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Call for Abstracts

VeRoLog 2014 - Vehicle Routing and Logistics Optimization 2014

The third meeting of the EURO Working Group on Vehicle Routing and Logistics Optimization Oslo, Norway, June 22-25
<http://www.sintef.no/verolog2014/>

The third meeting of the EURO working Group on Vehicle Routing and Logistics Optimization (VeRoLog) will take place in Oslo, Norway June 22 to 25, 2014. The conference is the regular meeting of the large community of researchers and practitioners interested in Vehicle Routing optimization and its relations with Logistics. The conference is open to high quality methodological contributions and relevant, real-world applications from the industry and services.

Oslo is the capital of Norway, but also a university city with more than 60.000 students. It was ranked number one in terms of quality of life among European large cities in the European Cities of the Future 2012 report by fDi Magazine. Oslo has a rich cultural scene and plenty of opportunities for recreation and outdoor life.

Conference Venue

The conference venue is Georg Sverdrups Hus, University of Oslo, Blindern, close to the city centre and easily reachable by public transport.

Abstract Submission

To participate, an abstract of 1/3 page (max. 200 words) must be submitted electronically via the web page. Accepted abstracts with a registered presenter will be included in the book of abstracts. At most one presentation per registered

participant is accepted. All selected abstracts will be presented within parallel sessions during the conference. A list of relevant topics for the conference is given below. Selected high quality papers will be included in special issues of international journals edited after the conference.

Keynote Speakers (preliminary titles)

- . Claudia Archetti, Univ. Brescia: "Matheuristics for Routing Problems"
- . Romert Dekker, Erasmus School of Economics: "Robustness in vehicle and ship routing"

Tutorial June 22 (preliminary title)

"GPU programming and heterogeneous computing"

Important Dates

Submission deadline: February 1, 2014
Notification of Acceptance: February 15, 2014
Early registration deadline: April 30, 2014

Conference Fee

Early registration: NOK 3.300
Late registration: NOK 4.000
PhD students (only early): NOK 1.900
Accompanying person: NOK 2.500

The fee includes lunch and coffee breaks for June 23-25, and the social program.
The Conference Dinner on June 25 costs an additional NOK 250.

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A list of relevant topics for the VeRoLog Conference includes, but is not limited to:

- Decision support systems in logistics
- State-of-the-art methods for exact solution of routing and logistics optimization problems
- Innovative methods for heuristic solution of routing and logistics optimization problems
- Planning tools and tool-based environments for routing and logistics
- Design and management of logistics infrastructure and networks
- Analysis and evaluation of environmental impact induced by logistics (e.g., air and noise pollution)
- Sustainable design and operations of logistics facilities
- Integrated planning and control of logistics infrastructures
- Analysis of logistics operations
- Heuristics and meta-heuristics implementation in logistics related models
- ERP and information systems related applications in logistics
- Geographic information systems related to routing and logistics
- On board navigation and positioning systems
- Dynamic routing optimization
- Strategies and operations of logistics service providers
- Service integration of agents or carriers within the logistics business
- Consolidation and distribution for agents or shippers within the logistics business
- Cooperation in intermodal supply chains
- Fleet management

GDN 2014: Joint International Conference of the EURO Working Group on DSS and the INFORMS GDN Section

Toulouse, Jun 10-13, 2014

<http://www.irit.fr/gdn2014/>

The GDN Section of INFORMS and the EURO Working Group on DSS are organizing the GDN 2014 international conference to be held in Toulouse, France, at University Toulouse 1 Capitole, IRIT, on June 10th-13th, 2014. The theme of this conference will be Group Decision Making and Web 3.0.



Call for Papers

Group decision and negotiation focuses on complex and self-organizing processes that constitute multiparticipant, multicriteria, ill-structured, dynamic, and often evolutionary problems. Major approaches include: (1) applied game theory, experiment and social choice, (2) cognitive and behavioral sciences as applied to group decision and negotiation, (3) conflict analysis and resolution (4) software, specifically group decision support systems (GDSS), negotiation support systems (GDNSS) and more generally decision support systems (DSS), (5) artificial intelligence, and (6) management science as related to group decision-making. Many research initiatives combine two or more of these fields.

Full papers (6-8 pages) must be submitted via the conference website. Accepted papers will be published in the Springer Lecture Notes Business Information Processing Series. Guidelines for submissions are available at

<http://www.springer.com/series/7911>

Short papers (4-6 pages) posters (1 page) and late full papers (6-8 pages) may also be submitted on line. If accepted, they will be published in the proceedings at University Toulouse 1 Capitole (UT1C). Invited papers, from the UT1C proceedings, could, after the conference, be published in several special issues.

In defining the domain of group decision and negotiation, the term "group" is interpreted to comprise all multiplayer contexts. Thus, organizational decision support systems providing organization-wide support are included. Group decision and negotiation refers to the whole process or flow of activities relevant to reaching a group decision, and not merely to the final choice - aspects of the process in group decision and negotiation include scanning, communication and information sharing, problem definition (representation) and evolution, alternative generation, and social-emotional interaction. Deblockedive, preblockedive, normative, and design viewpoints are all of interest. Thus, Group Decision and Negotiation deals broadly with relation and coordination in group processes.

Areas of application include, among others, intraorganizational coordination (as in operations management and integrated design, production, finance, marketing and distribution, including coordination of all phases of the product life cycle), computer supported collaborative work and meetings, computer-supported negotiations including internet-supported negotiations and negotiating agents, labor-management negotiations, interorganizational negotiations (including negotiations among businesses, governments, nonprofit organizations, and joint ventures), intercultural negotiations, environmental negotiations, etc. See the Journal Group Decision and Negotiation for further illustrations of the scope of the field of Group Decision and Negotiation.

Examples of Themes and Areas of Interest:

Technological Foundations

- Distributed GDN Technologies
- Virtual Worlds and Environments for GDN
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) Methods in GDN
- Multi-Agent Systems
- E-negotiation Systems

Methodological & Theoretical Foundations

- CATNAPS: Connectedness And Technology for Negotiation And Problem Solving
- Game Theory
- Social Choice Theory
- Bargaining Theory
- Collaboration Engineering
- Multi-Criteria Decision Making
- Conflict Analysis and Resolution
- Design Approaches for Collaboration and Negotiation Systems

Social and Behavioral Aspects of Group Decision & Negotiation

- Cross-Cultural and International Group Decisions and Negotiations
- Impact, Adoption and Evaluation of GDN Technologies and Approaches
- Language in GDN
- Emotion in GDN
- Creativity in GDN
- Family conflict resolution
- Facilitation
- Cognitive Psychology and Neuroscience
- Participatory decision-making in communities
- E-Democracy

Applications of Group Decision & Negotiation

- Environment
- Business
- Policy
- Diplomacy and International Relationship
- Education and Training
- Water and Natural Resources
- Sustainability

Submissions on line: <http://www.irit.fr/gdn2014>

Important Dates

Submissions of full papers: December 9th 2013
Notification of Acceptance of full papers: January 10th 2014
Revisions of full accepted papers: February 10th 2014
Submissions of late full papers, short papers and posters: February 10th 2014
Doctoral Consortium: June 10th 2014
Conference: June 11th-13th 2014

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EURO Working Group on Operational Research in Computational Biology, Bioinformatics and Medicine, 4th Conference, Poznan, Poland, Jun 26-28, 2014

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The organizers of the 4th EURO Working Group Conference on Operational Research in Computational Biology, Bioinformatics and Medicine have a pleasure to invite you to take part in this conference to be held in Poznan, Poland, June 26-28, 2014.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION IS OPEN!

Visit the conference site to submit your abstract: <http://cbbm2014.cs.put.poznan.pl>.

Aims and Scope of the conference

The objective of EURO CBBM is to bring together researchers developing and using computational methods to solve problems in computational biology, bioinformatics and medicine. The conference intends to be an effective forum for the exchange of ideas and discussion of current research issues and future trends in the above area.

Topics include, but are not limited to:

- biomolecular sequence analysis,
- comparative genomics,
- metabolic network modeling and analysis,
- modeling and prediction of gene patterns,
- microarray informatics,
- protein and RNA structure prediction,
- protein interactions,
- genetic networks,
- analysis of genetic variations,
- systems biology,
- gene classification,
- docking and drug design,
- phylogenetics
- and others

Confirmed Invited Speakers

prof. Marek Figlerowicz (Inst.of Bioorganic Chemistry, PAS, Poland)
prof. Giuseppe Lancia (University of Udine, Italy)
prof. Eric Westhof (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, France)

Conference site

The conference will be hosted in the 130-year-old neo-renaissance Biedrusko Palace (Poznan-Biedrusko, Poland).

Abstract submission

Abstracts must be written in English and contain no more than 600 characters (no formulae or mathematical notations are allowed). Each attendee is allowed to present one paper at the conference. To submit an abstract, use the abstract submission system of EURO-Online available from the conference website <http://cbbm2014.cs.put.poznan.pl>.

Important dates

Deadline for abstract submission: 15/02/2014
Notification of acceptance: 01/03/2014
Deadline for early registration: 15/03/2014

Special issue

Selected conference papers can be submitted for peer-reviewed publication in the Special Issue of RAIRO - Operations Research or Foundations of Computing and Decision Sciences.

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EngOpt 2014 - 4th International Conference on Engineering Optimization, Lisbon, Portugal, Sep 8-11, 2014

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EUROPT

The main goal of EngOpt conferences is to bring together, in a common scientific forum, engineers, applied mathematicians and computer scientists working on research, development and practical application of optimization methods applied to all engineering disciplines or developing basic techniques in this field.

EngOpt 2104 is endorsed by ISSMO - International Society for Structural and Multidisciplinary Optimization, MOS - Mathematical Optimization Society, EUROPT - the continuous optimization group of EURO, the Association of European Operational Research Societies.

Abstract submission is now open for the 4th International Conference on Engineering Optimization
You are invited to submit your abstract by Clicking here

<http://www.dem.ist.utl.pt/engopt2014/index.php/paper-submission>

Deadline for abstracts is **March 7, 2014** (all abstracts must be submitted online)

Main Conference Themes: Design Optimization, Optimization in Identification and Inverse Problems, Numerical Optimization Techniques, Efficient Analysis and Reanalysis Techniques, Sensitivity Analysis, Applications in Engineering, Material Science and Biomedical Science, Industrial Applications.

For more details about the conference, conference themes, scientific committee and venue please visit <http://www.dem.ist.utl.pt/engopt2014>.

IFORS Prize for OR in Development 2014 - Fourth Call for Papers



Submission Deadline Extended to December 20, 2013

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

This competition has been held for over 25 years, and recognizes outstanding and relevant OR work carried out in developing countries.

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

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

Topic of paper

- The paper should describe a practical OR application in a developing country, conducted to assist a specific organization in its decision-making process with regard to education, health, and other basic services, water, technology, resource use (physical or financial), infrastructure, agricultural/industrialization, natural resources, or environmental sustainability. It should also contain original features in methodology and/or implementation in developing countries.

- The paper should include some description of: the application's social context, how the project succeeded despite constraints and limited resources, and particularly its impact on the decision making process or on the organization for which it was conducted. Where appropriate, the relevance of the country's state of development to the study should be addressed. A stress on developmental issues will be an important factor in the judging.
- Papers of a purely technical nature, or those, which have no relevance in the developmental context, will not be considered.

Judging Criteria

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

Other Information

- Principal authors and presenters of any nationality are welcome. If selected to be among the finalists, the entry must be presented by one of the principal authors during the IFORS Triennial Conference to be held in Barcelona, Spain from 13-18 July 2014.
- Finalists' registration fees will be sponsored by IFORS. For finalists who are nationals of developing countries, a grant for living expenses may be requested but cannot be guaranteed.
- Entry must be submitted using the submission site for the IFORS journal, International Transactions on Operations Research (ITOR) <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/itor>, indicating in the cover letter that it is intended for this competition. At this point, authors warrant that their paper submissions have not or will be published in another journal. ITOR Editor Celso Ribeiro will forward the papers submitted to the Chair. When the finalists are announced, only finalist papers will be considered as formal submissions to ITOR.
- An international panel of judges chaired by Andres Weintraub, Chile, has been formed

Further inquiries should be sent directly to the Prize Chair:

Prof. Andres Weintraub
 Professor Department of Industrial Engineering
 University of Chile
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Last date of submission of the full paper: December 20, 2013

Finalists will be notified by: February 28, 2014

Date of presentations: July 14, 2014

14th Annual INFORMS Conference on Business Analytics and Operations Research Boston, Massachusetts, Mar 30-Apr 1, 2014



Call for Oral Presentations

Submission deadline: December 19, 2013

Selection notification: January 31, 2014

You are invited to submit a proposal to present at the 2014 INFORMS Conference on Business Analytics and O.R. **Speakers selected through this process receive a 20-35% discount off regular registration rates.**

We welcome proposals in all areas and all topics within the business analytics and O.R. arena. We encourage you to submit a proposal for review by the Selection Committee. Both presentation content and speaking expertise will be considered in selection, with priority given to real-world business topics and high-quality academic work geared to real situations.

Benefits of Presenting

- Discounted conference registration rate of \$775 - 20-35% off regular rates.
- Registration covers the conference program, plus the Edelman Awards banquet, the Sunday Welcome Reception, and breakfast, lunch and breaks for two days.
- The prestige of being selected to present at an INFORMS top-quality conference.
- An opportunity to participate fully in the conference, networking with industry practitioners, academics and consultants.

Requirements of Presenting

- A 50-minute presentation by one speaker (multiple presenters and panels not accepted).
- Final presentation slides submitted by March 3 (four weeks before the conference).

- Willingness to tailor a presentation for a listener audience and to accept direction from the Selection Committee in doing this.
- Willingness to serve as a discussion leader for small group roundtables, if requested.
- Full participation in the conference (both the education and social program), for at least the day of the presentation and preferably the entire conference.

Selection Criteria and Guidelines

The review and acceptance process is highly selective, with two primary criteria.

Presentation Content

- Real-world business topics, with technical content included.
- High quality academic work geared to real situations.
- Applications reports, case studies, best practice examples, emerging topics and tutorials with a practice-orientation.
- All application areas of analytics and OR/MS considered.
- Presentations directed to a "listener" audience (most members of the audience attend the conference to listen to high quality presentations, not to present), of which approximately 80% are practitioners.

Presentation Expertise

- Presenters must have demonstrated speaking experience.
- Speaking references will be requested.
- Potential speakers will be interviewed by phone.

To Submit a Proposal

Information you will need to provide:

- Contact information; biographical information
- Presentation title
- Abstract: a 500-word extended abstract written with the listener's perspective in mind. Your abstract should answer the listener's basic question: "What will I learn from this session? What information/knowledge/ideas will I come away with?" It's important that you describe in as much detail as possible what you will cover in your presentation. A bulleted list of topics, points, examples and issues can be an effective technique for doing this.
- Speaking experience: your relevant speaking experience, particularly for presentations to a practitioner audience. Also provide the name, email and phone number for at least one individual who can comment on your speaking expertise.

Instructions for the Online Form:

- On the "Contributing Author Abstract Submission" page, please ignore the sections related to co-authors.
- On the "Abstract Submission" page, please:
 - Enter or copy/paste your presentation title and 500-word abstract into the "Abstract" box.
 - Upload a PDF with your biographical information and speaking experience (click the "upload PDF" link). Also provide the name, email and phone number for at least one individual who can comment on your speaking expertise.

Click [here](#) to submit.

11th International Conference on Computational Management Science Lisbon, Portugal, May 29-31, 2014

<http://cms2014.fc.ul.pt>

1st announcement and call for papers

The 11th International Conference on Computational Management Science will be held May 29-31 2014, in the Faculty of Sciences at the University of Lisbon, Portugal.

The CMS conference is an annual meeting associated with the journal of Computational Management Science published by Springer. The aim of this conference is to provide a forum for theoreticians and practitioners from academia and industry to exchange knowledge, ideas and results in a broad range of topics relevant to the theory and practice of computational methods, models and empirical analysis for decision making in economics, engineering, finance and management. These include the following topics:

- computational economics, finance and statistics;
- energy;



- scheduling;
- supply chains;
- design, analysis and applications of optimization algorithms;
- deterministic, dynamic, stochastic, robust and combinatorial optimization models;
- solution algorithms;
- learning and forecasting such as neural networks and genetic algorithms;
- models and tools of knowledge acquisition, such as data mining;
- all other topics in management science with the emphasis on computational paradigms.

This year the CMS conference will place particular emphasis on computational methods and tools relevant for two important areas: Energy and Finance.

Participants are invited to submit a short abstract (approximately 300 words). Participants may, in addition, submit a short conference paper (2-6 pages) to be published in a volume of *Lecture Notes on Computer Science*, by Springer. A selection from all presentations will also be considered for publication as full papers in a special issue of *Computational Management Science*.

Plenary speakers: Victor DeMiguel (London Business School), William Pulleyblank (United States Military Academy), Daniel Ralph (University of Cambridge), Rüdiger Schultz (Universität Duisburg-Essen).

A CMS Best Student Paper Prize will be awarded at the conference. Further details will be provided later.

Submission deadline for abstracts and conference papers: **February 14, 2014**

Conference chairs:

Raquel J. Fonseca (University of Lisbon)

Daniel Kuhn (EPFL - École Polytechnique Fédéral de Lausanne)

João Telhada (University of Lisbon)

CLAIO XVII / CSMIO III Joint ALIO/SMIO Conference Monterrey, Mexico, Oct 6-10, 2014

<http://pisis.fime.uanl.mx/claio2014/>

Preliminary Call For Papers

We invite members of the Latin-Iberian-American Association of Operations Research (ALIO) and the worldwide Operational Research (OR) community to take part in the XVII Latin-Iberian-American Conference on Operations Research held jointly with the III Conference of the Mexican Society of Operations Research (CLAIO/CSMIO 2014) in Monterrey, Mexico, October 6-10, 2014. The academic program will consist of parallel, technical and special sessions, plenary talks and tutorials covering several aspects of OR.

Paper / Abstract Submission

To participate, a 200-word abstract must be submitted. Additionally, an 8-page paper going through a review process may be submitted. Papers and abstracts may be written in Spanish, English, or Portuguese, the three official languages of CLAIIO. Accepted papers of registered authors will be published in the conference proceedings CD-ROM with an ISBN. All accepted abstracts will be published in the conference book of abstracts.

A post-conference special issue of "Annals of Operations Research" devoted to the best works of the conference will be published. See details in the conference web site.

Important Dates

- 01/Jan/2014 Paper/abstract submission begins.
- 01/Mar/2014 Paper submission deadline.
- 01/May/2014 Abstract submission deadline.
- 15/May/2014 Paper acceptance/rejection notification.
- 01/Jun/2014 Abstract acceptance/rejection notification.
- 15/Jun/2014 Camera-ready paper deadline.

Confirmed Plenary Speakers

Carlos Coello Coello, CINVESTAV-IPN, Mexico
Elena Fernandez, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Spain
Hector Cancela, Universidad de La Republica, Uruguay
Jonathan F. Bard, U. of Texas at Austin, USA

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Upcoming Conferences

2nd-4th December 2013	EUROFUSE Workshop 2013	Oviedo, Spain	17th June 2013
11th-14th December 2013	European Workshop on Commodities and Financial Modeling (EWGCFM)	Vienna, Austria	15th November 2013
28th-31st December 2013	2013 DEA Workshop on Productivity, Regulation and Transportation	Jerusalem, Israel	15th July 2013
5th-9th February 2014	EURO Mini-conference on Optimization in the Natural Sciences	Aveiro, Portugal	15th November 2013
17th-28th February 2014	EURO PhD School on Multicriteria Decision Making with Mathematical Programming	Madrid, Spain	31st October 2013
2nd-4th March 2014	2014 INFORMS Telecommunications Conference	Lisbon, Portugal	3rd January 2014
19th-21st March 2014	11th ESICUP Meeting	Beijing, China	15th January 2014
30th March- 1st April 2014	14th Annual INFORMS Conference on Business Analytics and Operations Research	Boston, Massachusetts	19th December 2013
1st-3rd May 2014	ECCO XXVII - CO 2014 Joint Conference	Munich, Germany	
29th-31st May 2014	CMS 2014	Lisbon, Portugal	14th February 2014
11th-13th June 2014	GDN 2014	Toulouse, France	9th December 2013
22nd-25th June 2014	VeRoLog 2014	Oslo, Norway	1st February 2014
23rd-25th June 2014	IPCO 2014 - The 17th Conference on Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization	Bonn, Germany	15th November 2013
13th-18th July 2014	20th IFORS Conference	Barcelona, Spain	31st January 2014
20th-25th July 2014	ORAHS 2014	Lisbon, Portugal	18th April 2014
19th July-1st	EURO Summer Institute 2014. OR in Agriculture and Agrifood	Lleida, Spain	15th December

August 2014	Industry		2013
26th-29th August 2014	The 10th International Conference on the Practice and Theory of Automated Timetabling - PATAT 2014	York, UK	10th February 2014
8th-11th September 2014	EngOpt 2014	Lisbon, Portugal	7th March 2014
8th-11th September 2014	UK ORS OR56	London, UK	
24th-26th September 2014	The 15th International Conference on Operational Research KOI 2014	Osijek, Croatia	1st July 2014
6th-10th October 2014	CLAIO XVII / CSMIO III Joint ALIO/SMIO Conference	Monterrey, Mexico	1st March 2014

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