Mini-Conference.

**Contributions:** We encourage the submission of papers addressing topics in research and application of Decision Systems. Authors are requested to submit extended abstracts (~6 A4 pages) in electronic form (MS-Word or PDF) via the EasyChair Account: **EURO Mini-Conference Graz-2013**.

**Submissions Deadline: 20/07/2013.**

<https://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=eurominiconferencegr>

**Notification of Acceptance: 02/09/2013**

**Registration Deadline: 15/09/2013**

Submissions may include, among others, the following topics:

- Methodologies and Applications in Experimental Economics;
- Decision-making using Social Networks and Web Resources;
- Spatial-temporal Web-based Decision Making & DSS;
- Group Support Systems / Distributed / Collaborative Decision Making;
- Methods, Languages and Tools to support Decision Systems;
- Web 2.0/ 3.0 Systems for Decision Support & Globalisation Context;
- Knowledge Management & Resource Discovery for Decision Making;
- Methodologies and Applications in Complex Societal Problems;
- Applications of Decision Systems in Agriculture and Forest Management.

This conference is organised by the working groups:

**EWG-DSS**  
**EWG-E-CUBE**  
**EWG-MCSP**  
**EWG-ORAFM**

mini conference logo



Check the [webpage](#) for more information.

## IFORS Prize for OR in Development 2014 - First Call for Papers

IFORS is pleased to announce that the Prize will be awarded during the 20th Triennial conference on "The Art of Modeling" to be held in Barcelona, Spain from 13-18 July 2014.



**\* Awarded at the close of the IFORS Triennial Conference and carries with it a grand prize of US\$ 4,000.00 and a runner-up prize of US\$ 2,000.00**

**\* The finalist papers are automatically considered for publication in the IFORS Publication, International Transactions in Operational Research (ITOR). Publication is contingent upon the usual refereeing process. Authors of these papers agree that the first right to publish their papers lies with ITOR; as such, they will not publish the same until and unless they receive permission to do so by the ITOR editor.**

Important details about the competition follow:

### Topic of paper

\* The paper describes a practical OR application in a developing country, conducted to assist a specific organization in its decision-making process with regard to education, health, and other basic services, water, technology, resource use (physical or financial), infrastructure, agricultural/industrialization, environmental sustainability with original features in methodology or implementation for development in developing countries. The idea is to optimize the development with the constraints and limited resources.

\* The paper includes some description of the application's social context and its impact on the decision making process or on the organization for which it was conducted. Where appropriate, the relevance of the country's state of development to the study is addressed. A stress on developmental issues will be an important factor in the judging. Papers of a purely technical nature, or those, which have no relevance in the developmental context, will not be considered.

### Judging Criteria

\* Qualifying papers will be evaluated on the following criteria: problem definition, creativity and appropriateness of approach, MS/OR content, stress on developmental issues, innovative methodology, impact of the study, paper organization and structure, participation of local researchers and quality of written and (if selected as finalist) oral presentation.

### Other Information

\* Principal authors and presenters of any nationality are welcome. If selected to be among the finalists, the entry must be presented by one of the principal authors during the IFORS Triennial Conference to be held in Barcelona, Spain from 13-18 July 2014.

\* Finalists' registration fees will be sponsored by IFORS. For finalists who are nationals of developing countries, a grant for living expenses may be requested but cannot be guaranteed.

\* All contributions must be submitted using the submission site <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/itor>, indicating in their cover letters that they are intended for this competition.

Other inquiries should be sent directly to the Prize Chair:

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**Last date of submission of the full paper:** November 30, 2013

**Finalists will be notified by:** February 28, 2014.

**Date of presentations:** July 14, 2014

## EURO General Support Fund - Deadline April 1st 2013

Members can bid for funds to support additional activities not currently covered by other EURO instruments. The [EURO General Support fund](#) should not be used as a support to regular activities of the member societies (such as national meetings and conferences). Priority will always be given to:

- bids that give special consideration to the need of students (e.g.organiser of an event related to EURO willing to subsidise the participation of students),
- bids that give special consideration to the need of organisers of OR events in Central and Eastern Europe,
- bids that emanate from a member society of EURO or organisers of EURO sponsored events or organisers of events sponsored by a member society of EURO.

There are only a **limited amount of funds available** (€10,000 Euros) and EURO **do not accept personal applications**. Please see the [website](#) for further guidance. The deadline for 2013 is April 1st. If there is still money left, applications will be evaluated on a first-come first-serve monthly basis until there is no funding left.

## EURO Journals

[The European Journal of Operational Research \(EJOR\)](#) is an established journal for high quality, original papers that contribute to the methodology of operational research (OR) and to the practice of decision making. In addition, three EURO journals were officially launched during the IFORS 2011 conference in Melbourne:

- \* [EURO Journal on Transportation and Logistics](#)
- \* [EURO Journal on Computational Optimization](#)
- \* [EURO Journal on Decision Processes](#)

Articles from the three new journals can currently be downloaded for free.



## Upcoming Conferences

Dates	Conference Title	Location	Submission Deadline
17th-19th April 2013	<a href="#">EURO Working Group on Locational Analysis (EWGLA) Meeting</a>	Ankara, Turkey	31st January 2013
24th-26th April 2013	<a href="#">10th ESICUP (EURO Special Interest Group on Cutting and Packing) Meeting</a>	Lille, France	1st March 2013
20th-24th May 2013	<a href="#">VRP2013: European Spring School on Vehicle Routing</a>	Angers, France	30th January 2013

29th-31st May 2013	<a href="#">EWG-DSS (EURO Working Group on Decision Support Systems) Thessaloniki-2013</a>	Thessaloniki, Greece	30th March 2013
26th-28th June 2013	<a href="#">11th EUROPT Workshop on Advances in Continuous Optimization</a>	Firenze, Italy	31st March 2013
27th-28th June 2013	<a href="#">Joint ICORD/EWG-ORD (EURO Working Group on Operational Research for Development) Workshop 2013</a>	Rome, Italy	30th January 2013
1st-4th July 2013	<a href="#">XXVI EURO - INFORMS Joint International Conference</a>	Rome, Italy	14th March 2013
7th-12th July 2013	<a href="#">39th annual meeting of the EURO Working Group on Operational Research Applied to Health Services (ORAHS)</a>	Istanbul, Turkey	5th April 2013
7th-10th July 2013	<a href="#">Second meeting EURO Working Group on Vehicle Routing and Logistics Optimization (VeRoLog)</a>	Southampton, UK	11th March 2013
20th-21st August 2013	<a href="#">FORS40 - Finnish Operations Research Society 40th Anniversary Workshop</a>	Lappeenranta, Finland	30th May 2013
3rd-5th September 2013	<a href="#">The OR Society - OR55 Annual Conference</a>	Exeter, UK	TBA

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