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## Welcome to New EURO Officers



After recent elections by the EURO Council, EURO is pleased to welcome 2 new members who will join us from the first EC meeting in January 2014.

- **Professor Silvano Martello** has been appointed as Vice President 3 in charge of publications and communication. He will serve as a member of the EURO Executive committee for 2 years.
- **Professor Jacek Błazewicz** will replace Professor Elena Fernández as IFORS Vice-President [EURO].

Elena will be the EURO President Elect in 2014, becoming the President in 2015 and 2016.

A list of current officers can be found at: <http://www.euro-online.org/web/pages/1456/executive-committee>.

## IFORS 2014 - Second Call for Papers Barcelona, Jul 13-18, 2014



We invite you to participate in the IFORS 2014 Conference

With half a year left for the Barcelona IFORS 2014 Conference ([www.IFORS2014.com](http://www.IFORS2014.com)) there are still 6 more weeks before the deadline for abstract submission. Do not miss the opportunity to participate in the IFORS 2014 Conference, which will bring operational researchers from around the globe to the dynamic and inviting city of Barcelona.

**Submit your abstract today at**  
<http://ifors2014.upc.edu/abstract>

The Program Committee is preparing a high quality and attractive scientific program. There are already nearly 200 streams distributed in 25 areas.

**Find the most appropriate stream for your presentations at**  
<http://ifors2014.com/program/main-areas>.

All attendees, including speakers and session chairs, must register and pay the registration fee. These fees have been announced at €500 for early bird (until February 28) and €300 for students.

**Register now at**  
<http://ifors2014.com/registration>

**Organize a session, give a talk and experience this great city!**  
Find more at [www.IFORS2014.com](http://www.IFORS2014.com)

Elena Fernández, Organizing Committee Chair  
Stefan Nickel, Program Committee Chair

**Important dates**  
Abstract submission: 1 November 2013 - 31 January 2014  
Notification of acceptance: 25 February  
Early Registration: 1 November 2013 - 28 February 2014  
Regular Registration: 1 March - 30 April 2014  
Late and on-site registration: 1 May - 13 July 2014

## EURO Working Group EU/ME: the metaheuristics community 15th EU/ME workshop, Istanbul, Turkey, Mar 24- 25, 2014

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We welcome you to the 15th EU/ME Workshop, which will be held in Istanbul, Turkey on March 24-25, 2014. The topic of this workshop is "**Metaheuristics and Engineering**". The main objective of the workshop is to bring together researchers and engineers devoting their work to optimization, metaheuristic algorithms, and applications of metaheuristic algorithms to engineering problems.

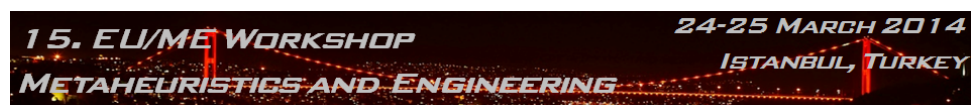
Optimization is an important research area which is used in several disciplines. Nowadays, metaheuristic algorithms are widely used for the solution/approximation of complex optimization problems. Studies using metaheuristic algorithms cover modification of algorithms in different optimization problems, improvement of existing algorithms or generating a new algorithm inspired from natural phenomena.

This meeting will be much more than an ordinary workshop. Eminent researchers from all over the world working on metaheuristics and applications of metaheuristic algorithms in engineering problems will come together to talk about their experiences and discuss about the future of this field. The workshop will be extremely beneficial for young researchers in finding their way in this area which certainly will expand enormously in the coming years.

The official language of the workshop is English. The submitted papers will be published in a book, and also will be made available electronically. Selected papers will be published in international journals.

The workshop will take place at the heart of Istanbul, at a walking distance to Taksim Square and the famous Istiklal Street on one side and Nisantasi, the elegant shopping area, on the other side. The social gatherings will be organized to create a friendly atmosphere among the participants.

More information can be found on the [conference website](#).



## Joint Meeting of the GOR and the EURO Working Group on Stochastic Modeling, Mannheim, Germany, Jun 29 - Jul 2, 2014

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We are pleased to invite you to the Joint Meeting of the GOR and the EURO Working Group on Stochastic Modeling taking place on June 29th - July 2nd, 2014 at the University of Mannheim, Germany. The main aim of the Working Group is to provide a platform for researchers working on the theory and/or applications of stochastic models and to stimulate exchange and cooperation between its members. The areas of interest include but are not restricted to: performance

analysis of telecommunication systems, the modeling of logistics and service systems, the theory of queueing and inventory models, the analysis and optimization of stochastic manufacturing systems, revenue management, and so forth. The use of stochastic models is the common factor.

The 2014 Stochmod Workshop is intended as a platform for exchanging ideas on various areas in stochastic modeling. Anyone interested in presenting their work, participating in the discussions, or more simply learning and/or consulting about the subject of stochastic modeling may join the group and attend its meetings. Research presentations of both theoretical contributions (concepts, method, etc.) and applied research are very welcome.

For further information visit the Conference's website (<http://www.stochmod2014.de>) or the Working Group's website (<http://www.stochmod.eu>)

**Abstract Submission:**

Abstracts can be submitted until March 7th under <https://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=stochmod2014> and should contain between 150 and 450 words.

**Important dates:**

Deadline early registration: March 31st, 2014  
Deadline Abstract Submission: March 7th, 2014  
Notification of Acceptance: March 21st, 2014

Conference date: June 29th - July 2nd, 2014

**Registration:**

Early Bird Registration (before March 31st, 2014): 380 €  
Early Bird Registration (before March 31st, 2014) for Students: 280 €  
Regular Registration: 500 €  
Regular Registration for Students: 350 €

**Plenary speakers:**

Kai Furmans - Professor, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany  
Shane G. Henderson - Professor, Cornell University, USA  
Ton de Kok - Professor, Technische Universiteit Eindhoven, The Netherlands

**Social agenda:**

The workshop will provide various opportunities to network with colleagues and establish new relationships. To kick off the Stochmod, there will be a get-together June 29th in the Mannheim Palace, the venue of the conference. We will take a trip to the beautiful city of Heidelberg, intriguing with its romantic and picturesque cityscape, including Heidelberg Castle and the baroque style Old Town. Besides the daily lunches and coffee breaks, there will be a conference dinner on Tuesday.

**Lodging:**

We have reserved numerous rooms in various hotels under special conditions. After your registration, we send you a form where you can directly book a room by yourself.

Maritim Parkhotel Mannheim - [www.Stochmod2014.de/Maritim](http://www.Stochmod2014.de/Maritim)  
Kurpfalzstuben Mannheim - [www.Stochmod2014.de/Kurpfalz](http://www.Stochmod2014.de/Kurpfalz)  
Zur alten Brücke Heidelberg - [www.Stochmod2014.de/AlteBruecke](http://www.Stochmod2014.de/AlteBruecke)

**Venue:**

Situated at the confluence of the Rhine and Neckar rivers, just next to Heidelberg, Mannheim is located in one of the sunniest regions of Germany. The weather ensures the ideal climate for viticulture: the city is surrounded by many renowned vineyards. Uniquely in Germany is the squared city center of Mannheim. Divided into over 80 squares, central Mannheim appears chessboard-like. Mannheim Palace is located between the city center and the Rhine. It is not only the largest baroque palace in Germany, but also the second-largest in Europe, only being surpassed by the French Versailles. Today it is home to the University of Mannheim, and this year's location for the Joint Meeting of the GOR and the EURO Working Group on Stochastic Modeling.

The ICE high-speed train station directly borders the campus and takes passengers to Frankfurt airport, Stuttgart or Karlsruhe in just thirty minutes.

**Program Committee:**

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We are looking forward to welcoming you at our conference.

Best regards,

Raik Stolletz, Sophie Weiss and Andrej Saweljew  
(Local Organizer)

Joint Meeting of the GOR and the EURO  
Working Group on Stochastic Modeling



## Special Issue of the EURO Journal on Transportation and Logistics on "Packing problems arising in transportation and logistics"



<http://transp-or.epfl.ch/euroJournal/special.php?id=9>

Aim of the special issue is to provide an insight of the most recent results of the research in new variants of packing and loading problems arising in transportation and logistics applications. In particular, new problems arising in Smart City, Last Mile integration, and City Logistics are welcome, as well as in broader definitions of existing packing and loading problems, including multi-dimensional and multi-attribute problems, integration between packing and routing, and stochastic problems. A special focus will be given to tactical and strategic problems, as well as to the management of uncertainty of the parameters.

Possible topics include (but are not limited to):

- Integration of packing and routing
- Uncertainty management and stochastic packing problems
- Introduction of realistic additional constraints
- Impact of additional operational constraints on packing algorithms
- Generalized packing algorithms
- Multi-attribute packing problems
- Rich and generalized packing problems

In order to submit a paper for a Special Issue, Log on the editorial manager using the Author Login. Select Submit New Manuscript in the main menu. In the drop down list associated with Choose Article Type, select the desired special issue. The entries corresponding to the special issues start with SI.

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**Deadline to submit manuscripts: 1 February, 2014**

Publication date: January 1, 2015

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## EURO Working Group on Vehicle Routing and Logistics Optimization VeRoLog Doctoral Dissertation Prize 2014

The 2014 edition of the VeRoLog Doctoral Dissertation Prize is officially open to outstanding PhD dissertations discussed between January 1 and December 31, 2013.



The jury for this year's edition is Chaired by Frédéric Semet and includes Richard Eglese and Stefan Irnich.

Deadline for applications submissions is set to **February 3, 2014** and the winner will be announced during the opening session of the next VeRoLog 2014 conference in Oslo, June 22-25, 2014.

[VeRoLog Doctoral Dissertation Prize 2014.pdf](#)

# Portuguese OR society (APDIO) Optimization 2014 Guimarães, Portugal, Jul 28-30, 2014



<http://optimization2014.dps.uminho.pt>

## 1st announcement and call for papers

School of Engineering, University of Minho

Optimization 2014 is the eighth edition of a series of Optimization international conferences held every three or four years, in Portugal. This meeting aims to bring together researchers and practitioners from different areas and with distinct backgrounds, but with common interests in optimization. This conference series has international recognition as an important forum of discussion and exchange of ideas, being organized under the auspices of APDIO (the Portuguese Operations Research Society).

### Confirmed plenary speakers:

Masao Fukushima | Nanzan Univ.  
Serge Gratton | ENSEEIHT and CERFACS, Toulouse  
C. Tim Kelley | NC State Univ.  
Nenad Mladenovic | Brunel Univ.  
Maarten H. Van der Vlerk | Univ. Groningen  
François Vanderbeck | Univ. Bordeaux

We look forward to meeting you in Optimization 2014,

J. M. Valério de Carvalho (Co-chair of the Organizing Committee)  
A. Ismael F. Vaz (Co-chair of the Organizing Committee)

## SCOR 2014 4th Student Conference on Operational Research Nottingham, UK, May 2-4, 2014

### CALL FOR PAPERS

We are pleased to announce the official launch of the PhD Student Conference on Operational Research (SCOR 2014), now back for its fourth instalment. We invite you to join us once again, at the beautiful University of Nottingham campus the 2-4 May 2014.

PhD students from all European 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 2014 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. The scope of the conference includes, but is not limited to:

- \* Big Data & Analytics
- \* Data Mining
- \* Energy
- \* Forecasting
- \* Graphs / Networks
- \* Healthcare
- \* Heuristics
- \* Inventory
- \* Mathematical Programming
- \* Multicriteria Decision Analysis
- \* Neural Networks / Machine Learning
- \* Optimisation and Applications
- \* Reliability / Risk Assessment
- \* Scheduling / Timetabling
- \* Stochastic Modelling
- \* Supply Chain Management
- \* Simulation / System Dynamics
- \* Transport /Logistics

\*\*\*\*\*Deadline for abstract (250 words) submission: **Monday 24th February 2014**\*\*\*\*\*

A notification of acceptance will be sent shortly after this deadline.

In order to encourage a wide range of students to attend, an affordable conference fee will cover accommodation, a full social program and full catering provided.

\*\*\*\*\*Deadline for PAPERS submission: **Friday 11th April 2014**\*\*\*\*\*

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 2014 proceedings. This will be available in the Dagstuhl OpenAccess Series in Informatics (OASISs). 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. To get an idea on the paper standards please visit the SCOR2012 proceedings.

See you in Nottingham!!!

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## Upcoming Conferences

28th-31st December 2013	<a href="#">2013 DEA Workshop on Productivity, Regulation and Transportation</a>	Jerusalem, Israel	15th July 2013
5th-9th February 2014	<a href="#">EURO Mini-conference on Optimization in the Natural Sciences</a>	Aveiro, Portugal	15th November 2013
17th-28th February 2014	<a href="#">EURO PhD School on Multicriteria Decision Making with Mathematical Programming</a>	Madrid, Spain	31st October 2013
26th-28th February 2014	<a href="#">15th Annual ROADEF Conference</a>	Bordeaux, France	18th December 2013
2nd-4th March 2014	<a href="#">2014 INFORMS Telecommunications Conference</a>	Lisbon, Portugal	3rd January 2014
5th-7th March 2014	<a href="#">3rd International Symposium on Combinatorial Optimization</a>	Lisbon, Portugal	22nd December 2013
19th-21st March 2014	<a href="#">11th ESICUP Meeting</a>	Beijing, China	15th January 2014
24th-25th March 2014	<a href="#">15th EU/ME workshop</a>	Istanbul, Turkey	10th January 2014
30th March- 1st April 2014	<a href="#">14th Annual INFORMS Conference on Business Analytics and Operations Research</a>	Boston, Massachusetts	19th December 2013
1st-3rd May 2014	<a href="#">ECCO XXVII - CO 2014 Joint Conference</a>	Munich, Germany	

2nd-4th May 2014	<a href="#">SCOR14</a>	Nottingham, UK	24th February 2014
29th-31st May 2014	<a href="#">CMS 2014</a>	Lisbon, Portugal	14th February 2014
29th June-2nd July 2014	<a href="#">Stochmod 2014</a>	Mannheim, Germany	7th March 2014
11th-13th June 2014	<a href="#">GDN 2014</a>	Toulouse, France	16th December 2013
22nd-25th June 2014	<a href="#">VeRoLog 2014</a>	Oslo, Norway	1st February 2014
23rd-25th June 2014	<a href="#">IPCO 2014 - The 17th Conference on Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization</a>	Bonn, Germany	15th November 2013
13th-18th July 2014	<a href="#">20th IFORS Conference</a>	Barcelona, Spain	31st January 2014
20th-25th July 2014	<a href="#">ORAHS 2014</a>	Lisbon, Portugal	18th April 2014
19th July-1st August 2014	<a href="#">EURO Summer Institute 2014. OR in Agriculture and Agrifood Industry</a>	Lleida, Spain	15th December 2013
28th-30th July 2014	<a href="#">Optimization 2014 (APIDO)</a>	Guimarães, Portugal	31st March 2014
26th-29th August 2014	<a href="#">The 10th International Conference on the Practice and Theory of Automated Timetabling - PATAT 2014</a>	York, UK	10th February 2014
8th-11th September 2014	<a href="#">EngOpt 2014</a>	Lisbon, Portugal	7th March 2014
8th-11th September 2014	UK ORS OR56	London, UK	
24th-26th September 2014	<a href="#">The 15th International Conference on Operational Research KOI 2014</a>	Osijek, Croatia	1st July 2014
6th-10th October 2014	<a href="#">CLAIO XVII / CSMIO III Joint ALIO/SMIO Conference</a>	Monterrey, Mexico	1st May 2014

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