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Special Announcements

EURO News

BERNARD ROY (1934-2017)

We are sorry to announce the sad news that Bernard Roy passed away on 28th October 2017. As a former EURO President, Gold Medallist and Distinguished Service Medallist he will be sadly missed by EURO, the OR community, and all his colleagues and friends.

Alexis Tsoukiàs has written a tribute available at:



<https://www.euro-online.org/web/pages/1622/bernard-roy-1934-2017>.

"In 1975 Bernard Roy created the EURO MCDA working group, within the just established Association of European Operational Research Societies. The group have met regularly since then, every six months, (the last meeting, the 86th, took place in Paris last October) creating one of the most enduring scientific contributions in OR. Bernard has been President of AFCET (as was named the French society representing OR at that time) in 1976-78 as well as Honorary President of ROADEF (the French OR society). He has been president of EURO in the years 1985-86. He received the EURO Gold Medal in 1992 and the International MCDM Society Gold Medal in 1995 as well as the EURO Distinguished Service Medal in 2015. He has been received as Docteur Honoris Causa in six Universities (VUB, Liège, Fribourg, Poznań, Laval and Crete)."

Also, Bernard's video acceptance of his EDSM in 2015 is available at:

https://www.euro-online.org/media_site/reports/EDSM2015_BR_speech.mp4

EURO Awards 2018

EURO Excellence in Practice Award



This is an invitation for authors to submit a paper for the above award.

PURPOSE

The purposes of the competition are to:

- recognise outstanding accomplishments in the practice of OR,
- attract more application-oriented papers to EURO-k Conferences,
- promote the practice of OR in general.

JURY

- Ulrich Dorndorf (Germany) - chair
- Erik Demeulemeester (Belgium)
- John Poppelaars (The Netherlands)
- Adam Ouorou (France)

THE PRIZE

The prize for the winners is a distinct honour, and in material terms consists of:

- a certificate of excellence in OR practice for each author of the paper,
- an amount of €3,000 shared between the authors.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

1. All interested authors are invited to submit a detailed description of an application of OR with a real impact on practice, which has original features, whether in methodology, application or implementation. This may be in the form of a paper written for publication (although not necessarily published at the time of submission), a client report, or other appropriate documentation. The documentation must describe the work in a way which illustrates how it meets the criteria outlined below. The age limit for published papers is four years. The work must not have been submitted concurrently to another competition. The application is open to OR specialists from any part of the world. Please also check the [guidelines](#).
2. The criteria for the evaluation of the papers are:
 - o real impact on practice,
 - o scientific quality,
 - o relevance to Operational Research,
 - o appreciation by the organisation involved with the application,
 - o originality in methodology, implementations and/ or field of application.

Letters of appreciation are important.

3. The jury selects a short-list of finalists who will present their work in a special session at the 29th European Conference on Operational Research in Valencia. There is no registration fee for one author of each of the finalist presentations. The winner will be determined by the jury at the end of the special session and will be announced by the chair of the jury during the closing session of the EURO 2018 Conference.
4. Applications should be submitted online <http://www.euro-online.org/awards/eepa2018/registration.php> before **January 31, 2018**.

EURO Awards 2018

EURO Doctoral Dissertation Award



This is an invitation for authors to submit a paper for the above award.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the prize is to distinguish an outstanding doctoral dissertation in OR defended in the countries having an OR society that is a member of EURO.

JURY

- Richard Hartl (Austria) - chair
- Bernardo Almada-Lobo (Portugal)
- Hande Yaman (Turkey)
- Jutta Geldermann (Germany)
- Julia Bennell (UK)

THE PRIZE

The prize consists of a certificate and reward of €1,000.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

1. The EDDA 2018 jury will only consider dissertations in Operational Research defended between 1 February 2016 and 31 January 2018. The dissertation must have been defended in a University located in a [member country of EURO](#). The author of the dissertation must be a member of a member society of EURO.
2. To be considered, a dissertation should be nominated by the supervisor of the thesis (one of them in case of multiple supervisors). The supervisor of the dissertation is asked to provide the jury with the following information:
 1. The text of the dissertation;
 2. An extended abstract (3 to 5 pages) of the dissertation; this abstract should be written in English and should include precise keywords;
 3. An itemization of the candidate's contribution to each co-authored article if the dissertation contains co-authored articles (i.e., published papers or unpublished manuscripts);
 4. If the dissertation is not in English, a paper in English which has been authored or co-authored by the candidate and which describes the core ideas of the dissertation. This paper should preferably have been published in or submitted to an international journal;
 5. Nomination letters (or reports) from two referees selected by the dissertation supervisor, supporting the submission and stating their assessment of why the dissertation should win the award;
 6. An up-to-date CV of the candidate, including a list of publications.

No nomination will be considered without these items. Please also check the [guidelines](#).

Since many doctoral dissertations in OR are defended each year, and due to the fact that in 2017 there was no EDDA award, only outstanding pieces of work are expected to be submitted. The jury would like to remind supervisors that only high-quality theses might have a chance of winning the award.

3. The jury selects a short-list of finalists who will present their work in a special session at the 29th European Conference on Operational Research in Valencia. There is no registration fee for each finalist. EURO will also contribute to the travel and accommodation expenses. The winner will be determined by the jury at the end of the special session and will be announced by the chair of the jury during the closing session of the EURO 2018 Conference.
4. Applications should be submitted online <http://www.euro-online.org/awards/edda2018/registration.php> before **January 31, 2018**



EURO Support for NATCOR Bursaries



NATCOR, a National Taught Course Centre in Operational Research, delivers taught courses in the UK to PhD students on a number of different topics in OR. Please see the NATCOR website for more details: <http://www.natcor.ac.uk/>

EURO is pleased to announce the availability of a limited number of bursaries for PhD students to attend NATCOR courses. <https://www.euro-online.org/web/pages/1568/natcor-bursaries>

- Heuristics & Approximation Algorithms, University of Nottingham, 9th - 13th April 2018
- Convex Optimisation, University of Edinburgh, 4th - 8th June 2018
- System Dynamics, University of Warwick, 2nd - 4th July 2018
- Forecasting and Predictive Analytics, Lancaster University, 24th - 26th September 2018

The NATCOR course fees and accommodation (typically bed and breakfast) will be funded by EURO for successful candidates.

Applicants must be PhD students, from one of the EURO member countries or studying in one of the EURO member countries (see <https://www.euro-online.org/web/pages/1457/current-member-societies>). Applicants must have good English Language skills as all NATCOR courses will be in English. Preference will be given to students in their first or second years but all are welcome to apply. Preference will also be given to applicants who have not previously received support from EURO for NATCOR or other PhD schools.

To apply for a bursary, candidates from a EURO member society country, or studying in a EURO member society country, should submit a zip file containing the application form, their curriculum vitae (including their academic track record), a letter outlining their motivation to attend, and a letter of recommendation from their supervisor to <https://www.euro-online.org/awards/natcor2018/registration.php>. Applicants should declare on their application if they are receiving any additional support from their PhD funding body or other sponsor.

Important Dates

Deadline for applications: **January 15, 2018**

Notification of acceptance: January 31, 2018

EURO PhD School on MCDA/MCDM Chania, Greece, 23 July - 3 August, 2018



<http://www.mcda-school18.tuc.gr/>

The Summer School is a joint event of the Association of European Operational Research Societies (EURO), the International Society on MCDM, and the EURO Working Group on Multicriteria Decision Aiding, that aims to promote the ideas, philosophy and practices of MCDA/M to doctoral students. The School provides participants with a unique opportunity to get a comprehensive and in-depth view of the state-of-the-art in MCDA/M approaches and methodologies, their applications in various areas, the relevant software decision support tools, and the interconnections of MCDA/M with other closely related theoretical and applied disciplines from OR/MS, computer science, engineering, and social sciences. Thus, the Summer School provides a detailed coverage of all established and emerging areas in MCDA/M and further emphasizes the interdisciplinary character of the field, which is fundamental for addressing the challenges that complex decision problems pose, in an effective manner.

Finally, the Summer School constitutes a forum through which PhD students can exchange knowledge, ideas and experiences, discuss open problems and get feedback from leading scholars in MCDA/M, and build fruitful collaborations.

Target audience

The Summer School's audience involves PhD students who are interested in theoretical and applied aspects of MCDA/M and seek to get an in-depth understanding of the field and related topics.

Language

The official language of the School is English.

Application

In order to submit your application, please email the following information to mcdaschool18@isc.tuc.gr:

- * your detailed curriculum with photo
- * an abstract describing your PhD
- * a letter from supervisor specifying in clear terms the motivations to attend the summer school
- * the [application form](#) filled with your information

The deadline for the submission of applications is **January 15, 2018**. The results of the selection process will be communicated by January 31, 2018. If accepted, you will receive an e-mail with instructions for registration. The number of participants will be limited to 50.

EURO Winter Institute on Lot Sizing and Related Topics

Frankfurt, Germany, 5-16 March, 2018



<https://www.wiwi.europa-uni.de/en/lehrstuhl/iom/scm/ewi2018/index.html>

The EURO Winter Institute 2018 in Frankfurt (Oder) addresses advanced PhD students and young PostDocs (up to 2 years after the PhD) to meet and learn from senior experts in that field, to study various special topics in the context of lot-sizing. This institute also serves as a platform for presenting and discussing their research with other researchers and to give support to them for their academic careers.

The institute will be held at the university campus of the European University Viadrina in Frankfurt (Oder), Germany. The university is located directly at the border of Germany and Poland and can be reached easily by a 70 minutes train ride from Berlin.

The institute addresses advanced PhD students and young PostDocs (up to 2 years after the PhD) in the field of lot-sizing or any related area. The number of participants is limited to 25.

Application Requirements:

The winter institute invites applications from advanced PhD students and young PostDocs (up to 2 years after the PhD) in the field of lot sizing or in related areas.

Applicants should send the following documents until **November 15th, 2017** by E - mail to ewi2018@europa-uni.de:

- * Curriculum vitae
- * Extended abstract of 8 -10 pages
- * Letter of recommendation from the supervisor or head of department

A maximum number of 25 participants will be accepted (selected by the program committee). There is no registration fee. The EURO Winter Institute will cover the accommodation in a single room, meals (breakfast and lunches) and social activities. Travelling expenses are **not** covered.

Important dates

Deadline for application: **November 15th, 2017**

Notification of acceptance: December 2017

Winter Institute: March 5th - March 16th, 2018

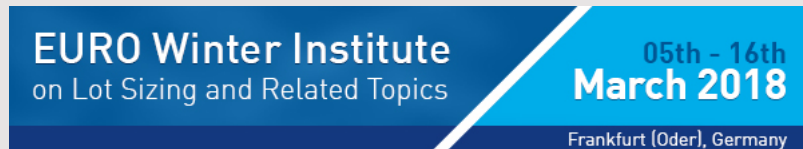
Deadline for Special Issue: Summer 2018

Contact

For any inquiries please send an E-mail to ewi2018@europa.uni.de.

IFORS Scholarship

IFORS will sponsor the travel costs of one delegate coming from **non-EURO member society**. For more information and how to apply please see: <http://ifors.org/call-for-applications-for-ifors-euro-scholar-to-the-euro-winter-institute-in-frankfurt-oder-germany-march-5-16-2018/>



EURO Mini Conference on "Advances in Freight Transportation and Logistics"

Padova, Italy, 7-9 March, 2018



<http://www.emc-ftl-2018.org/>

This EURO Mini Conference call for papers is focused on methods and models in the fields of OR and Transportation Engineering and aimed at solving complex problems related to the topics. The conference will try to answer to the following key questions:

- * "What are the future of freight transportation and logistic?"
- * "How to be a modern/smart city in order to get a sustainable freight mobility?"
- * "What are the best solutions academia can give for supporting companies, shipping agents, logistic operators and public administrations in managing freight distribution?"

The event will be hosted within the "Green Logistics Expo" that is an international event organized by Padova Fiere. It will be the occasion in which academia and stakeholders will try to answer to the key questions above. Padova Fiere will host the event giving us space for plenary, regular sessions and for workshops. The event is organised within the activities of the [Euro Working Group of Transportation \(EWGT\)](#) with the support of the [Association of European Operational Research Societies \(EURO\)](#).

Main topics of interest are methods, mathematical models and computation algorithms to solve and support the solution of problems in the field of freight transportation and logistics.

Authors are invited to submit an extended abstracts by way of [EasyChair](#). The reviewing process is managed by the local organizing committee. For preselection the first-phase starts with a call for extended abstracts up to three pages (including references). All extended abstracts should include similar specific sections like aim of paper, methodological aspects, originality of topic, results, concluding remarks, references. In the second-phase all selected extended abstracts can submit a full paper up to 10 pages (including references). Each Paper will be reviewed by at least two peer-reviewers. Proceedings will be published by Elsevier (Transportation Research Procedia).

Important dates:

- * Extended abstract submission: **13 November 2017**
- * Notification of extended abstract acceptance: 30 November 2017
- * Full paper submission: 10 January 2018
- * Notification of full paper acceptance: 10 February 2018
- * Final paper submission: 7 March 2018
- * Early registration: 15 February 2018
- * Conference date: 7-9 March 2018

Working Groups

EWG EPA, EURO working group on Efficiency and Productivity Analysis

Insights from Data and Research: the BLGDRC Conference 2017

London, UK, 17 November, 2017



<http://www.blqdataresearch.org/event-insights-from-data-and-research-the-blqdrcc-conference-2017/>

Date: Friday 17 November 2017
Venue: QEII Centre, Broad Sanctuary London
Time: 09:30-16:30

This Conference brings together insights from government, policy makers, business, and academia on the latest research in the innovative use of data science, especially within the areas of finance, economic policy, agriculture, and GIS.

New data created by new technologies and devices are rapidly emerging as important to supplement and in some cases replace datasets collected by traditional means.

Data integration and the potential to enhance traditional datasets by linking, calibrating and interoperating them with 'new' data offers exciting opportunities for researchers, policy makers and businesses to gain new insight and perspective on existing research challenges, and to investigate new questions in the context of an increasingly connected and digital world.

Delegates will hear about how different datasets, and the way in which they are being used, are advancing research and policy decisions.

[Book here](#) by **15th November 2017**.

EURO working group on Preference Handling 11th Multidisciplinary Workshop on Advances in Preference Handling (M-PREF'18)

New Orleans, USA, 2-3 February, 2018



<http://www.mpref-2018.preflib.org/>

Preferences are a central concept of decision making. As preferences are fundamental for the analysis of human choice behavior, they are becoming of increasing importance for computational fields such as artificial intelligence, databases, and human-computer interaction as well as for their respective applications.

The workshop will provide a forum for presenting advances in preference handling and for exchanging experiences between researchers facing similar questions, but coming from different fields.

The workshop on Advances in Preference Handling addresses all computational aspects of preference handling. This includes methods for the elicitation, learning, modeling, representation, aggregation, and management of preferences and for reasoning about preferences. The workshop studies the usage of preferences in computational tasks from decision making, database querying, web search, personalized human-computer interaction, personalized recommender systems, e-commerce, multi-agent systems, game theory, social choice, combinatorial optimization, planning and robotics, automated problem solving, perception and natural language understanding and other computational tasks involving choices. The workshop seeks to improve the overall understanding of and best methodologies for preferences in order to realize their benefits in the multiplicity of tasks for which they are used. Another important goal is to provide cross-fertilization between the numerous sub-fields that work with preferences.

Important Dates

- *Submission Deadline: **Nov. 10, 2017**.
- *Notification: Nov. 20, 2017.
- *Camera Ready: Nov. 18, 2017.
- *Workshop: Feb. 3, 2018.
- *AAAI 2018: Feb. 4-7, 2018

EWG POR, EURO working group on Practice of OR First workshop of the EURO Working Group on Practice of O.R.

Paris, France, 15-16 February, 2018



<https://www.euro-online.org/websites/or-in-practice/event/first-workshop-of-the-working-group/>

Hold the date! for our first workshop, 15-16 February in Paris-Saclay, with keynote speaker **Laurent Perron** from Google.

The state-of-the-art EdF conference centre in Paris will form the venue for this unique opportunity to discuss, compare experiences, learn and build practitioner networks across Europe. All O.R. and analytics practitioners, from industry, Government and beyond, are invited to participate.

Further details, including timetable, how to register, and costs, will follow soon. In the meantime, please contact Jean André (jean.andre@airliquide.com) or Matteo Pozzi (matteo.pozzi@optit.net) or visit the website <https://www.euro-online.org/websites/or-in-practice/> for more information.

EWG EU/ME, EURO working group on Metaheuristics

19th EU/ME Workshop on Metaheuristics for Industry

Geneva, Switzerland, 22-23 March, 2018

<http://eume2018.ch/>

The 19th EU/ME workshop on Metaheuristics for Industry will take place at the University of Geneva, Switzerland, on March 22-23, 2018.

This workshop aims to bring together researchers from all over the world interested in discussing the latest progress in the field of metaheuristic optimization.

The workshop is free of charge but registration is mandatory. If you are interested in giving a presentation at this workshop, please send a contribution by **November 3, 2017**.

Each contribution consists of a short paper (3-4 pages, using the provided LaTeX template). One author of each contribution has to present the paper orally during the workshop. If you do not send any contribution, you are welcome to register to the workshop in order to listen to the presentations of the selected contributions. In addition, two keynote speakers will be invited (one from academia and one from industry).



EWG PMS, EURO working group on Project Management and Scheduling

16th International Conference on Project Management and Scheduling

Rome, Italy, 17-20 April, 2018

<http://www.pms2018.ing.uniroma2.it/>

PMS is an international conference series initialized by the EURO PMS Working Group, devoted to project management and scheduling (<http://www.cs.put.poznan.pl/pms/>). The workshop is held every two years in different locations around Europe. This conference brings together researchers and practitioners from different disciplines of Computer Science, Operational Research, Optimization Engineering, Mathematical Programming and Industrial Engineering. The conference covers theoretical results and algorithmic developments in the fields of Project Management and Scheduling, including project management and scheduling practice and applications to real-life situations.

PMS 2018 (16th International Workshop on Project Management and Scheduling) is organized by the Department of Enterprise Engineering of the University of Rome "Tor Vergata" (Rome, Italy). The workshop will be held in Rome - Italy - on April, 17-20, 2018 at Residenza di Ripetta, strategically located in the heart of the City - a few steps away from Piazza del Popolo and Piazza di Spagna.

The workshop will consist of technical and selected presentations as well as invited presentations made by esteemed researchers working on Project Management and Scheduling.

Plenary speakers confirmed are:

- ***Jacques Carlier** - Université de Technologie de Compiègne
- ***Rolf Möhring** - Technische Universität Berlin
- ***Erwin Pesch** - Universität Siegen

All researchers, academics, phd students and practitioners working on the conference themes are invited to participate to PMS 2018 submitting an extended abstract (length 4 single-spaced A4 pages). Templates and guidelines to authors are available on the PMS 2018 website. These 4-page submissions will be reviewed according to the standard reviewing process of international conferences. A selection of submissions will be presented during the workshop.

After the workshop, the authors will have the opportunity to submit full papers to a special issue of Annals of Operations Research (see the PMS 2018 website).



Important deadlines:

Paper submission: **15th November 2017** (Extended)
Notification of acceptance: 19th January 2018
Final paper presentation: 12th February 2018
Early registration: 15th February 2018

EWG DSS, EURO working group on Decision Support Systems

4th International Conference on Decision Support System Technology - ICDSST 2018 & PROMETHEE DAYS 2018



Heraklion, Greece, 22-25 May, 2018

<https://icdsst2018.wordpress.com/>

Main Theme: Sustainable Data-Driven & Evidence-based Decision Support with Applications to the Environment and Energy Sectors.

The ICDSST in 2018 is jointly organised by the Euro Working Group on Decision Support Systems EWG-DSS and the PROMETHEE DAYS Group. The joint-conference aims to provide a communication platform for scholars, researchers, developers, specialists and other professionals in the related areas of decision making and decision support, including DSS methodologies and technologies as well as application oriented solutions, to get together in order to exchange ideas, share experiences, discuss key issues, and identify future research and development directions. Additionally, users of PROMETHEE are also welcome to participate and disseminate their theoretical developments, comparative analyses or practical applications of the PROMETHEE methods.

The ICDSST-PROMETHEE DAYS 2018 will focus on the role, the qualities, the models and methods offered by sustainable data-driven and evidence based Decision Support, mainly applied to Environment and Energy. On these sectors, diverse stakeholders at various governance levels seek to devise and implement sound and robust policies which mitigate environmental impacts while taking into account various parameters. Decision Support Systems can simulate different scenarios and offer solutions in modern managerial issues which are full of redundant and complex information. Such rapidly evolving situations, which engage a large number of individuals with different agendas in complicated decision making processes, require such tools for support.

Submissions:

We welcome submissions as: Full Papers (deadline **30 November 2017**); Short Papers (by **1 March 2018**); and Posters (by **25 March 2018**). Templates for Papers & Posters are available from the conference website: icdsst2018.wordpress.com.

EWG ESICUP, EURO working group on Cutting and Packing



15th Workshop on Cutting and Packing

Zoetermeer, The Netherlands, 23-25 May, 2018

We are pleased to invite you to the 15th Meeting of the EURO Working Group on Cutting and Packing (ESICUP) in Zoetermeer, The Netherlands, 23-25 May, 2018. ESICUP provides a forum for those working in the Cutting & Packing field, bringing together researchers from all over the world. In this meeting contributions dealing with any aspect of the Cutting and Packing problems formulation, resolution or application are welcomed. This includes theoretical achievements, algorithms development and real-world implementations. Different problems, related with Cutting and Packing, are also welcomed.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

To be considered for presenting at the 15th ESICUP Meeting, submit an abstract (3000 characters maximum, approximately 1 page) summarising the research, including details of the problem tackled, the methodology used and the main conclusions drawn. You may submit by sending an email to esicup@gmail.com, that includes: Title, Authors, Affiliation, Abstract and Keywords.

Important Dates

Abstract Submission: **23rd February 2018**
Notification of Acceptance: 9th March 2018

EWG ECCO, EURO working group on Combinatorial Optimization

ECCO XXXI - CO 2018 Joint conference on Combinatorial Optimization

Fribourg, Switzerland, 14-16 June, 2018



<https://ecco2018.euro-online.org/index.html>

The ECCO annual meetings aim to bring together researchers in the field of Combinatorial Optimization to present their work, share experiences, and discuss recent advances in theory and applications.

Important Dates

January 15th, 2018 - abstract submission starts

March 16th, 2018 - deadline for abstract submission

April 9th, 2018 - notification of acceptance

April 30th, 2018 - deadline for early registration

May 15th, 2018 - deadline for author registration (for inclusion in the program)

May 31st, 2018 - deadline for late registration

June 14th - 16th, 2018 - ECCO CO conference 2018

EWG SSC, EURO working group on Sustainable Supply Chains

EURO PhD School on Sustainable Supply Chains and 2nd Conference of the EURO Working Group on Sustainable Supply Chains

Wageningen & Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 1-7 July, 2018



EURO PhD School on Sustainable Supply Chains

July 1 - 7, 2018

Location: Wageningen & Amsterdam, The Netherlands

This PhD School is leading up to and includes the 2nd Conference of the EURO Working Group on Sustainable Supply Chains.

Topics:

*Concepts and models for Sustainable Supply Chains: multi-criteria decision making, trade-offs between economic, environmental and social objectives

*Inter- and multidisciplinary approaches, e.g. combining optimization, simulation, and information management for life cycle assessment, development of sustainable business models,

*Specific characteristics of e.g. bio-based SCs, closed-loop SCs, food SCs, automotive SCs.

Speakers: To be announced: keynotes and case studies will be provided by international experts, and supply chain companies like ArgusI and ORTEC.

Registration until **February 9, 2018**, with subsequent notification of acceptance expected by February 28, 2018.

More information will be made available on the following website: <https://www.sustainableesc.rwth-aachen.de/>

Supported by: Association of European Operational Research Societies (EURO), graduate school WASS at Wageningen University, Beta Research School for Operations Management and Logistics, the Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Metropolitan Solutions (AMS).

SAVE THE DATE!

2nd Conference of the EURO Working Group on Sustainable Supply Chains

July 6 - 7, 2018 (leading up to the annual EURO conference)

Location: Amsterdam, The Netherlands

We have the great pleasure of inviting you to take part in the 2nd Conference on Sustainable Supply Chains (SustSC 2018) to be held in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, July 6 & 7, 2018 with a kick-off meeting on July 5. SustSC 2018 is organized by the EURO Working Group on Sustainable Supply Chains (EWG-SustSC) within the Association of European Operational Research Societies (EURO). The Program and Organizing Committee is currently preparing a high-quality scientific program as well as an attractive social program.

More information will be made available on the following website: <https://www.sustainableesc.rwth-aachen.de/>

For people combining their travel with a visit to the EURO 2018 conference in Valencia, note that there are direct flight connections with Transavia or KLM from Amsterdam to Valencia.

EWG HOpe, EURO working group on Humanitarian Operations

3rd EURO Working Group Mini-Conference on Humanitarian Operations (EURO HOpe 2018) Leuven, Belgium, 13-14 September, 2018



<https://feb.kuleuven.be/drc/Operations%20Management/misc/GSKchair/events/eurohope>

The 3rd EURO HOpe mini-conference on **Humanitarian Operations at the Interplay of Development and Relief**.

Programme

The European Working Group on Humanitarian Logistics (EURO HOpe) and the Research Center for Access-to-Medicines of the KU Leuven are organizing the third EURO HOpe mini-conference in **Leuven** on **September 13 and 14, 2018**.

As in previous years, the goal is to bring together researchers and practitioners with an interest in humanitarian logistics to discuss and improve their research on various aspects of humanitarian operations from a conceptual, empirical, and modelling perspective.

Application and registration

Participants are encouraged to submit one of the following:

*A dedicated talk: 20 minutes presentation followed by 10 minutes of discussion

*A thematic session: three talks with 90 minutes in total

*A poster

We love to welcome your abstract submission for a talk, thematic session or poster by **May 31st, 2018** using [this website](#). After the application deadline you will receive an email soon concerning the acceptance decision. The schedule is tight and perhaps we may not be able to accommodate all submissions so please forward us your submission as early as possible. There is no registration nor submission fee.

For any more info, please contact nico.vandaele@kuleuven.be.

EURO working group on Transportation 21st Meeting of the EURO Working Group on Transportation (EWGT 2018) Braunschweig, Germany, 17-19 September, 2018



<http://ewgt2018.org/cms/>

We are pleased to invite you to the 21st Meeting of the EURO Working Group on Transportation (EWGT) in Braunschweig! EWGT is an international forum for researchers and practitioners to share information and experiences of research activities in the field of transport, traffic and logistic. After the 1st Meeting of EURO in 1992 in Landshut, the conference goes back to being held in Germany at the Technische Universität Braunschweig between the 17th and the 19th of September, 2018.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Only original and previously unpublished manuscripts will be considered for a presentation at the conference. Extended Abstracts with a maximum of 3 pages need to be submitted by **1st December 2017** via [ConfTool](#). Please provide us also the source file (Word, LaTeX) for the preparation of your abstract. You can use our [Word template file](#) for your abstract. Final notification of acceptance will be given on 1st February 2018.

Full papers, with a maximum page count of 8 pages, must be submitted until 1st April 2018. Further information regarding this process will be announced on the EWGT website in due time. All electronically submitted papers will be peer-reviewed. Elsevier will publish accepted and registered full papers in Transportation Research Procedia. Moreover, the committee is currently establishing agreements with some top journals for special issues related to the works presented at the EWGT Meeting.

Important Dates

Abstract Submission: **1st December 2017**

Notification of Acceptance: 1st February 2018

Full Paper Submission: 1st April 2018

Notification of Acceptance: 15th June 2018

Conferences and Meetings

French Operational Research Society
ROADEF 2018

Lorient, France, 21-23 February, 2018

<http://roadef2018.labsticc.fr/>



The annual congress of the French Society for Operational Research and Decision Support (ROADEF) brings together academics and industrialists from different countries every year. The 19th congress (ROADEF2018) is organized by the DECIDE team of the Laboratoire Lab-STICC of the University of Brittany. It will take place at the Palais des Congrès in Lorient from 21 to 23 February 2018. All the themes of Operational Research and Decision Support will be covered by the members of the different laboratories present each year (combinatorial optimization, industrial engineering, logistics, discrete event simulation, etc.). The aim of this congress is to participate in the training of young researchers and to encourage exchanges and collaborations between academic and industrial researchers working in the discipline. With the support of several sponsors, this 19th congress of ROADEF will propose a very rich scientific program:

- * Plenary Sessions and Tutorials
- * Young Researcher Award Forum for exchange and communication
- * General Assembly of ROADEF
- * GDR RO Annual Meeting

The main language of the conference is French, but some talks will be given in English.

Important Dates

Deadline for submission of abstracts: **Friday 17 November 2017**
Responses and Selection of Abstracts: Friday 8 December 2017
Reduced registration deadline: Friday 15 December 2017
Deadline for submission of final versions: Friday 22 December 2017

SWI2018 (135th European Study Group Mathematics with Industry 2018)

Eindhoven, The Netherlands, 29 January - 2 February, 2018

<http://www.swi-wiskunde.nl/swi2018/>

Since 1968, the Study Group Mathematics with Industry has brought together mathematicians and companies. Following the original Oxford model, about 60 mathematicians, ranging from PhD students to full professors, spend a week working on real life problems, presented to them by companies on Monday morning. During five busy days these problems are discussed, modelled, analysed, and computed, and results are presented on Friday.

You are kindly invited to participate.

4th International Conference on Logistics Operations Management (GOL)

Le Havre, France, 10-12 April, 2018

<http://lmah.univ-lehavre.fr/~conferences/GOL18/>

The 4th International Conference on Logistics Operations Management aims to bring together researchers and professionals interested in logistics not only from a technology standpoint but also from a social sciences perspective. This multi-disciplinary approach will examine the current state of the art focusing on new techniques and models relevant to the operations management of various logistics flows. The scope of the conference will cover, but not be limited to, several topics such as logistics systems modelling, decision support systems, information systems, legal and regulatory environments, framework and control of the global logistics chain, manufacturing organization, transport and storage operations, performance modelling and measurement, risk analysis and planning.

Important dates are as follows:

- *Submission of full Papers: **15 November 2017**
- *Notice of Acceptance: 30 December 2017
- *Early-Bird Registration: 1 February 2018
- *Camera-ready Manuscript: 30 January 2018
- *Conference: April 10-12, 2018

POMS 29th Annual Conference

Houston, Texas, USA, 4-7 May, 2018

<https://pomsmeetings.org/conf-2018/>

Expanding Boundaries of POM

Production and Operations Management Society (POMS) is an international professional organization representing the interests of production and operations management (POM) professionals from around the world.

The society's web page may be found at: <http://www.poms.org/>

The annual conference provides an opportunity for faculty, doctoral students and practitioners to share knowledge and insights through research presentations, tutorials, workshops and panel discussions.

Who May Participate

Researchers working in the area of operations management (OM) from academia, government, industry and research establishments as well as doctoral students are invited to submit research papers, proposals for symposia, tutorials, and/or workshops on current topics in OM.

Submission Information

Interested participants are invited to submit abstracts of continuous text (no bullet points, no math/Greek symbols) no longer than 50 words describing their presentation. The title should be no longer than 15 words. Submission should include information about all co-authors including full name, organization, and contact email. The system will also ask to identify the name of the paper presenter. One person can present at most three papers. See important dates and frequently asked questions on the conference website.

For any questions, please contact one of the conference chairs or Sushil Gupta, POMS Executive Director at pomsmeeting@gmail.com.

The last date to submit abstracts is **November 28, 2017**

19th Open Conference of the IFIP WG 8.3 on Decision Support Systems (IFIP DSS 2018)

Ljubljana, Slovenia, 13-15 June, 2018

<http://ifip2018dss.ijs.si/>

It gives us great pleasure to invite you to Ljubljana, Slovenia, for the 2018 Open Conference of the IFIP WG 8.3 on Decision Support Systems. The theme of the conference "**DSS Research Delivering High Impacts to Business and Society**" highlights the main purpose of the DSS: providing support to people and organisations faced with difficult decision problems in a variety of contexts. This requires applying the DSS expertise to problems that arise in other disciplines, such as healthcare, specific business areas, media, and many others. The DSS researchers should collaborate with other domains of expertise and leverage the DSS expertise to solve other people's problems.

On this basis, we aim to continue the success of past IFIP WG 8.3 conferences in supporting the dissemination of quality research, but also to provide a memorable experience through our hospitality and conference facilities in Ljubljana, the European Green Capital 2016. The 2018 IFIP WG 8.3 conference is organised by Jozef Stefan Institute, the largest Slovenian research institute, in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the 1998 IFIP WG 8.3 conference that was held in Bled, Slovenia.

The IFIP WG 8.3 conference committee welcomes both academic and practitioner community contributions on a wide range of topics using a range of scholarly approaches that showcase the latest innovations and achievements in decision support and decision making. Submitted contributions that showcase methodological advances and real case studies will be especially welcomed. All contributions will be peer-reviewed and the acceptance of a contribution will be based on the originality of the work, the relevance to the conference theme and its overall quality.

The 2018 Open Conference of the IFIP WG 8.3 will highlight the applications, methods, analytics, stakeholders and impacts of decision making and decision support in today's society and business.

Important dates

Submissions: **December 15, 2017**

Author notification: February 15, 2018

Final submissions: March 15, 2018

Early registration deadlines: April 15, 2018

Conference: June 13-15, 2018

Matheuristics 2018

Tours, France, 18-20 June, 2018

<https://mh2018.sciencesconf.org/>

The Matheuristics workshop series is proposed as a primary forum for researchers working on exploiting mathematical programming techniques in a (meta)heuristic framework, granting to mathematical programming approaches the problem robustness and time effectiveness which characterize heuristics, or exploiting the mathematical programming model formulation in the customization of a heuristic for specific or general problems.

The seventh edition of the workshop will be hosted by the Operations Research, Scheduling, and Transportation research group of the Université François-Rabelais' Computer Science Laboratory in the city of Tours (France). The workshop aims at collecting contributions that define the state of the art for the computational effectiveness and efficiency or the theoretical properties of «matheuristics». The workshop will be entirely devoted to this subject of research and to its applications. The conference program will consist of plenary presentations, enriched by a couple of keynotes.

Confirmed keynote speaker

Pascal van Hentenryck, University of Michigan (USA)

Hybrid Optimization: The Many Marriages of CP, MP, and SAT

Confirmed post-conference special issue

Journal of Heuristics

Important dates

November 15, 2017: submission deadline

February 15, 2018: acceptance notification

March 01, 2018: camera ready papers

April 01, 2018: early bird registration closes

May 18, 2018: registration closes

June 18-20, 2018: workshop

Registration

Early student: 300 euros

Early regular: 400 euros

Accompanying person: 160 euros

The student and regular fees include lunch and coffee breaks, the social program and the conference dinner. The fee for accompanying persons include the social program.

Submissions

Submissions to Matheuristics 2018 should be comprehensive and self-contained, and relevant to the topic of the workshop.

IWOBIP'18 (International Workshop on Bilevel Programming)

Lille, France, June 18 - 22, 2018

<https://iwobip2.sciencesconf.org/>

The main motivation for hosting IWOBIP'18 is to bring together a group of academics, practitioners, and researchers interested in Bilevel Optimization. It is also meant to attract young researchers and graduated students (master and Ph.D. students) who are specializing in this topic.

Bilevel Programming is a fairly recent branch of optimization that deals with programs whose constraints embed an auxiliary optimization problem. Bilevel programs are pervasive and are commonly found in a number of real-world problems. This includes problems in the domains of transportation, energy, economics, decision science, environmental economics, security, etc.

In addition to contributed presentations, IWOBIP'18 will consist of plenary lectures and mini-courses, both given by world-renowned researchers. Mini-courses will be given from June 18 to June 19 noon.

The workshop will take place from June 19 noon to June 22 .

Paper submission

Papers submitted for presentation at the conference will be selected on the basis of extended abstracts of maximum 3 pages which will be reviewed by the international program committee.

Important dates

Extended abstracts deadline: **December, 15, 2017**

Notification of acceptance: February, 16, 2018

Early registration deadline: March 16, 2018

Conference dates: June 18-22, 2018

ICAPS 2018 (28th International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling)

Delft, The Netherlands, 24-29 June, 2018

icaps18.icaps-conference.org

ICAPS 2018, the 28th International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling, will take place in Delft, Netherlands, June 24-29, 2018. ICAPS 2018 is part of the ICAPS conference series, the premier forum for exchanging news and research results on theory and applications of intelligent planning and scheduling technology. In 2018, it will be co-located with CPAIOR.

The ICAPS 2018 program committee invites paper submissions related to automated planning and scheduling.

Authors may submit long papers (8 pages AAAI style plus up to one page of references) or short papers (4 pages plus up to one page of references). The type of paper must be indicated at submission time.

All submissions will be made electronically, through the EasyChair conference system:

<https://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=icaps2018>

Submitted PDF papers should be anonymous for double-blind reviewing, adhere to the page limits of the relevant track CFP/submission type (long or short), and follow the AAAI author kit instructions for formatting:

<http://www.aaai.org/Publications/Author/icaps.php>

In addition to the submitted PDF paper, authors can submit supplementary material (videos, technical proofs, additional experimental results) for their paper. Please make sure that the supporting material is also anonymized. Papers should be self-contained; reviewers are encouraged, but not obligated, to consider supporting material in their decision.

Important Dates

17 November, 2017 - Abstracts (electronic submission) due

21 November, 2017 - Papers (electronic submission, PDF) due

29 January, 2018 - Notification of acceptance

CASPT 2018 - Conference on Advanced Systems in Public Transport and TransitData 2018

Brisbane, Australia, 23-25 July, 2018

<http://www.caspt.org/>

G'day! We invite researchers and practitioners to participate in a combined event: the 14th International Conference on Advanced Systems in Public Transport (CASPT), being held in conjunction with the 4th International Workshop on Research and Applications on the Use of Passive Data from Public Transport (TRANSIT DATA). The combined event will be held on 23-25 July 2018 in Brisbane, Australia.

CASPT 2018 is the 14th conference in the series and serves as a forum for the international community of researchers, practitioners, and vendors on methods for public transport planning and operations.

TRANSIT DATA highlights the use of passive data sources from public transport: automated fare collection, vehicle location (GPS), passenger counting, and related systems.

Both series bring together participants from academia, industry, and government to discuss methods and applications to improve public transport service planning and operations.

15 December 2017 - Submission of Extended Abstracts

31 January 2018 - Notification of Abstract Acceptance

15 May 2018 - Submission of Full Papers

15 May 2018 - Early Registration Deadline

23-25 July 2018 - Conference

Schools and Courses

Winter School in Stochastic programming with applications in energy, logistics and finance

Passo del Tonale, Italy, 15-21 January, 2018

<http://www.iot.ntnu.no/winterschool17/announcement.pdf>

Topics

*Applications of stochastic optimization and robust optimization

*Modeling in energy, logistics and finance

*Multistage stochastic programming: methods and algorithms

*Risk management

Confirmed list of speakers

Endre Bjørndal, NHH

Mette Bjørndal, NHH

Giorgio Consigli, University of Bergamo

Stein-Erik Fleten NTNU

Steven A. Gabriel, University of Maryland

Ronald Hochreiter, Vienna University of Economics and Business
Daniel Kuhn, EPFL
Abdel Lisser, Université Paris Sud
Francesca Maggioni, University of Bergamo
Vitor de Matos, UFSC
Georg Pflug, University of Vienna
Andy Philpott, University of Auckland
Shmuel Oren, Berkeley
Ramteen Sioshansi, Ohio State University
Yves Smeers, UCL
Asgeir Tomasgard, NTNU
Maria-Teresa Vespucci, University of Bergamo
Golbon Zakeri, University of Auckland

Registration Limited number of places:

A) PhD students: 380 euro Shared double room and 3 meals per day included

B) Other participants: 660 euro Shared double room and 3 meals per day included

Please register by sending an email to us indicating category as soon as possible to: winter@iot.ntnu.no We will then send confirmation and payment information. Places are allocated at a first come basis.

Schedule

Arrival: Sunday January 15 Welcome reception at 19.00 and dinner starting at 20.00. The winter school ends before lunch on January 21th.

Lectures: January 16th -20th - Morning session 8.15-11.15 Break (skiing or other activities) - Afternoon session 15.30-19.00 - Dinner 20.00

Credits

There will be in total 30 hours of lectures in the winter school. We will issue certificates verifying participation and work load of 2.5 ECTS credits. For more information contact us at: winter@iot.ntnu.no

2018 School on Column Generation

Paris, France, 26 February - 2 March, 2018

<https://www.gerad.ca/colloques/ColumnGeneration2018/>

The 2018 School on Column Generation is the fourth of its kind (after Paris, France, in 2014, Darmstadt, Germany, in 2010 and Montréal, Canada, in 2006) and aims at teaching the state-of-the-art in column generation and branch-and-price to advanced students and PhD students but also to practitioners and researchers interested. The lectures will be given by renowned scientists in the field, complemented by hands-on experience in a computer lab. The participants will have the opportunity to present their own research or application problems in order to foster discussions and create a real workshop atmosphere.

Topics to be covered include: Basic theory (decompositions, reformulations, convexification, discretization, etc.), vehicle routing and crew scheduling applications, shortest path subproblems, column generation heuristics, master problem issues (stabilization, aggregation), branching and cutting, and hints on implementation issues. In particular, on Thursday, we will spend a whole day with the SCIP framework and learn about implementing branch-price-and-cut.

Lectures are given by Guy Desaulniers, Jacques Desrosiers, Marco Luebbecke and Roberto Wolfler-Calvo.

The practical session with SCIP/GCG is given by Jonas Witt.

The program starts on Monday at 9.00 and ends on Friday around 17.00, so we will have five full days of school.

Registration will be open from November 1 to **December 15, 2017**. Credit card payments are preferable. Additional fees will be charged for bank transfers. Space is limited, therefore a first-come, first-served policy will be applied. If you cannot register due to this space limitation, send us an email at congres@gerad.ca and we will put you on a waiting list.

Publications

EURO Journal on Decision Processes (EJDP)

Special Issue: Call for Papers on Data Analytics and Collaborative Decision Processes

Guest Editors:



Pascale Zaraté, Fátima Dargam, Rita Ribeiro, Shaofeng Liu

Deadline for submission: **November 30, 2017**

<https://www.euro-online.org/web/pages/1603/data-analytics-and-collaborative-decision-processes>

Motivation

While Big Data analytics is a common challenge to overcome nowadays across most application areas, several trends and technologies are making it possible for decision makers to reach decisions faster by improving their collaborative decision processes. These processes involve much more information than before, and they are also increasingly decentralized and distributed. Experiences from best practices in contemporary business decisions suggest that collaborative platforms need to be equipped with strong analytical capabilities based on methodological advances from the Big Data Value Chain, in order to make the best use of available data. In this setting, the current Featured Issue of the EURO Journal of Decision Processes (EJDP) will explore how "Data Analytics and Collaborative Decision Processes" proposed new concepts and methods, and how new methodologies have recently been implemented.

Contents

The Guest Editors seek state of the art reviews and research papers that demonstrate how decision making professionals have sought to implement and use Collaborative Decision Processes and Data Analytics to address timely challenges. Topics of particular interest include but are not limited to: Big Data Analytics; Decision Dashboards; DM & Social Networks Data Analytics; Collaborative Decision Processes; Group Preferences Co-Decisions; among others. Established by the Association of European Operational Research Societies (EURO), EJDP publishes research that advances the understanding and appropriate use of operational research in supporting decision making processes (see <http://www.springer.com/40070>).

Schedule

Prospective authors are invited to submit: (1) an (optional) expression of interest, up to one page describing the envisioned submission, to be sent by email to the guest editors, (2) a full paper to the Editorial Manager system as Original Research with a reference to this Call for Papers (<https://www.editorialmanager.com/ejdp>), selecting article type SI: Collaborative decision processes.

The planned schedule is as follows:

- ***November 2017**: Full Papers submission deadline
- *March 2018: Notification (1st round) / May 2018: revision due (1st round)
- *July 2018: Notification (2nd round) / September 2018: revision due (2nd round)
- *November 2018: Publication of Feature Issue

European Journal of Operational Research



Special Issue: Call for Papers on Advances in Stochastic Optimization

Guest Editors:

Raimund Kovacevic, Carlo Meloni, Dario Pacciarelli, Warren B. Powell

Deadline for submission: **January 31, 2018**

<https://www.journals.elsevier.com/european-journal-of-operational-research/call-for-papers/advances-in-stochastic-optimization>

Stochastic optimization involves mathematical methods for optimal decision making when important model parameters are random. Its importance is demonstrated by a wide diversity of applications, spanning, e.g., energy, health, transportation and logistics, business analytics, finance, education, agriculture, public sector analytics, supply chain management, and the internet. Further applications arise in laboratory settings to help with drug discovery or materials science, design of computer simulations, field experimentation and implementation, covering strategic, tactical and real-time problems.

The application settings are so broad that multiple disciplines have evolved to respond to the different problem characteristics and research questions. Fields have developed with names such as stochastic programming, dynamic programming (including Markov decision processes, approximate/adaptive dynamic programming, and reinforcement learning), stochastic control, stochastic search, robust optimization, online computation, and stochastic equilibrium. Just as important are fields that evolved around learning unknown functions, including global optimization, ranking and

selection, and the multi-armed bandit problem. Of increasing importance is the close relationship between stochastic optimization and machine learning, and the importance of careful modeling of stochastic processes, which is creating bridges to the field of uncertainty quantification.

The aim of this special issue is to collect high quality papers spanning all the different flavors of stochastic optimization, so that different communities can learn from each other. The major acceptance criterion for a submission will be the quality and originality of the contribution. However, the special issue will strive to feature a balanced representation of the different communities and problem domains. Applications are highly welcome, but each paper is expected to contain some novel methodological/mathematical content.

Manuscript Preparation and Submission

Submitted manuscripts will need to conform to the usual high standard requirements of EJOR and will be peer reviewed in the same manner as any other submission. Prospective authors are asked to follow the EJOR guide for authors and submit their full papers via the EES (<http://ees.elsevier.com/ejor>), choosing "**Stochastic Optimization**" as the "Article type" from the pull-down menu.

Before the submission of a full paper, prospective authors may submit an extended abstract - i.e., a 3-5 page abstract (single-spaced) - to the guest editors summarizing the focus of the proposed paper. Submission of the extended abstracts will ensure a quick feedback to the authors on the suitability of the paper for the special issue, and will help to insure a balanced issue. Acceptance of an abstract is not a guarantee of acceptance of the paper, which will be refereed and expected to meet the publishing standards of EJOR.

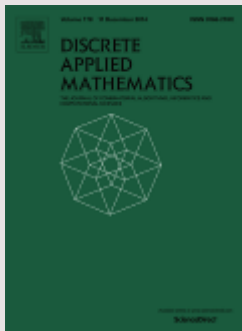
Publication Schedule

Full paper submission due: **January 31, 2018**

Planned final decision: December 31, 2018

Planned on-line publication: February 2019

Discrete Applied Mathematics



Special Issue: Call for Papers on Combinatorial Optimization: between Practice and Theory

Guest Editors:

Andrej Brodnik, Silvano Martello

Deadline for submission: **November 30, 2017**

This special issue will present recent advances in all areas of Combinatorial Optimization. The issue will be based on contributions presented at the Joint EURO/ORSC/ECCO International Conference 2017 on Combinatorial Optimization (ECCO XXX, Koper, May 3-6, 2017), but the invitation to submit is extended to all ECCO, CO, and ORSC members.

Main topics of interest are (but not restricted to):

- * Approximation algorithms
- * Exact algorithms
- * Graphs and networks
- * Heuristics
- * Mathematical programming
- * Metaheuristics
- * Scheduling

All articles will be thoroughly refereed according to the high standards of Discrete Applied Mathematics. The full papers must be submitted through the Elsevier Editorial System <http://ees.elsevier.com/dam>. When submitting your paper, be sure to specify that the paper is a contribution for the Special Issue of EURO/ORSC/ECCO, so that your paper is assigned to the guest editors. Please see the Author Instructions on the site if you have not yet submitted a paper through this web-based system. Be sure to note that your work is intended for the Special Issue and to select the article type **SI: EURO/ORSC/ECCO 2017**. Accepted papers will be published online individually, before print publication.

Annals of Operations Research

Special Issue: Call for Papers on SOME: Sustainable Operations in Manufacturing Enterprise

Guest Editors:

Surya Prakash Singh, Malin Song

Deadline for submission: **December 31, 2017**



<http://rutcor.rutgers.edu/CfP%20S.I.%20SOME.pdf>

Today even the most powerful manufacturing and services firms cannot do business in an arbitrary manner considering only profits. For example, McDonald's is being forced to stop using eggs from chickens raised in cages over the next decade by the pressure from animal-rights advocates (Jargon and Beifuss, 2015). In fact, to mitigate the tension between a firm's goal of profit optimization and the public's criticisms of the firm's negative social and environmental impacts, the concept of sustainable operations has already been popularly embraced by the business community. Additionally, in the 21st century governments and environmental agencies worldwide have been enforcing legislations to reduce the carbon

footprint and other pollutants. As shown by numerous professional and scientific studies, sustainable operations can have significant positive impacts on improving a firm's public image, helping firms survive in natural disasters or accidents, increasing a firm's profits and social welfare, and so forth. Although operations research (OR) since the time of the late George B. Dantzig has been applied to enhance the economy of industry, the OR for sustainable development has not been extensively explored and applied.

The calls for businesses to focus resources on sustainable operations has lead to admirable theoretical and empirical works in recycling and remanufacturing, humanitarian logistics, low-carbon supply chain, sustainable transport, and many other areas of multi-channel business that have strong intersections with the traditional purview of firm's operations and management. However, this leads to a huge challenge to design sustainable operations. So, there is a demand for innovative solid theories, frameworks, and mathematical models for sustainable operations in manufacturing enterprise including multi-channel business.

This special issue will focus on OR applications involving the above-mentioned tasks and those that include sustainability in the broad domains of industrial management, operations and supply chain management, energy planning, smart city planning, transportation planning, and new product and process development. On the methodological side, the special issue aims to present sustainable theory/frameworks, sustainable methods, and sustainable algorithms using OR. Case studies and papers introducing innovative OR applications considering aspects of sustainability are also highly encouraged.

Manuscripts should be submitted no later than **31 December 2017** and should conform to the Annals of Operations Research format. See (<http://www.springer.com/business/operations+research/journal/10479>).

Please submit your article via the online submission site at <http://www.editorialmanager.com/anor/default.asp> Be sure to note when leaving a comment that your work is intended for the special issue and to select the article type: **S.I.: SOME**.

Papers will undergo a strict review process managed by the Guest Editors, and accepted papers will be published online individually, before print publication.

International Transactions in Operational Research (ITOR)



Special Issue: Call for Papers on Advances in Variable Neighborhood Search

Guest Editors:

Nenad Mladenović, Marcone Souza, Kenneth Sörensen

Deadline for submission: **January 25, 2018**

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/itor.12463/full>

The Variable Neighborhood Search (VNS) metaheuristic is based on systematic changes in the neighborhood structure within a search, and has been successfully applied for solving various discrete, global optimization problems, and related tasks. This Call for Papers addresses the recently growing interest of the research community working on the VNS methodology.

This special issue of International Transactions in Operational Research (ITOR) is dedicated to contributions on theoretical, methodological, or applied aspects of the VNS metaheuristic. Its objective is to present recent advances in the VNS methodology and novel applications in industrial optimization problems, computer systems, engineering, and other areas.

The deadline for submissions is **January 25, 2018**. Although we strongly encourage authors who attended the 5th International Conference on Variable Neighborhood Search (VNS'17), which was held in Ouro Preto, Brazil, October 2-4, 2017, this Call for Papers is also open and welcomes submissions from the entire community of academics and practitioners.

Each paper will be peer-reviewed according to the editorial policy of ITOR, published by the International Federation of Operational Research Societies-IFORS. Papers should be original, unpublished, and not currently under consideration for publication elsewhere. They should be prepared according to the instructions to authors that can be found on the journal homepage. Authors should upload their contributions using the submission site <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/itor>, indicating in their cover letter that the paper is intended for this special issue.

Annals of Operations Research



Special Issue: Call for Papers on Multi-criteria Decision Making for Sustainable Decisions

Guest Editors:

Sarah Ben Amor, Anissa Frini, Gilles Reinhardt

Deadline for submission: **January 31, 2018**

<http://rutcor.rutgers.edu/CfP%20MCDM%202017.pdf>

The Annals of Operations Research seeks submissions from researchers with expertise on new developments in multi-criteria decision making, multi-objective optimization, multicriteria optimization, goal programming, and applications to sustainability. This special issue is targeted at, but not restricted to, the 24th International Conference on Multiple Criteria Decision Making held July 10-14, 2017, in Ottawa, Canada. The general theme for this year was "Canada 150: Creating a Sustainable Society."

The main topics of interest for this special issue are:

- * Advances in multi-criteria decision making
- * Integrated MCDM applications
- * MCDM / MOO software development
- * Multi-objective optimization
- * Evolutionary multi-objective
- * Goal programming
- * Stochastic multi-criteria optimization
- * Data Envelopment Analysis
- * Interactive methods in MCDM
- * Stakeholder's influence in the MCDM
- * Application to sustainable management, environmental management, finance, economics, management science, healthcare, and supply chain management

All papers submitted to the special issue will be peer reviewed in accordance with the standard procedures of the Annals of Operations Research (ANOR) journal.

Contributions arising from papers given at the conference should be substantially extended, and should cite the conference paper where appropriate.

Manuscript Preparation and Submission

Authors should submit their papers via the journal's online submission

site <http://www.editorialmanager.com/anor/> and should select the article type **S.I. : MCDM 2017**. Authors must

follow the ANOR "Guide for Authors"

at <http://www.springer.com/business/operations+research/journal/10479>. Submitted papers should not have been previously published or be currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

Mathematical Programming, Series B



Special Issue: Call for Papers on the Interface Between Optimization and Probability

Guest Editors:

Raimund Kovacevic, Roger Wets, David Wozabal

Deadline for submission: **February 28, 2018**

Probability theory and the theory of optimization jointly form the theoretical basis of several other fields of research. Important examples are statistics, stochastic optimization, and the theory of risk measures. Additionally, optimization as well as probability theory benefit from each other directly. Examples include the theory of optimal inequalities in probability theory and randomization approaches in optimization such as stochastic gradient descent and the theory of metaheuristics.

This special issue aims at attracting state-of-the-art contributions that combine optimization and probability theory in an innovative way and transcend narrow disciplinary thinking.

Since the notion of risk is inherently probabilistic and the theory of risk measures is deeply rooted in optimization, the issue puts an emphasis on the measurement and management of risk in a variety of contexts.

Possible topics include but are not limited to:

1. Risk measures in stochastic optimization
2. Risk measures and distributionally robust optimization
3. Statistical risk and novel applications of optimization in statistics
4. Randomized optimization algorithms
5. Risk and probabilistic aspects in stochastic control and stochastic dynamic optimization
6. Financial risk and novel applications of optimization in asset pricing for incomplete markets

Papers should focus on methodological aspects, although parts of a paper may contain discussions of applications. Moreover, submitted papers should fit into the general scope of Mathematical Programming and will be reviewed according to the standards of Mathematical Programming, Series B. Due to page limits of the volume, we are requesting that all papers be submitted using MP style files, and conform to a maximum of 25 pages.

Authors should submit their manuscripts via <http://www.editorialmanager.com/mapr/> and select **Jong-Shi Pang** as the handling editor for consideration in this special issue.

Algorithms



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Special Issue: Call for Papers on Algorithms for Scheduling Problems

Guest Editors:

Frank Werner, Larysa Burtseva, Yuri Sotskov

Deadline for submission: **February 28, 2018**

http://www.mdpi.com/journal/algorithms/special_issues/Scheduling_Problems

We invite you to submit your latest research in the area of the development of scheduling algorithms to this Special Issue, "Algorithms for Scheduling Problems". We are looking for new and innovative approaches for solving scheduling problems exactly or approximately. High-quality papers are solicited to address both theoretical and practical issues of scheduling algorithms. Submissions are welcome both for traditional scheduling problems, as well as new applications. Potential topics include, but are not limited to, sequencing in single- and multi-stage systems with additional constraints such as setup times or costs, precedence constraints, batching/lot sizing, resource constraints, etc., and single- or multi-criteria objectives as well as to a broad spectrum of scheduling problems in emerging applications, such as sports, healthcare, or energy management.

Manuscripts should be submitted online at www.mdpi.com by [registering](#) and [logging in to this website](#). Once you are registered, [click here to go to the submission form](#). Manuscripts can be submitted until the deadline. All papers will be peer-reviewed. Accepted papers will be published continuously in the journal (as soon as accepted) and will be listed together on the special issue website. Research articles, review articles as well as short communications are invited. For planned papers, a title and short abstract (about 100 words) can be sent to the Editorial Office for announcement on this website.

Submitted manuscripts should not have been published previously, nor be under consideration for publication elsewhere (except conference proceedings papers). All manuscripts are thoroughly refereed through a single-blind peer-review process. A guide for authors and other relevant information for submission of manuscripts is available on the [Instructions for Authors](#) page. [Algorithms](#) is an international peer-reviewed open access quarterly journal published by MDPI.

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Optimization Methods and Software

Special Issue: Call for Papers on Advances of Optimization in Science, Economics, Engineering and Medicine



Guest Editors:
Gerhard-Wilhelm Weber

Deadline for submission: **March 15, 2018**

Papers presented at, or related to the subjects of the International Conference on Computational and Experimental Science and Engineering, ICCESEN 2017, October 4-8, 2017, Kemer, Antalya, Turkey (<http://www.iccesen.org/>), will be considered for peer-reviewed publication in a special issue of the journal Optimization Methods and Software (OMS): <http://www.tandfonline.com/goms>.

The quality and topics of the submissions should correspond to the high standards of publications in OMS and its Aims and Scope:

<http://www.tandfonline.com/action/journalInformation?show=aimsScope&journalCode=goms20>.

The paper length should not exceed 25 journal pages.

Submissions should follow the journal's style and guidelines presented here:

<http://www.tandfonline.com/action/authorSubmission?journalCode=goms20&page=instructions>.

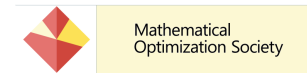
Manuscript submission must be made online via the journal's ScholarOne Manuscripts site

<http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/goms>.

To specify the special issue, choose "ICCESEN-2017".

Competitions, Prizes and Awards

Mathematical Optimization Society Prizes



<http://www.mathopt.org/?nav=prizes>

Fulkerson Prize 2018 - Deadline **February 15th, 2018**

The Fulkerson Prize is for outstanding papers in the area of discrete mathematics.

Dantzig Prize - Deadline **November 30, 2017**

The Dantzig prize is awarded to one or more individuals for original research which by its originality, breadth and depth, is having a major impact on the field of mathematical optimization.

Beale-Orchard-Hays Prize - Deadline **January 15, 2018**

Nominated works must have been published between Jan 1, 2012 and Dec 31, 2017, and demonstrate excellence in any aspect of computational mathematical programming.

Tucker Prize - Deadline **January 15th, 2018**

The Mathematical Optimization Society solicits nominations for the 2018 A.W. Tucker Prize, which will be awarded for an outstanding doctoral thesis in any area of mathematical optimization.

Lagrange Prize - Deadline **November 30th, 2017**

The Lagrange Prize, established in 2002, is awarded for an outstanding contribution in the area of continuous optimization.

Tseng Lectureship - Deadline **December 31st, 2017**

The lectureship is awarded to an individual for outstanding contributions in the area of continuous optimization, consisting of original theoretical results, innovative applications, or successful software development.

POMS Best Paper Award Competition

Production and Operations Management Society

The POMS College of Humanitarian Operations & Crisis Management (HOCM) invites all researchers/practitioners to submit their papers to the HOCM Best Paper Award Competition. The objective of the competition is to identify and honor outstanding papers in the fast-growing field of HOCM. Naturally, the topic of the paper should fall within the scope of HOCM. Submissions will be judged based on four criteria: (1) contributions towards the advancement of theory of HOCM; (2) methodological rigor; (3) practical relevance; and (4) how well the paper opens up new avenues of research. All research methods, including field/case studies, empirical and analytical methods are welcome.

NEW THIS YEAR: The best paper will qualify for an expedited review process, and publication, if accepted by the Disaster Management Department of the POM Journal.

To be eligible to be considered for the HOCM Best Paper Award Competition

* The paper must present original research and cannot be previously published at the time of submission.

* One of the authors must register for the conference and the paper presented in the HOCM track of the annual POMS conference.

* A first author can only submit one paper to the competition.

* Finalists will be notified ahead of the conference and must attend the award ceremony which takes place in the HOCM College Business Meeting.

Note that papers under review at the time of submission, can participate in the competition. However, to be eligible for an expedited review at the POM Journal, the best paper cannot be under review at a different journal.

Submission Process:

1. Submit an abstract of the paper either as an invited or contributed presentation in the HOCM Track using the POMS conference website before the conference abstract submission deadline.

2. If you want to submit a paper for the best paper competition, please forward a copy of the abstract AND the full-length paper no later than **30th December** along with a short email to Marianne Jahre (marianne.jahre@bi.no). Here you will indicate whether you want to join the best paper award competition. Your email should include the title of the paper, list of all authors, their affiliations and email addresses, and the assigned abstract number of the paper.

The emailed copy of the paper should be free of any information that may identify the authors.

Use the POM journal manuscript preparation guidelines

(ref. http://www.poms.org/journal/author_instructions/). The paper should not exceed 38 pages including tables, figures and appendices. Submitted papers are anonymously judged by reviewers whereupon finalists and the winner are selected.

Upcoming Conferences

Event Date	Event	Location	Submission Deadline
13th-15th November 2017	1st Spanish Young Statisticians and Operational Researchers Meeting (SYSORM)	Granada, Spain	7th September 2017
17th November 2017	Insights from Data and Research: the BLGDRC Conference 2017	London, UK	15th November 2017
24th-25th November 2017	Kolkom 2017 (Colloquium on Combinatorics)	Paderborn, Germany	31st October 2017
25th November 2017	Central European Set-Valued and Variational Analysis Meeting	Chemnitz, Germany	31st October 2017
27th November - 1st December 2017	2017 IEEE Symposium Series on Computational Intelligence (IEEE SSCI 2017)	Hawaii, USA	16th July 2017
28th-30th November 2017	SESO 2017 Winter School "Data, Uncertainty and Optimization"	Marseille, France	23rd October 2017
3rd-6th December 2017	Winter Simulation Conference 2017	Las Vegas, USA	28th April 2017
5th-8th December 2017	MISTA 2017	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	20th August 2017
9th-12th December 2017	ISAAC 2017 (28th International Symposium on Algorithms and Computation)	Phuket, Thailand	29th June 2017
10th-13th December 2017	2017 IEEE International Conference on Industrial Engineering and Engineering Management	Singapore	1st June 2017
16th-20th December 2017	4th Conference on Optimization Methods and Software	Havana, Cuba	20th October 2017
21st-23rd December 2017	AFOR 2017: "Advancing Frontiers in Operational Research: Towards a Sustainable World"	Calcutta, India	31st May 2017
8th-10th January 2018	6th INFORMS Transportation Science and Logistics Society Workshop "E-Commerce and Urban Logistics"	Hong Kong	1st August 2017
14th-18th January 2018	6th International Optimisation Summer School	Kioloa, Australia	ASAP

14th-19th January 2018	Winter School on Optimization and Operations Research: Data science and optimization	Zinal, Switzerland	16th December 2017
15th-19th January 2018	7th edition of the Winter School on Network Optimization	Estoril, Portugal	31st October 2017
15th-21st January 2018	Winter School in Stochastic programming with applications in energy, logistics and finance	Passo del Tonale, Italy	ASAP
17th-19th January 2018	BAFI 2018. 3rd Conference on Business Analytics in Finance and Industry	Santiago, Chile	31st July 2017
22nd-26th January 2018	BigDat 2018 (4th International Winter School on Big Data)	Timișoara, Romania	11th November 2017
25th-27th January 2018	WGSCO2018 (Workshop on Graph Spectra, Combinatorics and Optimization)	Aveiro, Portugal	7th October 2017
29th-30th January 2018	First winter meeting of EURO Working Group on Behavioural OR (EWG-BOR)	Dübendorf, Switzerland	1st November 2017
29th January- 2nd February 2018	SWI2018 (135th European Study Group Mathematics with Industry 2018)	Eindhoven, The Netherlands	
2nd-3rd February 2018	11th Multidisciplinary Workshop on Advances in Preference Handling (M-PREF'18)	New Orleans, USA	10th November 2017
15th-16th February 2018	First workshop of the EURO Working Group on Practice of O.R.	Paris, France	
21st-23rd February 2018	ROADEF 2018	Lorient, France	17th November 2017
26th-28th February 2018	OLA 2018 - Workshop on Optimization and Learning: Challenges and Applications	Alicante Spain	3rd November 2017
26th February- 2nd March 2018	2018 School on Column Generation	Paris, France	15th December 2017
5th-9th March 2018	ELAVIO 2018	Maitencillo, Chile	30th November 2017
5th-16th March 2018	EURO Winter Institute on Lot Sizing and Related Topics	Frankfurt, Germany	15th November 2017
6th-8th March 2018	8th International Conference on Industrial Engineering and Operations Management (IEOM)	Bandung, Indonesia	31st October 2017
7th-9th March 2018	EURO Mini Conference on Advances in Freight Transportation and Logistics	Padova, Italy	13th November 2017
14th-16th March 2018	IORMS International Conference on OR/MS	Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria	25th January 2018
19th-21st March 2018	9th Simulation Workshop (SW18)	Stratford, UK	13th October 2017
19th-23rd March 2018	7th International Conference on High Performance Scientific Computing	Hanoi, Vietnam	29th September 2017
21st-23rd March 2018	SIGOPT 2018 (International Conference on Optimization)	Kloster Irsee, Germany	15th January 2018

21st-24th March 2018	20th International Conference on Enterprise Information Systems (ICEIS)	Madeira, Portugal	30th October 2017
22nd-23rd March 2018	19th EU/ME Workshop on Metaheuristics for Industry	Geneva, Switzerland	3rd November 2017
23rd-25th March 2018	INFORMS Optimization Society Meeting	Denver, Colorado, USA	16th November 2017
5th-6th April 2018	EvoCOP 2018 (18th European Conference on Evolutionary Computation in Combinatorial Optimisation)	Parma, Italy	10th November 2017
10th-12th April 2018	International Conference on Logistics Operations Management (GOL)	Le Havre, France	15th November 2017
17th-20th April 2018	16th Int'l Conference on Project Management and Scheduling	Rome, Italy	15th November 2017
4th-7th May 2018	POMS 29th Annual Conference	Houston, Texas, USA	28th November 2017
10th-12th May 2018	The 7th International Conference on Multidimensional Finance, Insurance and Investment (ICMFII'18)	Crete, Greece	15th February 2018
13th-14th May 2018	ORSIS annual conference 2018	Be'er Sheva, Israel	
16th-18th May 2018	61st Meeting of EURO Working Group for Commodities and Financial Modelling	Kaunas, Lithuania	15th March 2018
16th-18th May 2018	BIOMA'2018 (8th International Conference on Bioinspired Optimization Methods and their Applications)	Paris, France	1st December 2017
22nd-25th May 2018	4th International Conference on Decision Support System Technology - ICDSST 2018 & PROMETHEE DAYS 2018	Heraklion, Greece	30th November 2017
23rd-25th May 2018	EURO Working Group on Locational Analysis Meeting, EWGLA XXIV	Edinburgh, UK	15th January 2018
23rd-25th May 2018	3rd EURO Working Group Meeting on Retail Operations	Eindhoven, The Netherlands	5th February 2018
23rd-25th May 2018	ESICUP, EWG on cutting and packing, 15th workshop on cutting and packing	Zoetermeer, The Netherlands	23rd February 2018
3rd-6th June 2018	9th Annual EDSI Conference - Decision Sciences for the New Global Economy	Udince and Venice, Italy	30th January 2018
3rd-8th June 2018	Odysseus 2018	Cagliari, Italy	10th November 2017
13th-15th June 2018	7th Stochastic Modelling meeting (StochMod 2018)	Lancaster, UK	14th February 2018
13th-15th June 2018	The 19th Open Conference of the IFIP WG 8.3 on Decision Support Systems (IFIP DSS 2018)	Ljubljana, Slovenia	15th December 2017
14th-16th June 2018	ECCO XXXI - CO 2018 Joint conference on Combinatorial Optimization	Fribourg, Switzerland	16th March 2018
18th-20th June	Matheuristics 2018	Tours, France	15th November

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18th-20th June 2018	16th Cologne-Twente Workshop (CTW16) on Graphs and Combinatorial Optimization	Paris, France	1st February 2018
18th-21st June 2018	2018 Mixed Integer Programming workshop	Clemson, USA	
18th-22nd June 2018	IWOBIP'18 (International Workshop on Bilevel Programming)	Lille, France	15th December 2017
24th-29th June 2018	ICAPS 2018 (28th International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling)	Delft, The Netherlands	17th November 2017
25th-27th June 2018	Joint EURO/ALIO International Conference 2018 on Applied Combinatorial Optimization	Bologna, Italy	8th January 2018
25th-29th June 2018	2018 Summer School on "Operations Research and Machine Learning"	Fréjus (French Riviera)	
26th-29th June 2018	CPAIOR 2018	Delft, The Netherlands	1st December 2017
28th-29th June 2018	Robust Optimization Workshop	Avignon, France	
1st-6th July 2018	ISMP 2018. 23rd International Symposium on Mathematical Programming	Bordeaux, France	28th February 2018
1st-7th July 2018	EWG SSC EURO working group on Sustainable Supply Chains PhD summerschool	Wageningen & Amsterdam, The Netherlands	9th February 2018
2nd-4th July 2018	The 2018 International Conference of the African Federation of Operational Research Societies (AFROS 2018)	Tunis, Tunisia	30th March 2018
6th-7th July 2018	EWG SSC EURO working group on Sustainable Supply Chains bi-annual conference	Amsterdam, The Netherlands	
8th-11th July 2018	EURO 2018 - 29th European Conference on Operational Research	Valencia, Spain	5th March 2018
12th-13th July 2018	EUROPT 2018 Workshop	Almería, Spain	5th March 2018
15th-19th July 2018	GECCO 2018 (2018 Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference)	Kyoto, Japan	30th January 2018
23rd-25th July 2018	CASPT 2018 - Conference on Advanced Systems in Public Transport and TransitData 2018	Brisbane, Australia	15th December 2017
23rd-27th July 2018	28th IFIP TC7 Conference on System Modeling and Optimization	Essen, Germany	31st January 2018
23rd July - 3rd August 2018	EURO PhD School on MCDA/MCDM	Chania, Greece	15th January 2018
27th-31st August 2018	CP 2018 (Principles and Practice of Constraint Programming)	Lille, France	
28th-31st August 2018	PATAT - 12th International Conference on the Practice and Theory of Automated Timetabling	Vienna, Austria	26th February 2018

9th-12th September 2018	11th International Workshop on Computational Optimization (WCO18)	Poznań, Poland	10th May 2018
11th-13th September 2018	OR60 'Anniversary' Conference	Lancaster, UK	
12th-14th September 2018	Operations Research 2018	Brussels, Belgium	30th April 2018
13th-14th September 2018	3rd EURO Working Group Mini-Conference on Humanitarian Operations (EURO HOpe 2018)	Leuven, Belgium	31st May 2018
17th-19th September 2018	21st Meeting of the EURO Working Group on Transportation (EWGT 2018)	Braunschweig, Germany	1st December 2017
26th-28th September 2018	17th International Conference on Operational Research. KOI 2018.	Zadar, Croatia	1st July 2018

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