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Awards for Best EJOR Papers Download winning papers now for free!

At the 26th European Conference on Operational Research (1-4 July 2013, Rome, Italy), EURO presented its annual best paper awards for papers published in the European Journal of Operational Research. The best review paper, best innovative application paper, and best theory and methodology paper were selected by a jury.

Elsevier is pleased to offer the winning papers free of charge for a limited time. Congratulations to the awardees!

Innovative Applications of OR:

Florian Jaehn, Peter Letmathe

[The emissions trading paradox](#)

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Review:

Christian Bierwirth, Frank Meisel

[A survey of berth allocation and quay crane scheduling problems in container terminals](#)

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Maria Isabel Gomes Salema, Ana Paula Barbosa-Povoa, Augusto Q. Novais

[Simultaneous design and planning of supply chains with reverse flows: A generic modelling framework](#)

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EURO Journal on Decision Processes Call for Featured Papers on Healthcare Policy and Management



Guest Editors

Alec Morton (University of Strathclyde)
Marion Rauner (University of Vienna)
Greg Zaric (Ivey Business School, Western University)

Motivation

Healthcare decision makers such as government health authorities, insurers, hospitals as well as manufacturers of pharmaceuticals and medical devices are working under unprecedented strain caused by budgetary constraints, system reform, demographic and technological change. In this setting, EURO Journal of Decision Processes (EJDP) will explore how operational research (OR) and health economic modelling help address these challenges and aid decision makers in choosing appropriate policy actions.

Contents

The Guest Editors seek state of the art reviews and research that demonstrates how decision makers can systematically deal with the strategic and policy challenges facing governments and healthcare organisations. Submissions which straddle the divide between OR and health economics are particularly welcome. Topics of particular interest include:

- analysis of the strategic challenges facing healthcare systems or organisations
- case studies of particular strategic or policy planning processes
- studies in healthcare financing
- advances in modeling of healthcare need or demand
- comparative analysis of different institutional structures or delivery systems
- performance measurement or management systems for healthcare providers
- innovations in appraisal methods for healthcare technologies
- empirical studies of healthcare system behaviour with policy implications

Established by the Association of European Operational Research Societies (EURO), EJDP publishes research that advances the understanding and appropriate use of operational research in supporting decision making processes (see <http://www.springer.com/40070>).

Schedule

Prospective authors are welcome to submit a full paper to the EJDP Editorial Manager (<http://ejdp.edmgr.com/>, article type **SI: Healthcare**) at their earliest convenience but at the latest by **September 1st, 2014**. The authors can also submit a two-page extended abstract of their proposed contribution to the Guest Editors for feedback (alec.morton@strath.ac.uk). Accepted papers will be published online soon after acceptance and they will appear in print in late 2015.

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

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Second Call for Abstracts

The organizers of the 4th EURO Working Group Conference on Operational Research in Computational Biology, Bioinformatics and Medicine have the pleasure of inviting 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

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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EURO Working Group EU/ME: the metaheuristics community

LOT - a special EU/MEeting in memory of Professor Arne Løkketangen
 Molde, Norway, September 1-2, 2014

First call for participation

LOT - Logistics, Optimization, and Transportation

Molde University College, Molde, Norway
 September 1-2, 2014

LOT is a special EU/MEeting in memory of Professor Arne Løkketangen.

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The meeting is open to contributions on both methodological advances and real-world applications within logistics and transportation. Participation is based on submitting a short abstract, limited to 200 words. A list of relevant topics for LOT includes, but is not limited to:

- TSP and all variants
- VRP and all variants
- Combining inventory and transportation
- Multi-modal transportation
- Combining manufacturing and transportation
- Transportation Choice Modeling
- Stochastic Programming
- Meta-heuristics
- Matheuristics
- Exact Methods

Important dates:

Submission of abstract: **April 1, 2014**
Notification of acceptance: May 1, 2014
Early registration deadline: June 15, 2014
Late registration deadline: August 1, 2014
Get-together event: August 31, 2014
Conference dates: September 1-2, 2014

A post conference special issue is planned, with full papers to be submitted before December 31. 2014

Conference fees:

The conference fee will be NOK 1500 for early registration, and NOK 2500 for late registration.
PhD students can register for free, with a confirmation letter from the supervisor or the institution.

Webpage:

<http://kursinfo.himolde.no/forskningsgrupper/optimering/LOT2014/index.htm>

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EWG on Vehicle Routing and Logistics Optimization VeRoLog 2014 Oslo, Norway, June 22-25, 2014



Second 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.

Important Dates

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

For more information and abstract submission, see the conference website at <http://www.sintef.no/verolog2014/>

17th Annual Meeting of the EURO Working Group on Transportation (EWGT2014) Seville, Spain, Jul 2-4, 2014

Second Call for Abstracts

The 17th Annual Meeting of the EURO Working Group on Transportation (EWGT2014) will be held in the monumental city of Seville (Spain) from July 2nd to 4th, 2014.

Paper submission deadline - **February, 16th 2014.**

The conference is organised by the Transportation Engineering Division of the University of Seville, under the patronage of the EURO Working Group on Transportation (EWGT) and The Association of European Operational Research Societies (EURO).

Since 1992, the annual meeting of the Euro Working Group on Transportation is a unique opportunity for attendants to share research results in analysing, monitoring, modelling, forecasting and decision aiding in transportation and logistics systems. EWGT conferences are held every year and attract European and internationally renowned scientists, engineers, analysts and planners in the field of transport from both Academia, Consulting Companies and Administration.

The 17th meeting of the Euro Working Group on Transportation will continue on this path fostering contributions on the frontier of knowledge. The Conference aims to provide a forum for exchanging ideas, presenting the latest developments and trends, proposing new solutions and promoting international collaborations. As you know, EWGT Conferences have long overpassed the european border and an important percentage of delegates are attending from other continents. We welcome them and wish to benefit from their contributions.

For this aim we are preparing a comprehensive program which includes plenary and keynote lectures, several symposia on a variety of topics as well as technical workshops on subjects of professional interest.

Together with all the members of the Scientific and Organising Committees, I look forward to meeting you in Seville!

Francisco G. Martinez
Chairman of the EWGT2014

For any details about the Meeting visit our website: <http://congreso.us.es/ewgt2014/ewgt2014/>

EWGT2014

JULY 2nd-4th, 2014
SEVILLE, SPAIN



VIII ALIO/EURO Workshop on Applied Combinatorial Optimization Montevideo, Uruguay, December 8-10, 2014

<http://www.fing.edu.uy/en/alio-euro-2014>

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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

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The main purpose of the event is to bring together Latin American and European researchers and to stimulate activities and discussions about methods and applications in the field of combinatorial optimization. Researchers from other regions worldwide are also welcome. Previous editions of the ALIO/EURO Workshop on Applied Combinatorial Optimization were held in:

- Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (1989)
- Valparaiso, Chile (1996)
- Erice, Italy (1999)
- Pucon, Chile (2002)
- Paris, France (2005)
- Buenos Aires, Argentina (2008)
- Porto, Portugal (2011)

The 2014 edition of the workshop is organized by the Operations Research Department of the Computer Science Institute, Faculty of Engineering, Universidad de la República, Uruguay.

CONFERENCE TOPICS

Contributions dealing with any aspect of Applied Combinatorial Optimization are welcome. This includes theoretical achievements, algorithm development and real-world implementations. Main topics of this workshop are, among others:

- Applications of Combinatorial Optimization
- Approximation algorithms
- Bio-informatics
- Branch-and-cut-and-price algorithms
- Computational complexity
- Emerging applications of OR
- Energy planning
- Graph theory
- Heuristics and metaheuristics
- Hybrid methods
- Integer programming
- Natural resource management
- Network design and analysis
- Production planning
- Telecommunications
- Transportation and logistics

INVITED SPEAKERS

- Michel Gendreau, Département de Mathématiques et de Génie Industriel, École Polytechnique de Montréal and CIRRELT, Canada
- Thomas Stützle, IRIDIA, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium
- Andres Weintraub, Departamento de Ingeniería Industrial, Universidad de Chile, Chile

IMPORTANT DATES

- Deadline for submitting extended abstracts: **May 19, 2014.**
- Notification of acceptance to authors: **July 14, 2014.**
- Deadline for reception of final versions: **September 9, 2014.**
- Workshop: **December 8-10, 2014.**

PAPER SUBMISSION

Extended abstracts comprising up to six pages should be prepared according to the instructions given on the conference website.

A Special Issue of International Transactions in Operational Research including selected contributions from the workshop will be published.

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VENUE

The VIII ALIO/EURO Workshop on Applied Combinatorial Optimization will be held at Edificio Polifuncional José Luis Massera, next to the Faculty of Engineering. This is a central location with full access to services such as transportation, lodging and restaurants. The surroundings of the conference venue offer a pleasant environment, including Parque Rodó and the riverside of Río de la Plata.

CONTACT

Please use the form in the Contact section on the conference website.

Annual Meeting of the German OR Society International Conference on Operations Research (OR2014)



"Business Analytics and Optimization" Aachen, Germany, September 2-5, 2014

www.or2014.de

Call for Abstracts

This year's International Conference on Operations Research (OR2014) takes place in the beautiful city of Aachen, Germany, the city of Charlemagne. We invite presentations in all areas of operations research, broadly interpreted by researchers and practitioners in mathematics, computer science, business/economics, and related disciplines. We appreciate theory and applications, and in particular submissions related to the conference theme: business analytics and optimization.

Submission of short abstracts (1800 characters only) is open now, please visit www.or2014.de -> abstract submission.

The deadline is **April 30, 2014**. Notification of acceptance is around beginning of June, 2014. Selected presentations will be invited to be published in Springer proceedings.

The conference is the Annual Meeting of the German OR Society. Currently confirmed plenary or semi-plenary speakers are

Brenda Dietrich
Mike Trick

David Barber
Aaron Ben-Tal
Karl Dörner
Peter Gritzmann
Stephan Kolassa
Eva Lee
Andreas Marschner
Laura McLay
Jean-François Puget
Mikael Rönnqvist

Besides an attractive scientific program in 18 parallel streams, we will host pre-conference workshops, and offer a nice social program in a truly European destination. Be our guest!

More Information

web: www.or2014.de
twitter: @or2014de
email: info@or2014.de

3rd International Conference on Variable Neighborhood Search Djerba, Tunisia, October 8-11, 2014

<http://vns-metaheuristic.com/>

The 3rd International Conference dedicated to Variable Neighborhood Search (IC on VNS) will be held in Djerba (Tunisia) October 8-11, 2014.

VNS is a metaheuristic based on systematic changes in the neighborhood structure within a search, for solving optimization problems and related tasks. The main goal of the IC on VNS is to provide a stimulating environment in which researchers coming from various scientific fields can share and discuss their knowledge, expertise and ideas related to the VNS Metaheuristic and its applications.

The aim of the 3rd IC on VNS is to allow specialists and practitioners on Variable Neighborhood Search to effectively screen papers and participate in lively debates.

Conference Themes

Theory and Methodology:

- Theoretical or empirical analysis of VNS
- New variants of deterministic and stochastic VNS
- Continuous global VNS
- Convergent VNS methods
- Metaheuristics and VNS
- Formulation space VNS
- Multi-objective VNS
- Parallel VNS
- VNS hybrids

Applications:

- Mixed integer programming
- Graphs, communication networks
- Clustering, data mining, location
- Inventory, routing, supply chains
- Packing and covering
- Discovery sciences
- Other real world problems

Important dates

May 01, 2014 - Paper and/or Abstract submission
July 01, 2014 - Acceptance notice
August 19, 2014 - Early registration ends
August 31, 2014 - Submission of papers for the Proceedings ends
September 04, 2014 - Preliminary program schedule notice
October 08-11, 2014 - Conference date

Upcoming Conferences

5th-9th February 2014	EURO Mini-conference on Optimization in the Natural Sciences	Aveiro, Portugal	15th November 2013
17th-21st February 2014	3rd International Conference on Dynamics, Games and Science	Porto, Portugal	31st January 2014
17th-28th February	EURO PhD School on Multicriteria Decision Making with Mathematical Programming	Madrid, Spain	31st October

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26th-28th February 2014	15th Annual ROADEF Conference	Bordeaux, France	18th December 2013
2nd-4th March 2014	2014 INFORMS Telecommunications Conference	Lisbon, Portugal	17th January 2014
5th-7th March 2014	3rd International Symposium on Combinatorial Optimization	Lisbon, Portugal	22nd December 2013
19th-21st March 2014	11th ESICUP Meeting	Beijing, China	27th January 2014
23rd-28th March 2014	EWGSP PhD winter School 2014	Bad Hofgastein, Austria	
24th-25th March 2014	15th EU/ME workshop	Istanbul, Turkey	31st January 2014
30th March-1st April 2014	14th Annual INFORMS Conference on Business Analytics and Operations Research	Boston, Massachusetts	19th December 2013
30th March-2nd April 2014	14th International Conference on Project Management and Scheduling	Munich, Germany	15th November 2013
9th-11th April 2014	APMOD 2014	Warwick, UK	1st February 2014
1st-3rd May 2014	ECCO XXVII - CO 2014 Joint Conference	Munich, Germany	15th March 2014
2nd-4th May 2014	SCOR14	Nottingham, UK	24th February 2014
29th-31st May 2014	CMS 2014	Lisbon, Portugal	14th February 2014
5th-7th June 2014	ALEL 2014	Seville, Spain	2nd May 2014
11th-13th June 2014	GDN 2014	Toulouse, France	16th 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

26th-28th June 2014	4th EURO Working Group conference on Operational Research in Computational Biology, Bioinformatics and Medicine	Poznan, Poland	15th February 2014
29th June- 2nd July 2014	Stochmod 2014	Mannheim, Germany	7th March 2014
2nd-4th July 2014	EWGT2014	Seville, Spain	16th February 2014
13th-18th July 2014	20th IFORS Conference	Barcelona, Spain	31st January 2014
19th July-1st August 2014	EURO Summer Institute 2014. OR in Agriculture and Agrifood Industry	Lleida, Spain	15th December 2013
20th-25th July 2014	ORAHS 2014	Lisbon, Portugal	18th April 2014
28th-30th July 2014	Optimization 2014 (APIDO)	Guimarães, Portugal	31st March 2014
26th-29th August 2014	The 10th International Conference on the Practice and Theory of Automated Timetabling - PATAT 2014	York, UK	10th February 2014
1st-2nd September 2014	LOT - a special EU/MEeting in memory of Professor Arne Løkketangen	Molde, Norway	1st April 2014
2nd-5th September 2014	International Conference on Operations Research (OR2014)	Aachen, Germany	30th April 2014
8th-11th September 2014	EngOpt 2014	Lisbon, Portugal	7th March 2014
8th-11th September 2014	UK ORS OR56	London, UK	
8th-12th September 2014	Second International Conference on Set-Valued Variational Analysis and Optimization with Applications in Finance	Bruneck- Brunico, Italy	2nd May 2014
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 May 2014
8th-11th October 2014	3rd International Conference on Variable Neighborhood Search	Djerba, Tunisia	1st May 2014

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