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Upcoming Conferences

It is important to include reminders about particular EURO events and publications as the deadlines approach but these will now be shaded slightly so that regular readers can more easily see the new items.

Special Announcements

Joint EURO/ALIO International Conference 2018 on Applied Combinatorial Optimization

Bologna, Italy, 25-27 June, 2018

https://events.unibo.it/euroalio2018

The Joint EURO/ALIO International Conference 2018 on Applied Combinatorial Optimization is an event jointly promoted by the Association of European Operational Research Societies (EURO) and the Association of Latin-Iberoamerican Operational Research Societies (ALIO), both within the International Federation of Operational Research Societies (IFORS).

Contributions dealing with any aspect of Applied Combinatorial Optimization are welcome. This includes theoretical achievements, algorithm development and real-world implementations.

Two kinds of submission are possible: short abstracts of at most 1500 characters including up to three references, and extended abstracts of up to 8 pages. All submissions will undergo a review process.
Short abstracts will be distributed at the conference. Extended abstracts will be published on a special issue of Electronic Notes in Discrete Mathematics (ENDM) associated with the conference.
A Feature Cluster of the European Journal of Operational Research, devoted to Applied Combinatorial Optimization, will be published. High quality papers presented at the conference will be invited to this cluster.

Important Deadlines
Submission of Extended Abstracts: **15/01/2018**
Submission of Short Abstracts: 19/02/2018
Early Registration: 16/03/2018

Plenary Speakers
Andrea Lodi, École Polytechnique de Montréal
Nelson Maculan, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro
David Pisinger (**EURO Plenary Speaker**), Technical University of Denmark

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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 undestanding 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 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:
   - real impact on practice,
   - scientific quality,
   - relevance to Operational Research,
   - appreciation by the organisation involved with the application,
   - 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 Optimisaton, 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

Working Groups

EWG EWGLA, EURO working group on Locational Analysis

EWGLA XXIV

Edinburgh, UK, 23-25 May, 2018

http://www.maths.ed.ac.uk/ewgla/

The 24th EURO Working Group on Locational Analysis Meeting will be held on 23-25 May 2018, at the University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom.

The meeting intends to gather the operations research community from different parts of the world to share experiences in the field of locational analysis. We invite participation from all areas related to location theory including: network location, continuous location, discrete location, obnoxious location, competitive location, hub location, location-routing, advanced location models, location applications (logistics, network design), exact and heuristic solution methods.

Contributions are welcome from academia, industry or the public sector. In addition to presentations, the meeting is intended to be a forum for exchange of recent experiences and results. Researchers and practitioners are invited to submit an abstract formatted according to the given templates. The submissions will be evaluated by a designated scientific committee. We also offer the possibility to present short communications or ongoing works in the form of poster sessions.

Plenary Speakers
Professor Stein W. Wallace, NHH Norwegian School of Economics, Bergen
Professor Andrea Lodi, Department of Mathematical and Industrial Engineering, Polytechnique Montréal

Important Dates
Submission: **15 January, 2018**
Acceptance: 2 March, 2018
Early registration: 23 March, 2018

Contact
ewgla@maths.ed.ac.uk

EURO working group on Retail Operations

3rd EURO Working Group Meeting on Retail Operations

Eindhoven, The Netherlands, 23-25 May, 2018

https://www.euro-online.org/media_site/CfP/CfP_EWG_Retail_Operations_2018_Eindhoven.pdf

The purpose of this EURO Working Group is to advance the development and application of Operations Research (OR) methods, techniques and tools in the field of Retail Operations. We like to offer the international retail community opportunities to present state-of-the-art developments and to discuss current challenges in retailing operations.

The theme of this year's meeting is **'Retail Operations in the omni-channel age'** and our keynote speaker is **Professor Santiago Gallino of the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College**, expert in omni-channel integration and store execution in retail. Part of the program is a **store visit to Jumbo Foodmarket**. Our host and presenter there is **Jan Leensen, Manager Online Channel Development at Jumbo.com**. Jumbo Supermarkten is the no. 2 food retailer in The Netherlands.

We are looking for papers tackling methodologies as well as applications of OR in the field of retail operations, dealing with topics like inventory control, store operations and store management, assortment planning, retail distribution planning, demand forecasting, retail operations and big data, store layout design, food waste at the retail level etc. Our aim is to attract and support researchers and practitioners interested in academic and applied model-based research.

The deadline for submitting abstracts for presentations (**link**) is: **5th of February 2018**

Eindhoven is easy to reach: it is a 20-minute trip from Eindhoven Airport or a 1.5-hour trip by train from Schiphol Airport (near Amsterdam).

For more information: please go to **http://www.ewg-retail-ops.eu** or contact us via **ewg-retail-ops@tue.nl**.

As we have limited availability on the venue, we urge you to register.

It is co-sponsored and a joint meeting of the EURO, TU/e, Slimstock and Jumbo Supermarkten.

We are looking forward to interesting talks and a great networking event!

Jan Fransoo (conference chair), Rob Broekmeulen, Karel van Donselaar, Pedro Amorim & Alexander Hübner

EWG ESICUP, EURO working group on Cutting and Packing

15th Workshop on Cutting and Packing

Zoetermeer, The Netherlands, 23-25 May, 2018

https://paginas.fe.up.pt/~esicup/extern/esicup-15thMeeting/

Hosted by ORTEC.

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 31st Conference of the European Chapter on Combinatorial Optimization will be held at the University of Fribourg in Fribourg, Switzerland at the Pérolles II Campus on June 14th - 16th, 2018. ECCO (European Chapter on Combinatorial Optimization) is a working group of EURO (Association of European Operational Research Societies) that provides an excellent opportunity to discuss recent and important issues in Combinatorial Optimization and its 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

https://www.sustainablesc.rwth-aachen.de/

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.

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

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.

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.

EURO working group on Agriculture and Forest Management

II International Conference on Agro BigData and Decision Support Systems in Agriculture

Lleida, Spain, 12-14 July, 2018

http://www.bigdssagro.udl.cat/congreso2018/

The BigDSSAgro conference is devoted to decision support systems in agriculture, which combine models, databases (Bigdata) and algorithms to support many real-world decision-making problems.

The access to cheap sensor technology, drones, climate data and forecasts, satellite information about soils, humidity and more is provoking a revolution with the irruption of Big Data and opening the door to the development and application of novel optimization and simulation models in Agriculture and the Agri-food industries.

The main question to solve is how to transform the huge amount of data into useful information to decision-makers. Current applications cover a wide range of different areas, from food production or animal welfare to sustainability or climate change impact; and they are expected to still increase in future. The scope of the conference includes findings on established andnew Operations Research, Big Data and Analytics methods ineffective decision-making applications in Agriculture and in the Agri-food industry, including their supply chain, and also problems in Forestry and in Environment studies.

Important note: The official language of the conference will be English. Therefore, the works and presentations must be done in this language

Important dates:
12 March 2018: Abstract submission deadline
28 May 2018: Paper notification
12-14 July 2018: Conference

Abstracts must be submitted electronically in English (as well as the presentation to be made at the conference) and in PDF format at the following link: **https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=bigdssagro2018**

Conferences and Meetings

Italian Operations Research Society

Second AIROYoung Workshop Logistics Optimisation and Applied Operational Research

Cosenza, Italy, 1-2 March, 2018

https://workshop.airoyoung.org/

We invite contributions from all researchers in the Operational Research area. The conference will cover a wide range of topics, including but not limited to the following:
*Big Data and Analytics
*Decision Making under Risk and Uncertainty
*Energy Management
*Healthcare
*Heuristics, Matheuristics and Metaheuristics
*Operations Management
*Revenue Management
*Scheduling
*Stochastic Modelling
*Supply Chain Management
*Transportation and Logistics
*Vehicle Routing

Interested applicants can send a short abstract (max 1 page) to **2airoyoungworkshop@gmail.com**. Please use the subject **AIROYoung Workshop Submission**. The deadline for submissions is **February 12, 2018**.

UK Operational Research Society
SCOR 2018 (6th Student Conference on Operational Research)
Nottingham, UK, 6-8 April, 2018

To Phd Supervisors:

We are pleased to announce the official launch of the PhD Student Conference on Operational Research (SCOR 2018), now back for its sixth instalment. We invite you to join us once again, at the beautiful University of Nottingham campus the 6-8 April 2018.

PhD students from all Universities studying Operational Research, Management Science or a related field are kindly invited to submit an abstract for presentation at the conference. As some presenters may still be on an early stage of in their careers, the work presented does not need to be fully developed or thoroughly explored as of yet. The purpose of SCOR 2018 is to provide a friendly environment for the next generation of Operational Researchers to receive constructive feedback on their work and to meet people with similar interests.

Deadline for abstract (250 words) submission: **Friday 2nd February 2018**

Presenters are also invited to submit a paper (no more than 10 pages) on their work to be published electronically as part of the SCOR 2018 proceedings. This will be available in the Dagstuhl OpenAccess Series in Informatics (OASIcs). Paper submissions will undergo a selection process based on refereeing by the Committee. This gives doctoral candidates a chance to experience the peer-review process and to enhance their technical writing skills. Although it is not mandatory, it is again, highly recommended.

Deadline for PAPERS submission: **Friday 30th March 2018**

Tunisian Operational Research Society

TORS'18

Sousse, Tunisia, 7-9 April, 2018

https://tors2018.sciencesconf.org/

The third Edition of the International Conference of the Tunisian Operational Research Society (TORS) will take place at Sousse (Tunisia) on April 7-9, 2018.

This conference aims to share and exchange knowledge in the field of Operational Research and to promote collaborations and interactions between researchers and industrials. It covers research issues in the Operational Research and Decision Aid fields involving recent theoretical developments and real applications.

SUBMISSION DETAILS
All submitted Short Papers (at least 3 pages, at most 4 pages) should be written in English according to a template available on the website. They should clearly include: title, brief abstract, list of key-words, author(s) full name(s), affiliation(s), complete address(es), and e-mail address(es). Please state the name of the contact person. The submission should be conducted via the Submission page of the site.

PRACTICALITIES
The conference will feature parallel sessions and plenary sessions. Each contributed talk will be allocated 15 minutes up to 20 minutes, followed by a few minutes for the discussion. Talks must be in English.

IMPORTANT DATES
Paper Submission Deadline: **January 20, 2018**
Paper Acceptance Notification Date: January 31, 2018
Early Registration : February 28, 2018

The Israeli Operations Research Society

ORSIS 2018 Conference

Be'er Sheva, Israel, 13-14 May, 2018

http://orsis.net.technion.ac.il/2017/08/30/orsis-annual-conference-2018/

The next conference of the Israeli Operations Research Society (ORSIS) will take place on Sunday and Monday, May 13-14, 2018 at the Beit Hias Campus of Ben-Gurion University in Beer-Sheva. The conference will include an evening tour to the archeological site of Tel-Sheva on Sunday 13th.

Plenary lecturers will include Nicolas Hall (INFORMS president) and Haim Mendelson from Stanford University. We are also planning tutorial semi-plenaries. In addition, two prizes will be presented this year: the ORSIS Prize for Excellent Work in OR and the Abraham Mehrez Prize for Excellent Work of a Student in OR.

Those wishing to present a paper at the conference are hereby invited to submit an abstract. Furthermore, those wishing to organize a session are invited to contact Hillel Bar-Gera at **bargera@bgu.ac.il**. To submit a paper to the conference, please send an abstract (in English) via the following submission form. Submissions need to be received by **April 15, 2018** in order to be included in the conference timetable. Let us know if you have any other special requests, such as a

preference regarding the day of the presentation (i.e., Sunday or Monday). The abstract should 100-500 words and should be typed in ASCII plain text. The abstract form includes the following information.
1. Title of the talk.
2. List of authors including affiliations. Please mark the presenter by *.
3. Contact person e-mail address and phone number.
4. Suggested classification (Supply Chain Management, Revenue Management, Health Care Management, Game Theory, Decision Analysis, Inventory Management, Scheduling, Transportation, Combinatorial Optimization, Continuous Optimization, Queuing Theory, Military OR, Simulation, Productivity Measurement etc.) which helps to group contributed papers into appropriate sessions.

The 2018 ORSIS conference committee
Hillel Bar-Gera (chair)
Ella Segev
Yoav Kerner

Spanish Society of Statistics and Operations Research

SEIO 2018 - 37th Spanish Conference on Statistics and OR.

Oviedo, Spain, 29 May - 1 June, 2018

https://seio2018.com/es/

We are immensely delighted and honored to announce the scientific community and experts in Statistics and Operations Research to attend the 37th Spanish Conference on Statistics and OR and the 11th Days of Official Statistics, to be held in Oviedo, May the 29th to June the 1st, 2018.

This event offers a unique opportunity as a forum in which academicians, researchers and experts dealing with Statistics and OR join to exchange ideas and expertise.

The Organizing and Scientific Committees invite to participate in the Conference and Days all those related to, or interested in, Mathematical/Official Statistics and Operations Research methodological procedures, irrespectively of them coming from academia, industry and administration. Participation through different sessions will certainly enhance the good current state of Statistics and OR, and it will also show their influence in the advancement of the Society of the 21st century.

The official language of the Conference/Days is Spanish, although some sessions can be either totally or partially delivered in English.

Submission deadline: **10th February 2018**

Looking forward to seeing you in Oviedo and joining us there for SEIO'2018.

2018 INFORMS International Conference

Taipei, Taiwan, 16-20 June, 2018

http://meetings2.informs.org/wordpress/2018international/

"A BETTER WORLD THROUGH O.R., ANALYTICS, AND AI"

2018 INFORMS International Conference program committee is committed to organizing a high quality program with diverse participants sharing their vision, knowledge and experience in Operations Research and Analytics. World leading plenary and keynote speakers from academia and industry as well as promising start-up companies will present state-of-the-art OR/Analytics and AI research and applications. The conference also offers tutorial tracks and theme-based industry tracks, including topics such as New Retail, Industrial 4.0, Smart Cites, Smart Healthcare, Smart Agriculture and Financial Technology. In addition, a hackathon competition will be held to encourage rising talents' contributions to OR/Analytics and AI. Awards will be given to outstanding teams from industry or academia as well as startups in these fields.

This conference presents excellent opportunities for you to present your OR/Analytics related work, to learn about the emerging technology and applications, and to network with international leaders of the profession. We invite you to submit a paper, which will be published in online proceedings by INFORMS.

Papers are welcome in any area of Operations Research, Management Science, Advanced Analytics and Artificial Intelligence. Manuscripts must be written in English, be at most eight pages long (including figures, tables, and references), formatted in the INFORMS journal paper format, and submitted as a PDF through the conference website. Please include a 60-word abstract when submitting a paper. Your talk will always be scheduled whether your paper is accepted or not.

Important Dates
***15 Feb, 2018** Deadline for submission of full papers
*15 Mar, 2018 Acceptance/Rejection notification

*10 Apr., 2008 Final camera-ready papers due

5th German Day on Computational Game Theory
Augsburg, Germany, 8-9 February, 2018

https://www.math.uni-augsburg.de/prof/opt/mitarbeiter/harks/Tagungen/5-GDCGT_2018/

This workshop will bring together researchers in Computer Science, Operations Research and Economics, who are interested in algorithmic or computational aspects of game theory, social choice and related areas. It provides an opportunity to foster collaboration, present research and exchange ideas at an informal and relaxed level.

Confirmed Plenary Speakers:
*Michal Feldman (Blavatnik School of Computer Science, Tel-Aviv University)
*Giorgos Christodoulou (Dept. of Computer Science, University of Liverpool)

Participation in the workshop is free of charge and lunch and coffee will be provided.

For registration, please send an email to

gdcgt2018@math.uni-augsburg.de,

no later than **January 15th, 2018**, if you plan to attend.

Workshop on Optimization, Machine Learning, and Data Science
Braunschweig, Germany, 12-13 April, 2018

http://mo.tu-bs.de/workshop/

To advance research and collaboration between these fields the workshop aims at bringing together scientists working at the intersection of the fields and scientists interested in contributing to the collaboration of the fields.

We are very glad to announce the
Keynote Speakers
Jeffrey T. Linderoth, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA,
Andrea Lodi, École Polytechnique de Montréal, Canada,
Bernd Sturmfels, Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik in den Naturwissenschaften, Leipzig, Germany,
Stephen J. Wright, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA.

Call for Contributions
Besides the keynote talks we encourage young researchers to present their work. We either seek work from the intersection of the fields, or presentations on new, pivotal questions of one field for the other. Submissions will be chosen for presentation based on an internal review of the submitted extended abstracts.

Deadline
Please submit and apply for participation before **February 12, 2018**.

The 7th International Conference on Multidimensional Finance, Insurance and Investment (ICMFII'18)
Crete, Greece, 10-12 May, 2018

http://icmfii.com/

The International Conference on Multidimensional Finance, Insurance and Investment is devoted to the recent developments and applications of the Multi-Criteria Decision Aid tools in the field of finance and insurance. This scientific event disseminates recent methods and procedures designed to solve problems related to finance, insurance and investments formulated through analytical operational research models in a multidimensional framework that takes into consideration multiple conflicting and incommensurable decision objectives. The aim of this conference is to bring together researchers and practitioners from all over the world to discuss recent theoretical and methodological developments as well as new empirical results.

Plenary talks have been arranged by **Prof. Panos Pardalos** (University of Florida, USA) and **Prof. Salvatore Greco** (University of Catania, Italy and University of Portsmouth, UK).

The ICMFII International committee invites all interested researchers and professionals to submit extended abstracts (at most 2 pages) should be written in English. They should clearly include: title, brief abstract, list of key-words, author(s) full name(s), affiliation(s), complete address(es), and e-mail address(es). Please state the name of the contact person. All documents must be sent in RTF (Rich Text File) or Doc format by email to the following address **icmfii18 [at]isc.tuc.gr**. The deadline for submitting your Abstract is **February 15, 2018**.

Early registration fee for academic participants is €250 and for students is €150. The organizing committee will be glad to assist all registered participants who have paid the registration fee in the Visa process.

The conference is endorsed by the International Society on Multiple Criteria Decision Making.

Canadian Healthcare Optimization Workshop

Halifax, Canada, 6 June, 2018

www.cors2018.ca

The Health Care Operational Research Special Interest Group (HCOR SIG) of the Canadian Operational Research Society (CORS) and Dalhousie University are proud to host the 2nd annual Canadian Healthcare Optimization Workshop in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on Wednesday, June 6, 2018. The one-day Workshop will follow immediately after the annual CORS conference, which will be held on June 4-6, 2018.

The goals of the workshop are to provide a forum for researchers with a common interest in healthcare optimization and to promote the research of young scholars, with the aim of networking and sharing the latest advances with other researchers in the field.

We invite young academic scholars (doctoral students, post-doctoral researchers and non-tenured faculty) to submit working or research papers for presentation and discussion at the workshop. Published papers and papers under review will not be accepted. The acceptance decision will be based on full paper submissions, which will undergo a review by a panel of experts. The papers can be analytical or empirical, methodological or applied.

Key Deadlines
*Full Paper Submission: **March 1, 2018**
*Notification of Acceptance: April 15, 2018
*Deadline to Update Accepted Papers: May 1, 2018
*Registration Deadline Presenters: May 1, 2018

Submission Guidelines and Review Process
*Submit by email to **CHOWworkshop2018@gmail.com**
*Include the paper title in the subject line and attach the paper in a pdf format. Please name this file as <title_name of presenting author>.pdf (e.g., "Optimal physician scheduling_Smith.pdf"). The paper should include the paper title, and authors' names and contact information. The paper should not exceed 32 pages, including abstract and keywords, all references, tables, graphs, and appendices. Double-spacing (defined as at most 33 lines per page) should be used for the paper, including abstract and references.
*The paper will undergo an initial review process by an expert panel.
*The authors of papers accepted to the CHOW workshop may submit an updated paper version by May 1, 2018 for distribution to the discussants.

Contact
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MIP 2018 (Mixed Integer Programming Workshop)

Greenville, USA, 18-21 June, 2018

https://or.clemson.edu/mip-2018/

We are pleased to announce that the 2018 workshop in Mixed Integer Programming (MIP 2018) will be held June 18 - 21 at Clemson University (Greenville, South Carolina). The 2018 Mixed Integer Programming workshop will be the fifteenth in a series of annual workshops held in North America designed to bring the integer programming community together to discuss very recent developments in the field. The workshop consists of a single track of invited talks and features a poster session that provides an additional opportunity to share and discuss recent research in MIP.

All workshop participants are invited to submit a poster abstract before **March 1, 2018**. There will be an award for the best poster presented by a student. To submit an abstract, please email a detailed abstract of the poster (using 11pt font, at most two pages) to: **mip2018poster@gmail.com**

Space for posters is limited, and the submitted poster abstracts will be used to select the accepted posters. Therefore, it is important that the abstract provides a good description of the research to be presented. We expect to send out acceptance notifications around March 15.

IWOBIP'18 (International Workshop on Bilevel Programming)

Lille, France, 18-22 June, 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: **January, 16, 2017**
Notification of acceptance: February, 16, 2018
Early registration deadline: March 16, 2018
Conference dates: June 18-22, 2018

SEA 2018 (17th International Symposium on Experimental Algorithms)

L'Aquila, Italy, 27-29 June, 2018

http://cs.gssi.it/sea2018

SEA (Symposium on Experimental Algorithms), previously known as WEA (Workshop on Experimental Algorithms), is an international forum for researchers in the area of design, analysis, and experimental evaluation and engineering of algorithms, as well as in various aspects of combinatorial optimization and its applications.

SEA aims to attract papers from both the Computer Science and the Operations Research/Mathematical Programming communities.

The main theme of the symposium is the role of experimentation and of algorithm engineering techniques in the design and evaluation of algorithms and data structures. Submissions should present significant contributions supported by experimental evaluation, methodological issues in the design and interpretation of experiments, the use of (meta-)heuristics, or application-driven case studies that deepen the understanding of the complexity of a problem.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES
The authors should submit an extended abstract not exceeding 12 pages, including figures, title, authors, affiliations, e-mail addresses, and a short abstract. References will not be counted in the page limit. At least 10-point font should be used. Authors are strongly advised to use the LaTeX style file supplied for the LIPIcs style here. Final proceedings papers must be camera-ready in this format. A clearly marked Appendix, which will not count toward the 12 page submission limit, can be included and will be read at the referees' discretion. All submissions have to be made via the EasyChair submission page for the conference at **https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=sea2018**
Authors are encouraged to include a link to the source code and/or datasets to increase confidence in the reproducibility of their experiments; the code may be read and/or executed at the referees' discretion.

IMPORTANT DATES
Abstract submission: **February 8, 2018**.
Full paper submission: February 15, 2018.
Acceptance notification: March 27, 2018.
Camera-ready version: April 10, 2018.
Conference dates: June 27-29, 2018.

Email: **sea2018@easychair.org**

ISMP 2018 (23rd International Symposium on Mathematical Programming)

Bordeaux, France, 1-6 July, 2018

https://ismp2018.sciencesconf.org/

The 23rd International Symposium on Mathematical Programming (ISMP 2018) will take place in Bordeaux, France, July 1-6, 2018. The organizers have the great pleasure of inviting you to prepare contributions to this world congress of mathematical optimization gathering scientists as well as industrial researchers and users of mathematical optimization.

The richness of the conference scientific program shall be further enhanced by the attendees' contributions that are

organized in parallel sessions by the scientific committee. These contributions can take the forms of mini-symposium, invited sessions and contributed presentations. Each attendee can submit at most one talk as a speaker.

ISMP is also a great opportunity for deep tech companies, publishers, research institutes and schools in the field to meet the community, to present their work, to communicate on recruitment opportunities, or to illustrate their good-will through sponsorship. As the slots are in limited number, bookings are organized on a first come first served basis.

Important Dates
* As early as possible: your registration on the conference website to receive any further communication on ISMP 2018.
* November 15, 2017: Opening of reservations for exhibits and sponsorship opportunities
* January 3, 2018: Opening of abstract submissions
* February 1, 2018: Opening of registrations
* **February 28, 2018**: Abstract submission deadline
* April 15, 2018: Notification of acceptance
* April 30, 2018: Early bird registration deadline and registration deadline for presenting authors

2018 European Conference on Queueing Theory (ECQT)

Jerusalem, Israel, 2-4 July, 2018

http://ecqt2018.org.il/index.html

We are delighted to announce that the 2018 European Conference on Queueing Theory (ECQT) will be held July 2-4 in Jerusalem, Israel.

The conference will be preceded by a Students Day Satellite which will take place July 1, will host the 2018 Takacs Award ceremony for outstanding PhD thesis, and will be proceeded by special issues of the journals Performance Evaluation (PEVA) and Queueing Systems (QUESTA).

ECQT 2018 offers a rich social-events program, and its participants will have the opportunity of exploring and enjoying the outstanding World City of Jerusalem. The deadline for Abstract Submissions is **April 1**, and the deadline for early-bird registration is April 31.

2nd IEOM European International Conference on Industrial Engineering and Operations Management

Paris, France, 26-27 July, 2018

http://ieomsociety.org/paris2018/

The 2nd IEOM European International Conference on Industrial Engineering and Operations Management aims at providing a platform for academics, researchers, scientists and practitioners to exchange ideas and to bridge the gap between the Industrial Engineering and Operations Management theory and its application in solving the most current problems and challenges faced by 21st century organisations. Hence, the conference is also expected to foster networking, collaboration and a joint effort among the conference participants to advance the theory and practice as well as to identify major trends in Industrial Engineering and Operations Management.

Important Dates
Paper submission deadline: **1 February 2018**
Notification of acceptance: 1 March 2018
Camera-ready paper submission deadline: 1 April 2018
Registration deadline: 1 May 2018
Conference: 26-27 July 2018

LOD 2018 (4th International Conference on machine Learning, Optimization & Data science)

Tuscany, Italy, 13-16 September, 2018

https://lod2018.icas.xyz/

The 4th Annual Conference on machine Learning, Optimization and Data science (LOD) is a single-track machine learning, computational optimization, data science conference that includes invited talks, tutorial talks, special sessions, industrial tracks, demonstrations and oral and poster presentations of refereed papers.

We invite submissions of papers, abstracts and posters on all topics related to Machine learning, Optimization and Big Data including real-world applications for the conference proceedings:
https://lod2018.icas.xyz/call-for-papers/

When submitting a paper to LOD 2018, authors are required to select
one of the following four types of papers:

*Long paper: original novel and unpublished work (max. 12 pages in Springer LNCS format);
*Short paper: an extended abstract of novel work (max. 4 pages);
*Work for oral presentation only (no page restriction; any format).
*Work for poster presentation only.

Springer sponsors the LOD 2018 Best Paper Award with a cash prize of EUR 1,000 (TBC).

LOD 2018 Submission System
All papers must be submitted using EasyChair:
https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=lod2018

LOD 2018 Important Dates
*Paper Submission Deadline: **March 31, 2018**
*Decision Notification to Authors: June 1st, 2018
*Camera Ready Submission Deadline: July 1st, 2018
*Deadline for early Registration as Presenting Author: July 1st, 2018
*Late registration: July 2 - September 16, 2018
*On-Site registration: September 13-16, 2018

Any questions regarding the submission process can be sent to conference organizers: **lod@icas.xyz**

Schools and Courses

Spring School on Integrated Operational Problems
Troyes, France, 14-16 May, 2018

https://www.isima.fr/~lacomme/Spring_School/accueil_summer_school.php

The fourth edition of the GdR RO's Young Researchers School will be held in Troyes from 14 to 16 May 2018, and will be dedicated to integrated operational problems. These three days will be coupled with the Connected Innovation Chair's spring conference and meetings of the Meta and OSI WGs.

This is an international event that received the scienic and financial support of both **French Operational Research Society (ROADEF)** and **Spanish Operational Research Society (SEIO)**, and several other supports (GdR RO, EUME, ICD-LOSI, Opta LP). All the courses will be given in English and carried out by scientists from several countries (Spain, Belgium, France).

One of the main characteristic of the school, is to provide practical works referred to as Project Based Learning the online program.

The school is completely free of charge and registrations are already open (places limited):

Sign-ins will be considered according to arrival order and it is primarily open to members of the support laboratories of the GdR-RO and SEIO. A certificate of attendance will be issued to the participants at the end of the school.

MESS 2018 - Metaheuristics Summer School - from Design to Implementation
Taormina, Italy, 21-25 July, 2018

https://www.ANTs-lab.it/mess2018/

MESS 2018 is aimed at qualified and strongly motivated MSc and PhD students; post-docs; young researchers, and both academic and industrial professionals to provide an overview on the several metaheuristics techniques, and an in-depth analysis of the state-of-the-art. As first edition, MESS 2018 wants to analyze all metaheuristics from its designing to its implementation. In particular, in MESS 2018 will be analyzed modern heuristic methods for search and optimization problems, as well as the classical exact optimization methods, seen also in the metaheuristics context.

All participants will have plenty of opportunities for debate and work with leaders in the field, benefiting from direct interaction and discussions in a stimulating environment. They will also have the possibility to present their recently results and/or their work in progress through oral or poster presentations, and interact with their scientific peers, in a friendly and constructive environment.

Confirmed Speakers
*Christian Blum, IIIA-CSIC, Barcelona, Spain
*Juergen Branke, Warwick Business School, UK
*Salvatore Greco, University of Catania, Italy & University of Portsmouth, UK
*Yaochu Jin, University of Surrey, UK
*Gunther Raidl, Technische Universitat Wien, Austria
*Helena Ramalhinho Lourenco, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain

*Celso Ribeiro, Universidade Federal Fluminense, Brazil
*El-Ghazali Talbi, University of Lille 1, France
*Daniele Vigo, University of Bologna, Italy

More Speakers will be announced soon!!

Short Talk and Poster Presentation
All participants may submit an abstract of their recent results, or works in progress, for presentation and having the opportunities for debate and interact with leaders in the field. Mini-Workshop Organizers and Scientific Committee will review the abstracts and will recommend for the format of the presentation (oral or poster). All abstracts will be published on the electronic hands-out book of the summer school.

The Abstracts must be submitted by ***April 15, 2018***.

Metaheuristics Competition
All students of the school will be invited to the **Metaheuristics Competition**, where each of them, divided in working groups, will develop a metaheuristic solution on a given problem.

Certificate:
Participants will be delivered a certificate of attendance indicating the number of hours of lectures.

Publications

Discrete Applied Mathematics

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

Guest Editors:
Andrej Brodnik, Silvano Martello

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

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 netw orks
* Heuristics
* Mathemat ical 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.

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 realtime 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.
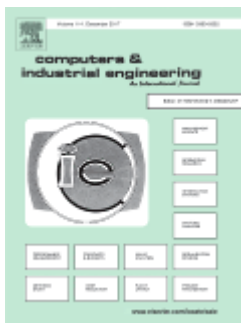
Publication Schedule
Full paper submission due: **January 31, 2018**
Planned final decision: December 31, 2018
Planned on-line publication: February 2019

Computers & Industrial Engineering

Special Issue: Call for Papers on Data-driven Decision Making in Supply Chains

Guest Editors:
Christopher Mejia-Argueta, Jesus Gonzalez-Feliu, Rosa Guadalupe Gonzalez-Ramírez

Deadline for submission: **February 27, 2018**

https://www.journals.elsevier.com/computers-and-industrial-engineering/call-for-papers/data-driven-decision-making-in-supply-chains

As regionalization of global economy is becoming a tendency, supply chains currently must face the competitive challenge of integrating global value-added networks with more local content and requirements. For example, in the emerging regions there are important barriers as well as opportunities to achieve more fluid supply chains. On the one hand, there are risks due to factors like market and financial volatility, dynamic socioeconomic features, security issues, infrastructural challenges, uncertainty caused by delays and disruptions in distinct points of the supply chains (e.g., international borders, congested areas) which affect the supply chain dynamics. But on the other hand, companies benefit of important advantages as qualified human resources at a lower labor cost, increasing local demand for their products, tax incentives, development of infrastructures and resources for specific purposes, among others. In any case, global companies are constraint to adapt their original business model to be more resilient and flexible to local conditions, and at the same time, enrich their competitive advantages from tailored strategies, customized products and value-added services based on local environment.

Strategically, since this Special Issue intends to close the existent gap regarding the usage of data-driven decision making, it looks for achieving three main goals. First, to establish state-of-the-art about quantitative/qualitative methodological approaches used when collecting and analyzing data. Second, to better understand why certain methodological approaches are suitable/limited for a specific supply chain decision making contexts, as well as, for an exhaustive assessment of specific methods and their empirical application by taking into account their strength and limitations. Third, to identify stimulating lessons and directions of future research on this matter, as well as recommendations to foster smarter and digital supply chains.

Submissions of scientific results from experts in academia and industry are strongly encouraged. The topics of interest include, but are not limited to:
*Data-collection techniques and methods (surveys, case studies, action research, mixed approaches, applied and empirical research) in supply chain management)
*Use of emerging technologies in data gathering such as IoT and sensors in SCM
*Supply chain analytics, metrics and predictive tools
*Oriented urban logistics systems
*Emerging electronic data interchange protocols as blockchain
*Supply chain fluidity
*Collective intelligence in logistics
*Agro-logistics systems
*Tourism supply chain management
*Maritime and port logistics
*Risk and security management
*Healthcare operations and humanitarian logistics
*Production, warehouse and operations management
*Strategic sourcing and procurement
*Service operations management and retailing operations
*Transportation systems design
*Supply chains and territorial development
*Sustainable and green supply chains
*Logistics and supply chain public policy-making

The editors of the special issue intend to publish a range of diverse topics and reserve the right to limit the number of papers included in one topic.

Submission Guidelines:
All papers must be original and have not been published, submitted and/or are currently under review elsewhere. All manuscripts should be submitted through the publisher's online system, Elsevier Editorial System (EES) at **http://ees.elsevier.com/caie/**. Please follow the instructions described in the "Guide for Authors", given on the main page of EES website. Please make sure you select "Special Issue" as Article Type and **"Data-Driven SCM"** as Section/Category. In preparing their manuscript, authors are asked to closely follow the "Guide for Authors" given in the main page of EES. Submissions will be reviewed according to C&IE's rigorous standards and procedures through double-blind peer review by at least two qualified reviewers. Accepted papers will become the property of C&IE's publisher, Elsevier.

Deadline
The submission deadline is **27th February 2018**. Submissions to the special issue will be processed immediately upon receipt. The Special Issue is scheduled for publication in 2019.

IEEE Transactions on Fuzzy Systems

Special Issue: Call for Papers on Fuzzy Analytics and Stochastic Methods in Neurosciences

Guest Editors:
Erik Kropat, Gerhard-Wilhelm Weber, Metin Turkay

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

AIMS AND SCOPE
Neuroscience studies the structure and function of the nervous system at various scales ranging from molecular and cellular biology to the organizational principles of perception, behaviour and cognition of humans. Recent technological and theoretical advances provide new insights in the fundamental mechanisms of information processing in the neural system. These developments are accompanied by a tremendous growth of experimental data waiting for a deeper exploration. Modern techniques from neuro- and brain imaging, optogenetic devices as well as in vitro and in vivo multielectrode recordings generate nowadays high-quality neurophysiological data in an unreached resolution. These rapid developments offer promising avenues to advance our understanding of the nervous system. New approaches in computational neuroscience lead to more realistic biophysical models that offer exciting opportunities for sophisticated analyses of intracellular signalling or dynamics in heterogeneous neural networks, the connection of spatial and temporal processes, multisensory integration, conditional behaviour or connections of brain regions in decision-making.

The high complexity of neural systems and the large number of constituents with an often unknown functional interconnections lead to significant computational challenges. An important consideration is the development of mathematical models incorporating the many influences of randomness, noise, uncertainty and fuzziness in both their static and time-dependent versions. The quality of prediction by a model highly depends on the integration of unprecise data and the quantification of uncertain structural parameters. A sophisticated analysis of the influence of all types of randomness, uncertainty and noise is indispensable for the development of reliable neuro-computational models.

The special issue will cover a broad range of topics in the field of neuroscience, exploring the recent advances in the field of neuro-computational models and simulations under uncertainty such as fuzzy based computational models and fuzzy trace theory as well as stochastic neural computation and neural/brain modelling with stochastic differential equations and stochastic regimes models.

TOPICS COVERED
The topics include but are not limited to:
*Computational neurosciences
*Neural networks and systems
*Molecular and cellular structures
*Clinical neuroscience and medicine

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All authors should read 'Information for Authors' before submitting a manuscript **http://cis.ieee.org/ieee-transactions-on-fuzzy-systems.html**
Submissions should be through the IEEE TFS journal website **http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/tfs-ieee**.
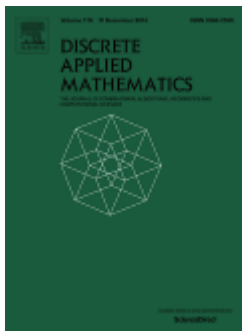It is essential that your manuscript is identified as a Special Issue contribution:
*Ensure you choose **'Special Issue'** when submitting.
*A cover letter must be included which includes the title **"Special Issue on Fuzzy Analytics and Stochastic Methods in Neurosciences"**

IMPORTANT DATES
31 March 2018: Submission deadline
30 June 2018: Notification of the first round review
31 August 2018: Revised submission due
31 October 2018: Final notice of acceptance/reject

Discrete Applied Mathematics

Special Issue: Call for Papers on Graph Spectra, Combinatorics, and Optimization, WGSCO 2018

Guest Editors:
Paula Carvalho, Sofia Pinheiro, Tatiana Tchemisova

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

We are preparing a special issue of the journal Discrete Applied Mathematics related to the Workshop on Graph Spectra, Combinatorics and Optimization (**WGSCO 2018**) to be held in Aveiro, Portugal, 25 to 27, 2018. The main objective of the workshop is to encourage the exchange of knowledge and recent achievements, and to establish collaborations among researchers and practitioners working in the areas of graph theory, combinatorics, and optimization, with special attention to graph spectra. During the workshop we will honor our colleague and teacher, **Professor Domingos M. Cardoso**.

This special issue will be based on contributions presented at the workshop and consist of a selection of substantially extended papers related to its topics: algebraic combinatorics, algebraic graph theory, algorithms and computing techniques, combinatorial optimization, communications and control theory, enumerative combinatorics, extremal combinatorics, graph theory, graph spectra and applications, linear optimization, networks, and nonlinear optimization.

All interested researchers are invited to contribute to this special issue. Contributions arising from papers given at the workshop should cite the conference paper where appropriate. Submissions of contributions not presented at the workshop are also welcome.

All submissions 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 related to the Workshop on Graph Spectra, Combinatorics and Optimization, WGSCO 2018, 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 select the article type **SI: WGSCO 2018**.

Accepted papers will be published online individually, before print publication.

We are looking forward to receiving your contribution.

The Guest Editors,
Paula Carvalho, Sofia Pinheiro, and Tatiana Tchemisova

International Transactions in Operational Research

Special Issue: Call for Papers on Optimization and Machine Learning

Guest Editor:
El-Ghazali Talbi

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

http://ifors.org/call-for-papers-special-issue-on-optimization-and-machine-learning/

This special issue will provide an opportunity to the international research community in optimization and machine learning to publish recent research results in the application of machine learning approaches to optimization methodologies (e.g. metaheuristics, mathematical programming, constraint programming, exact algorithms, heuristics).

This special issue welcomes papers that cover any aspects of the application of machine learning to optimization such as parameter tuning, hybridization, optimization-simulation, meta-modeling, algorithm configuration, surrogate modeling, real-life applications, high-performance computing, multi-objective optimization.

Although we strongly encourage submissions from authors that will present their work in the **OLA'2018 International Workshop on Optimization and Learning**, which will be held in Alicante, Spain, from February 26 to 28, 2018, this Call for Papers is also open to and welcomes submissions from the entire community of academics and practitioners.

Each paper will be peer-reviewed according to the editorial policy of the International Transactions in Operational Research (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. Other inquiries should be sent directly to either of the Guest Editors in charge of this issue: El-Ghazali Talbi (**el-ghazali.talbi@univ-lille1.fr**) and Celso Ribeiro (**celso@ic.uff.br**).

Annals of Operations Research

Special Issue: Call for Papers on Applications of Advances in Operations Research Methods to Achieve Sustainability Goals in a Supply Chain Management Environment

Guest Editor:
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Deadline for submission: **June 1, 2018**

http://rutcor.rutgers.edu/CfP%20RealCaseOR.pdf

The main objective of this Special Issue (SI) is to invite academic practitioners to contribute a better understanding of the scientific basis for decoupling economic growth from resource depletion and environmental degradation while improving human lives with the assistance of advanced OR methods. It is believed that advanced optimization models and algorithms can improve data-driven decision models by either formulating pattern discoveries and knowledge extraction problems or by defining efficient algorithms for implementing SGs in supply chain management at a macro level. Additionally, new algorithms continually make efficiency gains and improve the applicability of older algorithms. Virtually every numerical analysis includes several optimization algorithms that can be applied to design sustainability in supply chain. With these concerns, this SI pertains to sustainable supply chain management (SSCM) by making direct connections between resources, the environment, the economy, and the goal of achieving SGs in different parts of the world through OR methods.

This SI will comprise a significant body of knowledge about how natural resources are being utilized in various economies and will address the impact of this use on the eco-efficient and socio-economic systems, and suggest pathways of transitioning to a more sustainable future. This perspective includes building on and expounding the significance of resource conservation and efficiency along with a societal focus to improve sustainable development in supply chain management by achieving the proposed SGs.

Contributors are encouraged to heed the focus of this Special Issue by addressing any of the topics below. This list is not exhaustive.
*designing SGs in SCM
*SSCM and its implications with SGs perspective
*interaction between sustainable supply chain and sustainable development with SGs
*stakeholders' perspective in SSCM
*quality issues in SSCM
*qualitative and quantitative frameworks for SGs in SCM
*investigating sustainable goal-based strategies in supply chain management
*conservation of resources, energy, green and SSCM
*SSCM and the barriers/challenges and probable solutions for achieving SGs in supply chain management
*lean supply chain strategies to adopt SGs
*waste management and SGs
*managing ecological, economic, and social issues
*reverse logistics, closed loop supply chain, and SSCM
*sustainable consumption and production through SSCM
*social and behavioral operations research in SSCM
* risk management, green and SSCM

This SI seeks to be specific regarding the different kinds of sustainable supply chains, because they can affect the policy implications of different sustainable indicators. In addition to these ideas, this SI welcomes authors to contact us to discuss other possible subtopics. To encourage effective methods and thereby motivate the authors to adopt a variety of sustainable supply chain perspectives in approaching this subject, the SI Guest Editors have purposely kept the above list of suggested topics short. However, all submissions must suit within the domain statement of the journal.

Instructions for authors can be found at:
 http://www.springer.com/business/operations+research/journal/10479
Authors should submit a cover letter and a manuscript by 01 June 2018 via the Journal's online submission site. Manuscripts submitted after the deadline may not be considered for the special issue and may be transferred to a regular issue.

Please see the Author Instructions on the web site if you have not yet submitted a paper through Springer's web-based system, Editorial Manager. 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.: OR for Sustainability in Supply Chain Management"**.
Papers will be subject to a strict review process managed by the Guest Editor and accepted papers will be published online individually, before print publication.

Upcoming Conferences

Event Date	Event	Location	Submission Deadline
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 Optimsation 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 Busness 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	19th January 2018
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

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29th January-2nd February 2018	SWI2018 (135th European Study Group Mathematics with Industry 2018)	Eindhoven, The Netherlands	
1st-2nd February 2018	ORBEL 32, 32nd annual conference of the Belgian Operational Research Society	Liège, Belgium	5th January 2018
2nd-3rd February 2018	11th Multidisciplinary Workshop on Advances in Preference Handling (M-PREF'18)	New Orleans, USA	10th November 2017
8th-9th February 2018	5th German Day on Computational Game Theory	Augsburg, Germany	15th January 2018
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	8th December 2017
26th-28th February 2018	OLA 2018 - Workshop on Optimization and Learning: Challenges and Applications	Alicante Spain	14th November 2017
26th February-2nd March 2018	2018 School on Column Generation	Paris, France	15th December 2017
1st-2nd March 2018	Second AIROYoung Workshop Logistics Optimisation and Applied Operational Research	Cosenza, Italy	12th February 2018
5th-9th March 2018	ELAVIO 2018	Maitencillo, Chile	
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
12th-14th March 2018	The 1st International Science Conference - Competencies in the Age of a Smart World	Poznań, Poland	11th December 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	24th November 2017
23rd-25th March 2018	INFORMS Optimization Society Meeting	Denver, Colorado, USA	12th December 2017

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5th-6th April 2018	EvoCOP 2018 (18th European Conference on Evolutionary Computation in Combinatorial Optimisation)	Parma, Italy	10th November 2017
6th-8th April 2018	SCOR 2018 (6th Student Conference on Operational Research)	Nottingham, UK	2nd February 2018
7th-9th April 2018	Tunisian Operational Research Society (TORS'18)	Sousse, Tunisia	20th January 2018
9th-10th April 2018	Spring School on "Advanced MIP Formulations and Computations"	Marrakesh, Morocco	10th January 2018
9th-10th April 2018	GSTF's Annual International Conference on Operations Research and Statistics (ORS 2018)	Singapore	15th January 2018
10th-12th April 2018	International Conference on Logistics Operations Management (GOL)	Le Havre, France	30th November 2017
11th-13th April 2018	ISCO 2018 (5th International Symposium on Combinatorial Optimization)	Marrakesh, Morocco	10th January 2018
12th-13th April 2018	Workshop on Optimization, Machine Learning, and Data Science	Braunschweig, Germany	12th February 2018
15th-17th April 2018	Analytics 2018	Baltimore, USA	15th January 2018
16th-18th April 2018	DEA40 (International Conference on Data Envelopment Analysis)	Birmingham, UK	15th January 2018
17th-20th April 2018	16th Int'l Conference on Project Management and Scheduling	Rome, Italy	6th December 2017
4th-7th May 2018	POMS 29th Annual Conference	Houston, Texas, USA	28th November 2017
8th-10th May 2018	12th International Frontiers of Algorithmics Workshop (FAW 2018)	Guangzhou, China	29th December 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	15th April 2018
14th-16th May 2018	Spring School on Integrated Operational Problems	Troyes, France	31st March 2018
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	13th December 2017
22nd-25th May 2018	4th International Conference on Decision Support System Technology - ICDSST 2018 & PROMETHEE DAYS 2018	Heraklion, Greece	20th December 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
23rd-25th May 2018	14th INFORMS Telecommunications Conference	Hamburg, Germany	23rd December 2018
29th May-3rd June 2018	SEIO 2018 - 37th Spanish Conference on Statistics and OR	Oviedo, Spain	10th 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	20th November 2017
6th June 2018	Canadian Healthcare Optimization Workshop	Halifax, Canada	1st March 2018
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	10th January 2018
14th-16th June 2018	ECCO XXXI - CO 2018 Joint conference on Combinatorial Optimization	Fribourg, Switzerland	16th March 2018
16th-20th June 2018	2018 INFORMS International Conference	Taipei, Taiwan	15th February 2018
18th-20th June 2018	Matheuristics 2018	Tours, France	1st December 2017
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 January 2018
20th-21st June 2018	Commodity and Energy Markets Association Annual Meeting 2018	Rome, Italy	26th February 2018
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	15th 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	8th December 2017
27th-29th June 2018	International Conference on Applied Mathematics in Engineering (ICAME18)	Burhaniye/Balikesir, Turkey	1st April 2018
27th-29th June 2018	SEA 2018 (17th International Symposium on Experimental Algorithms)	L'Aquila, Italy	8th February 2018
28th-29th June 2018	Robust Optimization Workshop	Avignon, France	

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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	2018 European Conference on Queueing Theory (ECQT)	Jerusalem, Israel	1st April 2018
2nd-4th July 2018	GSC'2018 - 4th International Conference on Green Supply Chain	Thessaloniki, Greece	31st December 2017
2nd-4th July 2018	The 2018 International Conference of the African Federation of Operational Research Societies (AFROS 2018)	Tunis, Tunisia	30th March 2018
5th-6th July 2018	EWG-ORD workshop. OR for Sustainable Development.	Madrid, Spain	
6th-7th July 2018	EWG SSC EURO working group on Sustainable Supply Chains bi-annual conference	Amsterdam, The Netherlands	
7th-9th July 2018	ICMOR 2018 International Conference on Management and Operations Research	Beijing, China	10th April 2018
8th-11th July 2018	**EURO 2018 - 29th European Conference on Operational Research**	Valencia, Spain	5th March 2018
8th-14th July 2018	The 7th International Conference on Optimization Problems and Their Applications (OPTA-2018)	Omsk, Russia	15th January 2018
12th-13th July 2018	EUROPT 2018 Workshop	Almería, Spain	5th March 2018
12th-14th July 2018	II International Conference on Agro BigData and Decision Support Systems in Agriculture	Lleida, Spain	12th March 2018
15th-19th July 2018	GECCO 2018 (2018 Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference)	Kyoto, Japan	30th January 2018
21st-25th July 2018	Metaheuristics Summer School - MESS 2018	Taormina-Sicily, Italy	15th April 2018
23rd-25th July 2018	CASPT 2018 - Conference on Advanced Systems in Public Transport and TransitData 2018	Brisbane, Australia	31st 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
24th-28th July 2018	8th SIPTA School on Imprecise Probabilities	Oviedo, Spain	31st March 2018
25th-27th July 2018	The 13th International Conference on Queueing Theory and Network Applications (QTNA2018)	Tsukuba Science City, Japan	10th February 2018
26th-27th July 2018	2nd IEOM European International Conference on Industrial Engineering and Operations Management	Paris, France	1st February 2018
20th-24th August 2018	Summer School on Combinatorial Optimization	Bonn, Germany	30th April 2018

27th-31st August 2018	CP 2018 (Principles and Practice of Constraint Programming)	Lille, France	10th April 2018
28th-31st August 2018	PATAT - 12th International Conference on the Practice and Theory of Automated Timetabling	Vienna, Austria	26th February 2018
28th August - 5th September 2018	69th Workshop: Variational Analysis and Applications	Erice, Sicily	
9th-12th September 2018	11th International Workshop on Computational Optimization (WCO18)	Poznań, Poland	10th May 2018
10th-12th September 2018	EUCCO 2018. 5th European Conference on Computational Optimization	Trier, Germany	
10th-13th September 2018	ODS2018 (International Conference on Optimization and Decision Science)	Taormina, Italy	12th April 2018
11th-13th September 2018	OR60 Diamond Anniversary Conference	Lancaster, UK	31st May 2018
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
13th-16th September 2018	LOD 2018 (4th International Conference on machine Learning, Optimization & Data science)	Tuscany, Italy	31st March 2018
17th-19th September 2018	21st Meeting of the EURO Working Group on Transportation (EWGT 2018)	Braunschweig, Germany	15th December 2017
26th-28th September 2018	17th International Conference on Operational Research. KOI 2018.	Zadar, Croatia	1st July 2018
4th-7th October 2018	6th International Conference on Variable Neighborhood Search, (ICVNS 2018)	Halkidiki, Greece	15th May 2018
22nd-27th October 2018	9th Moscow International Conference on Operations Research ORM 2018	Moscow, Russia	

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